

KINDRED CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
09-26-2019 6:00PM, Kindred City Hall

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mayor DuBord at 7:01pm

Members Present: Jason DuBord, Adam Spelhaug, Dave Amerman, Shad Stoddard, Ozzie Peraza.
Other Present: PWS Schock, Auditor Arnaud, Mark Ottis, Eric Enstrom, Jeremiah & Ashley Otteson,

2. MLCG Development

MLGC is looking to build a larger storage building located on their Industrial-zoned lot on 7th Ave S by the railroad tracks. They intended to extend 7th Ave S farther south to the approach needed for the additional storage building at their own cost, but the City was unaware of any development until just this week. MLGC had to extend 7th Ave S at their own cost when the original building was constructed, as the city council on board at that time was not interested in assisting, so their assumption was the city would not care to be involved now. Council discussed that 7th Ave S is set as city easement for the city street and street improvements should be handled through the city and/or engineered to the city standards and specs. The board is very much in support of MLGC expanding in Kindred and would encourage MLGC to reach out for any further development. Mayor DuBord shared that he, along with partners, have purchased the 2.5-acre Agricultural-zoned lot located south of the MLGC lot and 7th Ave S development would be needed in the future for a potential fishing pond and small residential development, as well as water and sewer infrastructure. Discussion regarding timing and necessity for extending 7th Ave S fully or partially. Will discuss further at council meeting next week.

3. Pool Cover

The winter cover for the pool was damaged last season. The excessive snowfall proved to be too much weight for the brackets and straps which ended up torn, stretched, or broken off. Tabitha submitted the claim to insurance and it should be covered with a \$2500.00 deductible, although confirmation of the claim has not been received. A quote from Tubs of Fun for a replacement of the same type of cover is \$9600.00 plus an estimated \$150.00 shipping.

MOTION – To approve Tubs of Fun Invoice #7173 for new pool cover at \$9600.00 plus shipping; Amerman moved, Peraza seconded. RCV; Motion carried unanimously.

4. Viking Addition Sump Pump Issues

Resident Eric Engstrom shared with council that his home is located next to the Viking sewer lift station on 2nd Ave S. Since purchasing the home in July 2018, he has become aware of responsibilities that previous homeowners had maintained and operated a separate sump pump that sits with the City's sewer lift station to aid in reducing the water table of Engstrom's home and others in the Viking Addition development.

Due to the discharge of this sump pump, there is also an area on City easement/Engstrom's side yard that has drainage issues that caused a stagnant water issue over the summer. Jeremiah and Ashley Otteson, Engstrom's neighbors and also newer home owners, have been helping to maintain the sump pump, and replaced it when it burned out this spring. Previous owner's (Harner) had installed drain tile to assist with less water.

Many other homes have had changes in ownership over the last few years and it has caused some confusion on where maintenance responsibilities lie. Rich Schock stated that while the dewatering well was originally installed during the construction of the lift station, it was supposed to be filled in and not operational after the Viking Addition lift station was completed. Review of city council meeting minutes from 2008-2009 states neighborhood property owners approached the City to continue using the dewatering well as a benefit to the neighborhood. The City Council at that time, agreed so long as the homeowners maintain/monitor the pump with no costs or responsibility held to the City.

City Council agreed that the City could explore further options of improving the situation for this area. Discussion on possible options to remedy. Will ask Moore Engineering for opinions/options. If it is deemed to be a project the City takes on, the costs could be assessed to affected properties.

Engstrom and Otteson will approach other neighbors to share the discussion had at this meeting. Will report back at next City Council meeting.

5. 2020 Budget Review

Discussion and review of the preliminary 2020 City budget that has about an \$8,000 increase from the 2019 budget. Discussed changing the payroll schedule and increasing governing board wages with the last year's budget, yet did not move on such throughout the year. Currently, governing board members are paid quarterly wages and individual rates for meetings attended.

Position	Quarterly Wage	Council Mtg	Special Mtg	P&Z Mtg
Mayor	\$600	n/a	\$30	n/a
Council Pres.	\$225	\$50	\$30	n/a
Council Mem.	\$120	\$50	\$30	n/a
P&Z Board	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$25
Employees	Bi-weekly, hourly	\$50	\$30	\$25

Discussed upcoming expenses for retirement program for full time employees. Will intend to begin planning and budget talks in March/April each year for the next years preliminary budget. Will consider a project planning list in the 2-5-10 year range.

MOTION – To approve the following governing board wages to be paid monthly: Mayor \$400, Council Member \$200, P&Z Board Member \$50, and to pay employees hourly instead of individual meeting rates; Peraza moved, Spelhaug seconded. RCV; Motion carried unanimously.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

(Minutes subject to council approval.)

Tabitha Arnaud, City Auditor

Jason DuBord, Mayor

Date approved