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**KASSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2019**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 11th day of December, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Burton, Egger, Ferris, McKern and Zelinske

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT: None

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Nancy Zaworski, City Clerk Rappe, City Attorney Melanie Leth, Candy McKern, Public Works Director Bradford, Doug Buck, Gerry Giese, Janet Sinning, Janice Borgstrom-Durst, Eugene Soland, Alex Nuehring and Ralph Crandall

**PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE
COUNCIL**

APPROVE AGENDA

Add: H.1 Special meeting compensation discussion

Add: L.2 Closed session for labor negotiations

Add: C.2 KM Snowdrifters

Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from November 27, 2019

Claims processed after the November 27, 2019 regular meeting, as audited for payment

Liability Coverage Waiver Form

Amusement Licenses:

American Legion

Pete's Repeat

2020 Assessment Agreement with Dodge County

Evaluations:

Lance Diderrich	Journeyman Lineworker	Inc to Grade 11 Step 7	\$33.55	eff 12/10/19
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Mark Rappe	PT Parks PWW	Inc to Grade 1 Step 3	\$15.01	eff 4/17/19
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Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Zelinske with All Voting Aye.

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

Jerry Giese - 806 Westfield Court – President of KARE, would like to talk about the North Park wall that is scheduled to be demolished. Mr. Giese thanked the Council for giving the people the chance to save it and wanted to know who to work with at the City. Mayor McKern told him to work with Park and Rec Director Ron Unger.

MAYOR’S REPORT

KM Snowdrifters have been donated some property and they applied for a grant and they wanted to know if the City would write a letter of support. Mayor McKern thinks it is a good idea. The Council concurred. KM Snowdrifters also offer snowmobile training.

Budget Discussion

Mayor McKern stated the outcome of the work session to reduce the levy from 13.74% to 7.99% by eliminating the request for two additional Police Officers and deferring the Ice Arena Freon replacement for one year.

Public Input – Eugene Soland – 1002 8th St NW – would like to freeze school taxes for people over age 65.

Interim City Administrator Zaworski gave a brief presentation overview of the proposed 2019 tax levy payable in 2020

Since the county increased the valuations that spreads out the levy percentage.

Resolution Approving Final 2019 Tax Levy Collectible in 2020

Motion to Approve the Resolution at \$3,370,327 made by Councilperson Zelinske, second by Councilperson Egler with All Voting Aye

Resolution #12.1-19

Resolution Approving the Final 2019 Tax Levy Collectible in 2020

(on file)

Approve the 2020 Budget

Motion to Approve the 2020 Budget made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE REPORT

EDA – Adopt the Revolving Loan Fund Guidelines and Policies – Councilperson Egler stated that the EDA Board has gone through this. Mayor McKern stated the City used to have a revolving loan fund that had a lot of strings attached to it and the City had to give that money back to the state, now we have nothing in our fund. The EDA charged our CEDA Consultant to start a new revolving loan fund.

Motion to Approve made by Councilperson Egler, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Fee Ordinance – red lined copy easy to read. Motion to Approve made by Councilperson Zelinske, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilperson Burton stated that there have been significantly longer meetings (meetings longer than 4 hours) lately and would like the Council to think about altering the special meeting pay. He would like this considered for budget time next year.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

ENGINEER'S REPORT

16th Street Roundabout – MnDOT Funding Solicitation, Selection Committee Presentation Placemats

Councilperson Burton was at this meeting and gave an update on the MnDOT meeting where Kasson is trying to get funding for the 16th St roundabout. Since Kasson is the proponent of the project we would have to split the cost 50/50. If MnDOT would have initiated the project then they would pay a greater portion.

PERSONNEL

Request for 1 year leave of absence from Fire Department - Motion to Accept Mike Heitman's leave of absence from the Fire Department for one year made by Mayor McKern, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.

ATTORNEY

Closed Session for Wilker Litigation Update

Closed Session for Union Negotiations

Meeting Closed at 6:32PM

Meeting Reopened at 7:03PM

Attorney Leth updated the Council on the Wilker Litigation. Ibew agreements ratified and MNPEA Patrol Unit ratified, MNPEA Admin Unit countered that they would ratify with the removal of item #3. **Mayor McKern made a Motion to Accept the Offer and ratify the proposal, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed. Councilperson Burton commented that there are some boards and Commissions where members have missed 50% of the meeting. Mayor McKern will have the Administrator check the ordinances.

ADJOURN 7:05PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilperson Egger, second by Councilperson Burton with all voting Aye to Adjourn.

ATTEST:

Linda Rappe, City Clerk

Chris McKern, Mayor