

Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017

Members Present: Jim Schecker, Dale Rau, Amy Eystad, John Gran, and Lana Rau
Members Absent:
Guests: Todd Eystad

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting. MCU

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

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

The Council was invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at WCA South Elementary on Wed. Sept 6, 2017 at 10 am.

The council reviewed and denied a donation request from the Reach of for warmth program thru WCMCA, Inc.

The 2017 auditor engagement letter from Carlson SV was presented for council to review and sign.

Motion (D. Rau/Gran) to approve and sign the auditor engagement letter from Carlson SV to audit the year ending 2017 in the amount of \$4,450.00. MCU

The 50 plus club has requested permission to hold the winter clothing drive in the old clinic office space. The 50 plus club will have scheduled hours and will be responsible for it.

Motion (Eystad/L. Rau) to approve 50 plus club running the winter clothing drive in the clinic space from October thru December with scheduled hours. MCU

Liquor License fees will remain the same as last year.

Motion (Gran/Eystad) to approve the Preliminary budget for 2018 for both the City of Kensington and Kensington Fire and Rescue. MCU

Motion (Eystad/D. Rau) to approve the 2018 Tax Levy for the City of Kensington at \$49,040.00 and Fire Protection at \$ 5,389.88 for a Total of \$ 54,429.88. MCU

Todd Eystad was present to discuss a lighting retrofit for the community center. Otter Tail Power Co is offering rebates for LED lighting which will cover a large cost of retrofit. Two options were provided: Option 1 is to leave the old ballast in the light fixture and just replace the lamps to LED. The proposed cost for the new lamps would be \$4,761.40, the estimated rebate would be \$3,150.40, with an estimated electrical savings of \$ 522.68 per year. Option 2 is to remove the old ballast and purchase LED bulbs with ballast in the lamp. The proposed cost for the new lamp would be \$6,014.40, the estimated rebate would be \$3,651.60, with an estimated electrical savings of \$ 784.02 per year.

Motion (Rau/Gran) to approve the lighting retrofit Option 1 for the Kensington Community Center. MCU

Motion (Eystad/Gran) to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. MCU

Next meeting Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk