

CITY OF KETTLE RIVER  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Kettle River City Council was held in the meeting room of City Hall, Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Members present: Kyle Riel, Miya Kohmetscher, Guy Collier, David Lucas and Tina Tollgaard

Absent: None

Staff Attending: David Isaacson, Utilities Superintendent and Bernadine Reed, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

Others attending: John Peura and Tricia Riel

Mayor Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guests:

Trish Riel, Mercy Hospital Board, attended the meeting to provide the City Council with an annual report. She reported that a plan of dissolving the Mercy Hospital with a sale to Essentia Health. The current agreement is scheduled to be finalized on July 1, 2020. Health services to the public will be retained with the possibility of expansion. The agreement will dissolve the current partnerships and tax levy. The goal of the board is to retain viable health options for the community served.

Motion by Councilor Collier seconded by Councilor Tollgaard and carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes, February 11, 2020 regular council meeting;
- Claims (5905-5924 - \$5,089.47);
- Accounts payable - \$11,777.03
- Cash control statement, receipt and disbursement registers;

Administration Department report submitted by Bernadine Reed, City Clerk/Treasurer:

- Prepared reports and attended the Fire Commission Meeting;
- Attended MNDOT meeting 2/20/20;
- Prepared and mailed fire service contracts;
- Regular daily, weekly and monthly work;

Utilities Department report submitted by David Isaacson, Utilities Superintendent.

- Working on obtaining a generator for the Water Treatment Plant;
- Researching options for lining or replacement of the water tower riser pipe;
- An estimate was presented for security cameras, tabled.
- Attended ISO meeting 3/10/2020;
- Attended the MN Rural Water Annual Conference;

- Working with a MN Rural Water representative to inspect the sludge depth of the wastewater treatment ponds;
- The little library donated to the City will be removed by the owner, replacement options are being researched.

Fire Department report submitted by Kyle Riel, Fire Chief.

- One Fire run;
- Attended meeting with ISO representative;
- Attended Fire Commission meeting;
- Training and recruiting are ongoing;
- Working on organizing the removal of the brush pile.

City Council:

- Mayor Lucas gave an update of the MNDOT meeting held February 20, 2020. Highway #73 is currently scheduled for 2029, a review was done of the City's capital improvement projects and concerns. Isaacson will provide MNDOT with as-builts for utilities in the right of way. MN DOT will add the rutting of the driving lanes issue to their summer work schedule;
- Attendance at PBS during the "This town" showing was good and interesting;
- Brief discussion of the coronavirus and current recommendations;
- Mayor Lucas discussed his vision for the rest area park and provided the Council with a website address to view. He is looking for used playground equipment for the ball field park.
- Mayor Lucas has completed a City Facebook page.

Committees:

1. Councilor Collier gave an update from the Planning and Zoning Commission; they are working on organizing city lots for sale information.

Unfinished Business:

- Hazardous building, Tabled;
- Security Cameras;

Correspondence:

- MN Dept of Health, water samples results;
- Thank you e-mail from Morgan Yeats on behalf of the Ma & Pa Kettle Days Committee;
- NNO registration notice, Motion by Councilor Collier, seconded by Councilor Riel and carried unanimously to host the NNO Event, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020;
- Notification of the Board of Appeal meeting, April 28, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.

New Business:

- Receipt of resignation from Kathy Reinhold from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion by Councilor Tollgaard, seconded by Councilor Kohmetscher and carried unanimously to accept the resignation and thank Kathy for her service on the commission.
- Reviewal of Administration section of the City Ordinance, tabled to allow for additional review of the Emergency Management section.

Motion by Councilor Collier seconded by Councilor Riel and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bernadine L. Reed  
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer