

Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2017

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

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

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

Motion (Rau/Eystad) to approve the agenda. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Rau) to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting. MCU

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

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

Due to the change in meeting date because of the power outage Dean Birkland with Carlson Highland was not able to be present. The audit report was handed out for review and Dean will be present at the April council meeting to go thru it.

Todd Eystad was present to discuss Kensington Firemen's Relief Association business and requested permission from the council to block off part of Central Avenue North from the Fire Hall to the School on March 25, 2017 from approx. 4 to 7pm. The Life Link helicopter will be landing on the street to give tours during the Fire Relief Association Fundraiser. The council gave permission to block off the street if the Fire Department notified the people on that street that would be affected by the closure.

Motion (Gran/Eystad) to donate \$ 1,173.00 from the City of Kensington Fire Department fund to the Kensington Firemen's Relief Association. MCU

The Council reviewed applications from Mike Johnson and Lana Rau for Council appointment.

Dale Rau informed the council that he was going to obtain from voting, because Lana is his sister-in-law and Mike is his ex-father-in law.

John Gran made a motion to appoint Mike Johnson as Council Member, this motion died as there was no second.

Motion (Eystad/Schecker) to appoint Lana Rau as Council Member. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to approve Resolution 3-2017 appointing Lana Rau as council member for the City of Kensington. MCU

Per the Auditors request, John Gran disclosed to the council that he is an employee of Kensington Bank, which is the primary depository for the City of Kensington.

The council discussed advertising the office space in the Community Center. Jennifer was asked to check on the cost of adverting and follow up at the next meeting.

The City of Kensington will be advertising for lawn mowing of city property. A proposal spec sheet can be picked up at the Kensington City Office and must be returned by noon on Monday, April 3. Proposals will be opened at the next Council meeting on April 3, 2017. Bidders will be given the option of a two-year contract.

The Kensington LCMC would like to replace the piano in the back room of the community center, they have been told that it can no longer be tuned. If they purchase a new one the company may dispose of the old one; but if not, they are asking if the City has the means to dispose of the old piano and the organ that doesn't work. The piano if purchased by Kensington LCMC would belong to them and if they stopped using the Community Center for church services it would be theirs to take.

Jenifer informed the Council that the City website is outdated and is not meeting the full potential of what a web site should provide. The web site design and content needs to be redone, along with adding a marketing piece to the site. One quote for the project has already been received, the council requested Jennifer get another quote to for next month's meeting so they have something to compare it to before a decision will be made.

Jennifer spoke to David Robley, Douglas County Public Works Director/County Engineer informing him that there are several areas of the sidewalk on main street that need repair or replacement. Douglas County sent out a couple of employees to look at the condition of the sidewalk and agree that something needs to be done. Douglas county will be doing some work on County Road 1 again in 2018 and would like to replace/repair the areas of the sidewalk that need it during that time along with any curb and gutter along this area with drainage issues. They will also be assessing/redoing ADA ramps and curb cutouts. Jennifer spoke with them about adding another handicapped spot and curb cutout near the community center, which would also be done the same time.

The council discussed replacing the power poles on Main Street in conjunction with the sidewalk repair/replacement that needs to be done. Jennifer will contact Otter Tail Power Company and see what are options the city has.

The Council discussed areas of town that need road work. The council members were asked to look around and bring their suggestions to the next meeting for discussion.

The handicapped spaces on the road in front of the community center need to be repainted. Jennifer spoke to the County and was told that it would be the City's responsibility to repaint them. Jennifer will check on some pricing for the next meeting.

Curb painting was also discussed, Jennifer will get in touch with Sentence to Serve and see if they still do that type of work.

Motion (Eystad/Rau) to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. MCU

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk