

**CITY OF KETTLE RIVER
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Kettle River City Council was held in the meeting room of City Hall, Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Members present:

Mayor Lucas,

Councilors: Kyle Riel, Miya Kohmetscher and Guy Collier

Absent: Tina Tollgaard

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

Others attending: Tricia Riel, Gary Peterson, Kevin Tomczak, and two others not identified.

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

Guests:

- Tricia Riel, Mercy Hospital District Representative, attended to request support for a resolution dissolving the Mercy Hospital District and supporting the sale of the hospital to Essentia Health. Following discussion, motion by Councilor Collier, seconded by Councilor Kohmetscher and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 2020-03, a Resolution Supporting Petition Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 447.38, Subd. 1, For Dissolution of The Moose Lake Community Hospital District.
- Gary Peterson, Carlton County Commissioner attended to discuss the Carlton County Transportation garage within the City. Discussion by the Carlton County Transportation Department was made to close the garage and move the operations to the under construction building by Barnum. Following concerns from local residents, City and township leaders, the plans for closing the Kettle River facility were discontinued. Mr. Peterson gave the Council an update concerning the requirement for Carlton County to build a new jail and options being looked into.

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

- Minutes, May 12, 2020 regular council meeting;
- Claims (5959-5973 - \$3,289.41);
- Accounts payable – 13,777.46
- Cash control statement, receipt, and disbursement registers;

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

- Started 2020 election postings and administration review;
- Follow-up work from May and contractor contacts;
- Regular daily, weekly and monthly work;

Utilities Department report submitted by David Isaacson, Utilities Superintendent.

- MN Rural Water Association has been contacted to measure the sludge in the wastewater treatment ponds;
- CIP assistance is still unknown due to the COVID19;
- Water testing has been completed;
- A new rope was installed on the flagpole by the ballfield;
- A quote for repair to the wastewater treatment ponds was presented;
- A proposal of \$9,800 was presented from MSA for a needs study for updating the water treatment plant;

Fire Department report submitted by Kyle Riel, Fire Chief.

- Three fire runs and one medical run in May and two fire runs and one medical run to date in June;
- Firefighter training has resumed with outdoor truck training;
- Discussion about the brush pile was held, the need of removal is known and will be completed when weather conditions, staff and equipment are available.

City Council:

- Councilor Riel informed the Council that he is in the process of moving from the City and will submit a resignation from the City Council when the move is completed. He plans on remaining as the Fire Chief as he meets the response requirements for that department.

Committees:

Councilor Collier gave an update from the Planning and Zoning Commission;

- Ongoing work on a canoe access to the Kettle River;

Correspondence:

- A letter of interest to serve as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner was received from Monique Doward. Motion by Councilor Collier seconded by Councilor Riel and unanimously carried to appoint Monique Doward as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner.

Old Business:

- Resolution #2019-03 was included in the agenda packet for Council updating;
- Discussion was held concerning the siren and alternative notification options. Motion by Councilor Kohmetscher, seconded by Councilor Riel and carried unanimously to send letters to the residents with the next water and sewer billing information them of the procedure to sign up for the emergency alert program at the Carlton County website.

Motion by Councilor Riel seconded by Councilor Collier and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bernadine L. Reed
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer