

CITY OF KETTLE RIVER
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Kettle River City Council was held in the meeting room of City Hall, Monday, March 13, 2017. Members present: George Klaskin, Tina Tollgaard, Kris Miller, John Wallace, and Jason Montgomery.

Absent: None

Staff Attending: Dave Isaacson, Utilities Superintendent, Bob Hattenberger, Interim Fire Chief, Others attending: Chris Clasen of Justin, Clasen & Company Ltd., Trish Riel, Mercy Hospital Board, Kyle Riel, Mark Graves, and Tom Simi and friend.

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

2016 Year End Audit Report

Chris Clasen of Justin, Clasen & Company Ltd. presented and explained the 2016 Year End Audit to the council. He stated that everything is in compliance and the staff did a very good job preparing financial information needed for the audit. After explanation/questions & answers session Mr. Clasen left the meeting.

Trish Riel – Mercy Hospital Board

Trish Riel passed out a copy of the 2016 Annual Report. She summarized the report and answered questions.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Klaskin stated that he disagreed with Resolution #2017-2 from the February 14, 2017 meeting. He felt that there were no complaints directed at the City Clerk, and wants this withdrawn from the minutes. In reference to the February 14, 2017 meeting, Accounts Payable of \$54,954.52. Mayor Klaskin questioned this figure. He wanted to know where this amount was paid to and for what purpose was this paid out for, as he felt he had never seen a sheet showing this figure. Councilors Tollgaard and Wallace explained where this amount was derived from and where he could see the explanation he was asking for. Mayor Klaskin also requested from the City Clerk all 2016 bank statements, check register, list of disbursements and reason for payments. Councilors tried to explain that his request would take a considerable amount of time to put together, and it probably was not necessary. Mayor Klaskin submitted sheet explaining his request of the City Clerk. After some discussion and Mayor Klaskin request to adjustments to the February 14, 2017 minutes, motion by Councilor Tollgaard, seconded by Councilor Montgomery and carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items, claims #(5101-5115) - \$10,276.51, accounts payable - \$17,521.08.

Reports of City Department & Committees:

Administrative Reports were available for Councilors to review.

Utilities Department report submitted by Dave Isaacson, Utilities Department.

Report was distributed to Councilors. Dave went over the report, answering questions addressed to him concerning the cost of replacement of water meters, water and wastewater reports, items of interest learned at the MRWA conference he attending.

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

1) The resignation letters of Tim Larson & Jay Gerdes were reviewed. Motion made by Councilor Tollgaard and seconded by Councilor Wallace carried unanimously to accept their resignations.

2) Some discussion was made about the Fire Department Liaison. Some firefighters feel that this position should be the Fire Chief. Liaison Trish Riel explained how this position came about. It was decided that she and Bob Hattenberger would get together and decide what should be done concerning this position and how issues should be handled.

3) Motion by Mayor Klaskin and seconded by Councilor Montgomery and carried to have an interview with a potential new fire fighter.

4) Compensation for fire fighters was discussed. After 140 hours of training was completed, it was suggested a compensation payment to cover their costs of mileage, etc. A suggested amount was \$500.00. Motion by Mayor

Klaskin and seconded by Councilor Montgomery and carried. More discussion will be needed concerning compensation per fire run.

5) Request to appoint Trey Morgan as lieutenant. Motion by Councilor Tollgaard and seconded by Councilor Miller to accept Trey Morgan as lieutenant for the Fire Department.

6) Request to hire a firm to do weather strip the fire department doors. The Interim Fire Chief was asked to obtain quotes for the repair and bring it to the council at the next meeting.

7) OSHA policy update. Discussion by Interim Fire Chief, Bob Hattenberger wanting verification of what exactly should be changed. Council explanation was given and clarification was made on what type of changes are needed. Bob will work on making the changes.

Building Department: None

City council: None

Committees: None

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2017-2: This was replaced with Resolution 2017-3. Councilor Wallace indicated that this discussion should be a closed session, Mayor Klaskin disagreed and discussion continued. Mayor Klaskin felt there was no reason to have this resolution made up, and no basis to adopt it. Motion by Councilor Wallace and seconded by Councilor Tollgaard and carried. George Klaskin & Jason Montgomery - nay; John Wallace, Tina Tollgaard, Kris Miller - aye.

Air Fiber & Tom Simi Lease agreements: After much discussion, it was decided to allow Air Fiber to place antennas on the water tower and submit a lease agreement for review. Motion by Councilor Montgomery and seconded by Councilor Wallace and carried to contract Air Fiber at a charge \$125.00/month and a lease agreement. Mr. Simi will get back to the council at the next meeting if this is an option for Air Fiber.

Board of Appeal & Equalization training information: Discussion with the all councilors in agreement this will have to be done on-line.

Correspondence

Information was presented about National Night Out.

New Business

1) Nemadji Research Corp.

Kyle Riel addressed the council that if there are any projects that need help with, please let him know. One suggestion was walking paths around town. The council will make up a list of ideas and suggestions and get back to Kyle.

2) Some discussion was had on the renaming of the ballfield, possibly a plaque being put up somewhere in the area, and having it ready for the first game of the season. More discussion is needed.

3) Mark Graves stated to the council that he is interested in purchasing the Legion Building for his personal use. The Council will need more discussion on this and will talk to Rob Tschida to obtain more information. Any decision will be made at a later date.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Motion by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Montgomery and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Riihiluoma
Account/Office Clerk