

**CITY OF KETTLE RIVER
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 11, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Kettle River City Council was held in the meeting room of City Hall, Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Members present: Tina Tollgaard, Kris Miller, Jason Montgomery and George Klaskin.

Absent: None

Staff Attending: David Isaacson, Utilities Superintendent, Bob Hattenberger, Interim Fire Chief, and Bernadine Reed, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

Others attending: Todd Lawrence, Howard Eskuri, Marcia Sarvela, Dean Marsyla, Gary Marsyla, Jim Sanders, David Lucas, Eddie Pelkey, Roberta Harrington, Kelly Messina, Jon Lund and Trey Morgan.

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

Motion by Councilor Montgomery, seconded by Councilor Miller and carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items:

- Minutes of March 13, 2017, regular council meeting;
- Claims (5116-5132 - \$5,259.50)
- Accounts payable - \$21,002.31;

Guests:

- Jon Lund gave an update concerning the memorial for Rick Peterson, fund raising and type of memorial is in the process.
- David Lucas, request to keep chickens, Mr. Lucas had received a one-year permit that is expiring. Motion by Mayor Klaskin, seconded by Councilor Montgomery to give a permit to Mr. Lucas for ten chickens and five additional butchering chickens for a growing season, no roosters, proper containment, proper disposal of waste and revisited if complaints received;
- Kelly Messina requested a permit for eight chickens, motion by Councilor Montgomery, seconded by Councilor Miller and carried unanimously, with same restrictions;
- Roberta Harrington requested a permit for six to eight chickens, motion by Mayor Klaskin, seconded by Councilor Miller and carried unanimously, with same restrictions.

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

March/April:

- Filed quarterly reports;
- Attended LMC training session – April 3, 2017;
- Additional financial reports were provided for the Council along with a request if the information is what is being sought or to please provide staff direction, no response received.

- Regular daily and monthly work;

Utilities Department report submitted by Dave Isaacson, Utilities Department.

- Daily work of readings at the water plant, lift station and ponds, fluoride sample collections;
- Secondary pond is ready for a discharge, lab samples taken and discharge started;
- Fluoride report submitted;
- Minnesota Department of Health results concerning THM/HAA5, retesting is currently being done. An explanation of the process was given and retesting will be done in May;
- Logging is completed and clean-up is being done;
- Request to purchase 20 water meters for a quote of \$2,460.00;
- Estimate will be obtained from Moose Lake Implement for a new mower and trade-in value;
- An accuracy test of the main water meter will be completed;
- A new set of torsion springs are on order for the city garage door;
- A new exhaust fan has been installed in the senior center men's bathroom;
- Mayor Klaskin requested research into a complaint of mold at the rest area bathrooms;
- Research is being done for steel for a new roof on the storage shed;
- Normal playground maintenance will be completed soon.

Fire Department report submitted by Bob Hattenberger, Interim Fire Chief.

- Seven fire runs and ten first responder calls;
- During the installation of weather-stripping on the garage doors, it was discovered that the header is rotten and the trim is rusted thru allowing water to penetrate. Discussion was held, Mr. Lucas suggested that volunteer labor be used for the repair. Mayor Klaskin opened suggestions to the public, no others received. Following discussion of volunteerism, requirements of permits and license requirements, motion by Councilor Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Klaskin to obtain three quotes for repair. Suggestions of contacting Cousins Construction, John Minkenen and Kwapick Brothers. Following further discussion, motion by Councilor Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Klaskin authorizing advertising of the repair if quotes are not obtainable.
- Recommendation to offer a firefighter "conditional membership" to Randy Watterson. Motion by Mayor Klaskin, seconded by Councilor Montgomery and carried to offer the conditional membership to Randy Watterson;

- A quote was submitted for ten sets of turn-out gear at \$1,564.00 per set;
- Motion by Mayor Klaskin, seconded by Councilor Montgomery and carried unanimously to allow interviews for firefighters to be completed and recommendation brought to the Council for approval.
- Robert Hattenberger submitted his resignation letter, Mayor Klaskin read the resignation letter. Motion by Councilor Tollgaard, seconded by Miller and carried unanimously to accept the resignation with a thank you for years of service. Nick Wright, the assistant fire chief, will fill the role and the vacancy will be advertised.

Committees:

- Todd Lawrence, Planning and Zoning Commission, gave an update to the Council of the projects the commission is working on;
 1. Docks from the DNR and pond stocking;
 2. Researching the City purchasing the tax forfeited former coop store property and selling it;
 3. Discussion of organizing an October or Fire Festival;
 4. Exploring the sister city program.
 5. Trail development.

Submittal of Tom Simi lease agreement, Tabled;

As requested at the LMC training session, the costs related to the information request submitted by Mayor Klaskin were submitted to the Council by the Clerk. Following lengthy discussion and requests for clarifications, motion by Mayor Klaskin, seconded by Councilor Montgomery and carried unanimously to authorize providing the information requested listed as one and two to the budget committee, the budget committee will provide clarification of request number three.

Discussion of a request from Mark Grave to purchase the veterans building. Mayor Klaskin gave a summary of the request. Contact has not been made with Rob Tschida, Building Inspector, about zoning, etc. Howard Eskuri gave the Council background history of the ownership and usage of the building. Discussion about painting the interior. Howard Eskuri requested permission of installation of exterior lights at the senior center. Motion by Councilor Tollgaard, seconded by Councilor Miller and carried unanimously to accept the donation of installation of exterior lights by the exit door at the senior center. Following further discussion, the consideration of selling the Legion building was withdrawn.

Request of projects for the Nemadji community service project, the possibility of painting the inside of the Legion building was suggested.

Acknowledgement of MN Department of Health correspondence concerning HAA5 and THM.

Request from MN Rural Water Association request for support of programs. Following discussion, motion by Councilor Montgomery, seconded by Mayor Klaskin and carried unanimously to submit a support letter to representatives.

Councilor Tollgaard moved the adoption of Resolution #2017-04, a resolution accepting Councilor Wallace's and declaring a vacancy, Councilor Miller seconded and the resolution carried unanimously.

Mayor Klaskin moved the nomination of David Lucas for City Council, failed due to lack of second. Discussion followed from Councilors and public as to why the rush, historically vacant positions are advertised. Councilor Montgomery asked Mr. Lucas for his opinion and questions of interest in the vacant position. Councilor Montgomery moved the appointment of David Lucas to the vacant councilor position, Mayor Klaskin seconded and further discussion of timeline of appointing and term was held, motion failed, roll call vote – Klaskin-aye, Montgomery-aye, Tollgaard-nay, Miller- nay. Mayor Klaskin used his MN Statute #412.02 power to appoint David Lucas to the vacated councilor position.

Motion by Councilor Montgomery seconded by Mayor Klaskin to purchase twenty (20) water meters for the quote of \$2,460.00, if budget allows, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilor Montgomery seconded by Mayor Klaskin and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadine L. Reed
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer