

KASSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 24th day of February, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Borgstrom, Buck, Egger, Johnson and Coleman.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: None

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Linda Rappe, City Administrator Theresa Coleman, City Engineer Brandon Theobald, Finance Director Nancy Zaworski, Economic Development Director Mike Martin and Chris Kopel

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA:

Administrator Coleman stated a point of order that all of the public hearings for the Liquor Licenses will be held simultaneously and approved with one resolution.

Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Councilperson Egger, seconded by Councilperson Buck with all voting Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the February 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Approve the Claims processed after the February 10, 2016 regular meeting, as audited for payment in the amount of \$405,457.84.

Acknowledgement of Committee and Meeting Minutes

Planning and Zoning 1-11-16

EDA Minutes 12-1-15

EDA Minutes 1-5-16

3.2% Liquor License – Off Sale:

Kwik Trip

Shopko Hometown

Pay Estimate for Library

Est. #6 Division 1	Custom Construction & Design	\$10,590.60
Est. #3 Division 13	Custom Construction & Design	\$33,746.37
Est. #1 Division 16	Neitz Electric	\$5700.00

Motion by Councilperson Buck and second by Councilperson Coleman, with all voting Aye, to approve the consent agenda.

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL – Chief Operating Officer, Chris Kopel, from Central Municipal Power Agency and Services (CMPAS) – explained the four options on purchasing wholesale electricity and the costs involved with each. The wind option is to hedge against natural gas prices going up. Natural gas prices are directly related to electric prices. These contracts are not scheduled to start until 2020. Mr. Kopel presented a non-binding agreement. The agreement is to make sure that the concept is put in front of the councils and commissions and to make sure that everyone is aware of the next steps of the process. There is no cost involved with this agreement. The cost would come in later when they get into negotiations and Kasson’s share of the cost could be between \$2,000-\$7,000. Councilperson Borgstrom asked if this is normal to be out this far in front of a contract. Mr. Kopel stated that it is because it all takes time and you have a choice. Each decision is each individual member’s prerogative to choose. Finance Director Zaworski asked for clarification on the numbers. Mr. Kopel stated there is an error and the number in question should be 4.8. Councilperson Coleman asked if they were pursuing coal. Mr. Kopel stated that they are not right now, prices right now are attractive but there is a lot of uncertainty with what could happen with the clean air act. The Mayor stated that he would like more information on this.

Motion to approve the agreement made by Councilperson Borgstrom, second by Councilperson Coleman, with all voting Aye.

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearings:

Vacation of Easement for A&A Electric – Community Development Director Martin stated that this is part of a minor subdivision which is later on the agenda. There are easements between each of lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 1 in South Bend Subdivision. The applicant owns all three of the lots and is pursuing a minor subdivision to combine the three lots into one. The Utilities have been consulted and do not have an issue with this.

No public comment

Liquor License Renewals, Including Sunday Liquor:

American Legion Post #333

Events by Saker

Gadient Hospitality Group, Inc., dba Daniel’s Restaurant

Galuska, Inc., dba Pete’s Repeat

The Mayor closed the Public Hearings.

Motion to Approve the Resolution Vacating Dedicated Utility Easements made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Borgstrom, with all voting Aye.

***Resolution #2.3-16
A Resolution Vacating Dedicated Utility Easements
(on file)***

Motion to Approve On Sale and Sunday Liquor Licenses for the American Legion Post #333, Events by Saker, Gadiant Hospitality, dba Daniel's Restaurant and Galuska, Inc., dba Pete's Repeat made by Councilperson Buck, second by Councilperson Borgstrom with all voting Aye.

Resolution #2.4-16

***Authorizing On-Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses
(on file)***

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Building Committee – Councilperson Buck stated that the Library Director, Art Tiff, was going to have a special meeting with the Library Board since they had more pay estimates to approve. Director Tiff wanted the Council to know that the rebar is being attached to the Library ceiling.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for Minor Subdivision – Community Director Martin stated that Joel Alberts of A & A Electric applied for a Minor Subdivision to combine lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 1 of South Bend Subdivision for potential expansion of the business. A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on February 8, 2016. The Planning Commission recommends approval. **Motion to Approve the Alberts Minor Subdivision made by Councilperson Buck, second by Councilperson Borgstrom with all voting Aye.**

Resolution #2.5-16

***Resolution Approving the Alberts Minor Subdivision
(on file)***

Offer to purchase Digger - Mayor Johnson stated that the City has received an offer from Mike Marti to purchase the Digger for \$7,000. Administrator Coleman stated that this was advertised on the League of MN website and on the Kasson Facebook page with a link to LMC. Councilperson Borgstrom suggested using Craigslist for advertising. Councilperson Egger stated that tabs and insurance are due in February and inquired as to how much more does the City want to spend. Councilperson Buck suggested countering Mr. Marti with \$8500. Mayor Johnson stated that we will counter offer Mr. Marti and if he declines we will expand our advertising.

Resolution Supporting Rochester Regional Airport Bonding Bill – Councilperson Egger stated that at the last South East Minnesota League Meeting (SEMLM) the Rochester Airport came forward and they are asking the surrounding communities for their support for the bonding bill. Councilperson Egger stated that it will cost us nothing but support. **Motion to Approve the Resolution of Support made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Coleman with all voting Aye.**

Resolution #2.6-16

***Resolution Supporting the 2016 Rochester Regional Airport Bonding Bill
(on file)***

Street Reconstruction Discussion – Councilperson Coleman presented a piece of pipe that came from the 6th Ave NW reconstruction. He stated that this is what a lot of the infrastructure is looking like and that there is a video if anyone wanted to see the bad spots of the City's infrastructure. Councilperson Coleman would like to recommend that a "comprehensive analysis" and a "subjective plan" for street

and infrastructure repairs be started as soon as possible. City Engineer Theobald suggested that he, Martin, Administrator Coleman, Finance Director Zaworski and Public Works Director Bradford start meeting to start this planning and budgeting. Theobald stated that it would be possible to get something started this year. Theobald volunteered to attend the Council work session on March 5 to discuss these options. Theobald stated that some of this work has already been done and we can pull it all together. Director Martin suggested trying to start with 5th Ave NW, this summer and analyzing streets and infrastructure in the R-2 zoning district (Older Core – Single Family Residential) to determine the schedule of streets to be done in the future.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor received a letter from DC Ambulance, complementing the Fire Department on the assistance they received from them at a recent call. The Mayor thanked the Firemen and appreciates their work.

The Mayor stated that scam/fraud phone calls to seniors have been happening around town and warned people to be on alert and spread the word on the scams.

The Mayor would like to ask people to keep vehicles off the road when the plows are out.

The Mayor wished Good luck to KM Wrestling team and hopes they come back with State Championships!

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

ENGINEER’S REPORT

PERSONNEL

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed:
FD Report for January 2016

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

ATTEST:

Linda Rappe, City Clerk

Steve Johnson, Mayor