

COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 3, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Council members present: Tammy Konz, Nate Osmundson, Joe Krippner, Eric Loewen and Chris Jansky

Others present: Randy Sabart, Al Nagel, Kelvin Nelson, Danielle Brower, Sheila Hinkemeyer, Chad Johnson, Bill Wold, Carolyn Wold, Scott Qualle, Chris Langness, Roger Cooper, Doug Knaus and John Gohmann

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to add the City Hall work project as an addendum to the agenda; motion carried

Council member Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to approve the claims; motion carried

Council member Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Police Department to attend Domestic Violence training June 28, 2011 in St. Joseph
2. Resolution No. 05032011A RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE OF MINNESOTA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF KIMALL ON BEHALF OF ITS CITY ATTORNEY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT
3. Minutes of the April 5, 2011 Council Meeting
4. Minutes of the April 19, 2011 Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting
5. Minutes of the April 19, 2011 Work Session Meeting

motion carried

Council member Joe Krippner absent

The Council discussed the letter from St. John's Church disputing their February water and sewer usage for their 14 Magnus Johnson St location. Their meter showed usage of 116,600 gallons. The Council asked the Public Works Dept. what happened. Chad Johnson said the inside meter matched the outside reader and there did not appear to be any leaking pipes, this location has been vacant for some time and has little to no usage each month. The Council asked the Public Works if they had investigated the high water usage in this area of the City. They have not been able to find anything.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to waive the abnormally high water usage charges for this account; motion carried

Council member Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to amend the above motion to include sewer charges; motion carried

Council member Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Chris Jansky to close the regular portion of the Council Meeting at 7:14pm and open the Public Hearing for the Loan/Grant Application Status with USDA Rural Development for the upcoming Utility Project; motion carried
Council member Joe Krippner absent

Mayor Konz gave a summary of a meeting that took place with USDA Rural Development on April 22. The projected cost for the project is just over \$2.7 million. Of that \$2.7 million, \$414,000 is ineligible for USDA Rural Development funding and will need to be financed through another source. According to the preliminary projections from USDA Rural Development the City should be getting a grant for 45% of the eligible project costs. There are also home repair loan and grant programs available through USDA Rural Development to help eligible residents with possible payment.

Randy Sabart from SEH presented a Power Point presentation overview of the project (copy attached). The City first started looking at doing this Utility Project in 2009. The project location would be Spruce Ave; Elm St; Oak St; Cherry St; Hazel Ave (west of Elm St); Alleyways – Elm St & Main St, Main St & Oak St and Oak St & Cherry St; the Elevated Storage Tank and the Water Treatment Filter rehab. Randy discussed existing conditions of the project area including but not limited to: water main age & conditions, sewer main & conditions, storm water drainage and pavement deterioration. Currently the water and sewer mains in the project area are 56 – 78 years old.

Property owner Bill Wold asked about the street width on streets and if it would stay the same or be increasing. They would be constructed to similar widths as they currently are.

Councilmember Joe Krippner arrived at 7:30pm

Property owner Bill Wold asked if these costs are going to be assessed to the property owners. Randy said nothing has been decided yet; property owners will be notified of any additional public hearings ahead of time.

Property owner Bill Wold asked about the life of the watertower and why the City is choosing to repaint & repair the tank instead of replacing it. Randy said if the tank is repainted & repaired it should last another 20 years and based on projections of the City's growth rate a new tank is not yet needed. The current tank was purchased by the City pre-owned in 1970.

Councilmember Loewen about the street width for those properties on Oak St S in regards to them not having much space in relation to their house/sidewalk/street. Changing street widths is something that can be discussed as a possibility but most likely will not be an eligible cost.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:46pm and reopen the regular Council Meeting; motion carried

Sheila Hinkemeyer spoke with the Council about vehicles cutting the corner when turning from the alleyway onto the street (Spruce Ave E) in front of her house. They are continually driving on her lawn and she was wondering if she should put up a fence or some posts. Councilmember Loewen asked the City Clerk to contact Waste Management so that they are aware of this issue.

Al Nagel and Kelvin Nelson from Minnesota Benefit Advisors presented the health and dental insurance renewal to the Council. They also presented a plan for legal benefits and identity theft which would be a cost of \$25.90 for a group of 5 or more people. The Personnel Committee will discuss the insurance renewals with the employees at the regular monthly employee meeting on Friday, May 6.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to renew the health insurance with Medica from the MIC Choice MN 1000-25 plan to the MIC PP MN 1000-35 plan as presented; motion carried

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to renew the dental insurance with Health Partners as presented; motion carried

Doug Knaus and Roger Cooper from the Kimball Lions spoke to the Council about the new bathrooms they are planning to build by the Willow Creek Park Shelter. They will be 22'8" x 14' and be handicap accessible, tamper proof and have a storage room for supplies on the back. The bathrooms would have heat as will the shelter so that the City will have the capability to have the bathrooms open year round.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Eric Loewen to donate \$8000.00 from the Park Dedication Fund and the remaining balance of \$1949.97 from the Swimming Pool Fund to the Kimball Lions for the new bathrooms; motion carried

Scott Qualle from MNSPECT updated the Council on rental properties in the City. No response has been received from Mark Priester or Lauren Kindseth. The Council instructed Scott to send a final notice to both property owners. Dale Wagener, property owner at 263 Hwy 55 W, has now filled out his application and paid the licensing fee; after the inspection process is complete MNSPECT can deal with the penalty issue. John Johnson's property at 140 Spruce Ave E is now vacant.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to grant an appeal to Carolyn Wold at 30 Cherry St as she presented proof of a Contract for Deed; motion carried

Scott discussed the fire escape stairway with the Council on City Hall. It did not pass inspection due to the rise being greater than 7". Scott will call Al's Ornamental Iron tomorrow so that the issue is taken care of before the Historical Society's deadline of May 31st. Scott also updated the Council on Todd VanNurden's siding project. When Steve spoke with him regarding it on January 18, he was going to have Young Bros. finish it this spring/summer. Councilmember Osmundson had also spoken with Mr. VanNurden about completing his project as it has been unfinished for over a year and permits expire after 6 months without an extension or inspection. Scott also mentioned he would like to review the proposed amended Rental Ordinance before it is finalized.

Fire Chief John Gohmann spoke with the Council about finalizing the Fire Dept. training facility by the wastewater treatment plant. He traveled to Hutchinson to view their training facility and also met with the DNR and MPCA while there. Chad Johnson from the Public Works Dept. stated that the MPCA will not allow it. Mayor Konz stated she has been trying to get ahold of Steve from the MPCA for weeks regarding this and he is

not returning her calls. Mayor Konz said that Chad needs to get ahold of the MPCA tomorrow to have someone come to the City so that this can be finalized. The Fire Dept. had approx. 1100 people at their annual pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday and raised approx. \$8000.

The Council asked if updated Parking Ordinances had been received from the Police Dept. yet. The City Clerk has not yet received any. The Council addressed concerns of people sitting on the road in lawn chairs to watch ballgames by the High School with Officer Langness. Officer Langness said he would check to see if there was anything in the State Statutes that addresses the issue. The Council also asked about the Police Dept. enforcing the No Engine Breaking in town, they want to see it enforced as there have been many complaints about it from residents.

Chad Johnson from the Public Works Dept. discussed Centerpoint Energy's new proposal for moving the gas line by the City ball field. They will move the valve further south than they had originally planned. The City Clerk brought up the Right-of-Way Permit. The Council had never set a fee for it.

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Chris Jansky to set the Right-of-Way Permit fee at \$50; motion carried

Chad also had bids for crack sealing City streets. Glieden Enterprises out of Belgrade was at \$4800 and Bargaen Inc. out of Mountain Lake was at \$3995. The Council instructed Chad to contact Glieden Enterprises to see if they could lower their bid and resubmit at the next meeting. Mayor Konz said she would speak with Dennis Loewen from Maine Prairie Township regarding fixing 83rd Ave and 135th St. Park Clean-up Day will be by May 21 from 8 – noon at Willow Creek Park. Chad is to contact area organizations to see if they are available to help and the City Clerk is to make sure a notice is put in the newspaper. Chad should contact Arnold's to see if they have a brush cleaner available for use that they could donate. The bridge and trails need to be fixed and there have been 4-wheelers driving through the park so game cameras should be put up so that those people can be ticketed. The Public Works Dept. needs to make sure a one of the City trucks is available at the park for Clean-up Day.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson for Chad Johnson to attend training in Spicer on May 11, 2011; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the minutes from the Kimball Days Committee meeting as presented (copy attached); motion carried

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Tammy Konz to accept the following Kimball Days Committee members and volunteers: Tammy Voight, Patty Decknetel, Brian Kiffmeyer, Rosanna Dahlinger, Sara Schneider, Sara Beck, Sarah Jansky, Nicole Pilarski, Tammy Konz and Pat Arnold; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to accept the bid from Young Bros. Construction in the amount of \$2160.00 for gutters on the north and south side of City Hall; motion carried

Council reviewed quotes for hail damage repair to the Willow Creek Shelter, Ball field concession stands and dugouts. Young Bros. Construction was at \$12810 and Faber Building & Supplies was at \$14257.74.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to accept the bid from Young Bros. Construction; motion carried

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson the if Janski Farms Partnership does not renew their lease for the wastewater treatments parcels for the next bid cycle they are privy to the farm crop dollars the following year for the seeded parcel; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner for the City to rent a billboard to be placed at the intersection of Hwy 15 & Hwy 55 to inform citizens about the upcoming utility project; motion carried

The City Clerk asked the Council about contracts that will be expiring soon and if it is their intent for Requests for Proposals to automatically be sent out. They stated that was their intent when setting them up and they would also like one sent out for Part II of the Wellhead Protection Plan.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Chris Jansky to have the City Clerk pay any remaining bills for the City Hall project if they are received before the next Council Meeting, provided that the work has been completed per the contractor's bid (not exceeding the bid), passes inspection and is to the satisfactory standards of Councilmember Osmundson; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to accept the bid from Doug Stenger Construction for new storm windows for the upstairs of City Hall in the amount of \$2500; motion carried

The Council discussed the hours for the Public Works Dept. They should have set hours of 8:00 – 4:30, the same as City Hall. The Personnel Committee will discuss this at the regular monthly employee meeting on Friday, May 6.

There have again been reports of K-Bid blocking the sidewalk and residents having to walk on the road due to the sidewalk being inaccessible.

Mayor Konz spoke with the Councilmembers about doing a Proclamation for Luvern Hinz on May 15. His family is going to be having an event at the Golf Course for him from 2:00 – 5:00.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to adjourn at 10:59pm; motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski