

KASSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 27th day of October, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Coleman, Nelson, Tjosaas, Torkelson.
Council Member Marti arrived at 6:07 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: None.

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Lenth, Admin Assist Benfield, Community Dev Director Martin, Neil Britton, Lorraine Spading, Dan Egger, Diane O'Brien-Berge, Randy Carlsen.

Mayor Tjosaas presided over the meeting.

COUNCIL

Agenda: Motion by Coleman and second by Nelson, with all voting aye, to approve the October 27, 2010 agenda.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Nelson and second by Coleman to approve the October 27, 2010 consent items. Ayes: Coleman, Nelson, Tjosaas, Torkelson. Nays: None.

1. **Minutes:** Approved the October 13, 2010 regular meeting minutes as submitted.
2. **Claims:** Approved all claims processed after the October 13, 2010 regular meeting, as audited for payment in the amount of \$495,376.36.
3. **Acknowledgement of Committee and Meeting Minutes:** Acknowledged the following committee and meeting minutes for:
 - a. Library Board - 09/14/10
4. **Conferences/Training:** Acknowledged the following employee training/conference attendance for:
 - a. J. Peck Netsmartz Train the Trainer 12/9/10 BCA St. Paul

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Date Change for 2nd Council Meeting in November:** Motion by Torkelson and second by Nelson, with all voting aye, to approve changing the date for the second council meeting in November from November 24th to Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Speed Limit – County State Aid Highway 34:** MnDOT has authorized changes to the speed limit on County State Aid Highway 34. Depending on the section of County Hwy 34, the authorized speed limits range from 35 mph to 45 mph within the City limits. There was discussion regarding the residential areas and park area located along the designated sections. With individuals, many of them children, walking and biking in the vicinity, and semi trucks hauling grain to the elevator, a higher speed limit may not be prudent. It was the consensus of council members that the City contact MnDOT and the County stating that the City needs

more time to consider the speed limits on this roadway and get more information from the County and MnDOT.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. **Lions Park Playground**: Mayor Tjosaas thanked the Kasson-Mantorville Lions Club, as well as the Park and Rec Department, for spreading the wood chips around the new playground modular area in Lions Park. The new equipment is an attractive and valuable amenity for the park.

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR

1. **Masten Creek Project Update**: The MPCA has signed off on the removal of silt/debris/vegetation along various sites of Masten Creek within the City limits. Work on the project is scheduled to begin the end of this week. Funding will come from the emergency management and storm water funds. The authorized preliminary budget is \$56,160. The project has been submitted to FEMA for public assistance.
2. **CMMPA Regional Meeting**: Administrator Lenth updated the members on the CMMPA Regional Meeting held in Mankato on October 19th.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. **Progress Report**: Neil Britton, WSN, presented a status on current projects within the City.

PERSONNEL

1. **IBEW Negotiations Update – Closed Session**: The meeting was closed at 6:27 p.m. for the purpose of an update on the IBEW union negotiations. The meeting was re-opened at 6:54 p.m. **Outcome**: Administrator Lenth updated council members on the IBEW union negotiation meeting held today, October 27. The next union negotiation meeting is scheduled for November 17.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was reviewed:

1. **Letter from resident regarding “Welcome” signs for the City of Kasson**: The Kasson Area Community Foundation is working on getting “Welcome” signs for the City. The resident’s second issue is the empty lot on West Main St next to C.O. Brown Agency. The City’s intent is to plant grass and possibly place a bench(es) on the lot.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randy D. Lenth, City Administrator

Tim Tjosaas, Mayor