

Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2017

Members Present: Jim Schecker, Dale Rau, John Gran, and Amy Eystad
Members Absent: Andrew Koloski
Guests: Michelle Nessman and Mike Johnson

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held January 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jim Schecker and Council Member John Gran were administered the oath of office.

Mike Johnson informed the Council that he would be recording the meeting via tape recorder.

Motion (Eystad/Rau) to approve the agenda with the addition of Council Vacancy. MCU

Motion (Rau/Eystad) to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Rau) to approve the bills on the claims list. MCU

Motion (Rau/Eystad) to approve the financial report as presented. MCU

Michelle Nessman with Elite Business Systems was present to discuss her current lease of office space in the community center, her lease is up in August of 2017, she has rented this space for the last 3 years. With her business undergoing some changes and growth she felt it necessary to have her office located in Alexandria and is asking the council if they would consider releasing her from her lease early. Michelle would like to give the City a 90-day notice and terminate the lease 4 months early.

Motion (Eystad/Rau) to approve the 90-day notice from Elite Business Systems to terminate the lease of office space located in the Kensington Community Center 4 months early. MCU

Appointments for 2017 are made as follows:

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to appoint Jennifer Kangas as City Clerk for the City of Kensington. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to appoint Pryce Score as Treasurer for the City of Kensington. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to appoint Dale Rau as Vice Mayor who shall preside and perform duties in the absence of the Mayor. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to appoint the Law offices of Thornton, Reif, Dolan, Bowen & Klecker, PA as City Attorney. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to appoint Kensington Bank as the primary depository of the City of Kensington. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to appoint the Grant County Herald, Herman Review & Hoffman Tribune as the official newspaper of the City of Kensington. MCU

The mayor told the council he was recently approached with the rumor of is the city broke. On a quarterly basis, the city's cash assets will be read into the meeting minutes. The city currently has approx. \$108,000.00 in the general fund and approx. \$219,500.00 in CD's for an estimated total of \$327,500.00. The cities financial records are available to the public upon request at the City Clerk's office located in the Kensington Community Center.

The Council was given a draft copy of the Rules of Order policy for guests attending City Council meetings. The council was asked to review the draft so further discussion can be held at the February meeting.

The council was given an update regarding the Small Cities Grant application for a new water tower. The preliminary grant was deemed moderately competitive, which means that we can now submit the full grant application. If the grant is approved the grant funds will need to go to the City of Kensington not the Farwell Kensington Sanitary District. Jennifer will discuss the details of this again with both the City Auditor and the Sanitary District auditor in February to determine what the best approach will be between the City and the Sanitary District.

The Mayor asked guest Mike Johnson if there was anything he wanted to discuss: he asked the Council if something could be done with the sidewalk in front on the old hardware store on main street. It has not been salted and it is dangerous to walk on.

Discussion was also held regarding the sidewalk heave in front of the Community Center. Jennifer will paint the area again and will purchase a few heavy traffic cones to be placed on the heave to warn pedestrians.

Motion (Gran/Eystad) to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. MCU

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7 pm.