

Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2017

Members Present: Jim Schecker, Dale Rau, Amy Eystad and Lana Rau
Members Absent: John Gran
Guests: Scott Marlow, and Judi Andreasen

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion (D. Rau/Eystad) to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting. MCU

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

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

Scott Marlow was present to discuss the baseball field use during Runestone Days. The state tournament may be played here again this year. Per the grants, we received to fix up the ballfield youth use takes priority when scheduling and using the baseball field. Junior Legion baseball games have been scheduled to be played on the baseball field the Saturday of Runestone Days. The softball tournament can still be played; however, it will be played on the lower softball field only from this point forward.

The City received a private donation from Keith Thomas in the amount of \$ 60.00 to be used to maintain the Kensington signs.

Motion (Eystad/D. Rau) to approve Resolution 5-2017 Accepting Donations. MCU

The fee schedule was set for cleanup days on Saturday June 3, 2017 and notification will be sent to all residents regarding the animal clinic/clean up days.

The Council reviewed a quote from Maanums Striping for \$ 169.00 to paint the 3 handicapped parking spots on main street with the blue handicapped symbols on the road, blue lines, and blue curb.

Motion (D. Rau/Eystad) to approve quote from Maanums Striping in the amount of \$ 169.00 for painting the 3-handicapped parking spots on main street.

The Council reviewed a quote from AnDi's FenceAll for 1,827.56 for extending the fence at the dump another 85'.

Motion (D. Rau/L. Rau) to approve quote from AnDi's FenceAll in the amount of \$ 1,827.56 to extend the fence 85' at the dump. MCU

The council reviewed a quote from New Millennium Custom Cabinets for \$845.00 to replace the hinges and hinge plates on the kitchen cabinets in the Community Center.

Motion (Eystad/L. Rau) to approve quote from New Millennium Custom Cabinets in the amount of \$ 845.00 to replace hinges and hinge plates on the kitchen cabinets in the Community Center. MCU

The Council reviewed a quote from Patrick with Outdoor Living & Landscaping for redoing the landscaping around each Kensington sign in the amount of \$ 2,850.00 per sign and \$ 1,250 to replace the edging for the community center, add more rock and install a drain in between the community center and old hardware store.

After discussion, the Council felt they would like to start with the Kensington sign on Hwy 55 near the elevator and see how that one goes before doing the others.

Motion (Eystad/L. Rau) to approve quote from Outdoor Living & Landscaping to landscape around the Kensington sign on Hwy 55 near the elevator in the amount of \$ 2,850.00 and repairing the landscaping on both side of the community center in the amount of \$ 1,250.00. MCU

The Council reviewed quotes for different options of new flooring for the community center. The selection was narrowed down to replace all existing carpeted surfaces with carpet squares except the dining room. A type of vinyl planking will be installed in the dining room where food is present every day. Jennifer will get additional pricing on the products that have been selected along with warranty information and more color samples so a decision can be made at the next meeting.

Jennifer attended a meeting on April 26, 2017 with school administration Chuck Cheney, John Moore and PACT Member Heather Winter regarding the need for playground renovations at the Kensington school. The School is looking for some collaboration with between the City of Kensington and the School District, since the playground is the only one in town and gets used for non-school activities as well. This will more than likely be a multiyear project; however, Mr. Cheney is proposing to the school board that the school district needs to put in a minimum of \$25,000.00 with the rest potentially being raised with grants and donations. The goal is to have some new equipment installed before school starts in the fall. In addition to the playground equipment discussion was held regarding replacing the fence, removing the pea rock, and making the space more welcoming to the public with maybe having a separate entrance into the playground area, along with some picnic tables, and a green space with a few trees. The council felt it would be nice if some equipment could be installed for children under 5 as well.

Motion (Eystad/D. Rau) to approve a donation of up to \$10,000 from the City of Kensington to be used for playground renovations at West Central Area South elementary once other donations of \$10,000.00 have been raised. Motion Carried. Lana Rau abstained from voting.

The council discussed the website redesign. Elite Business Systems will charge an hourly rate and bill in increments of 15 minutes to complete any monthly updates needed after the initial redesign of the web site.

Motion (D. Rau/L. Rau) to approve a contract in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 with Elite Business System to redesign the website for the City of Kensington. MCU

Motion (Eystad/D. Rau) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. MCU

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk