Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023

Members Present: Jim Schecker, Joe Miles, Brock Green, and Emmy Maheux

Members Absent: John Gran

Guests: Todd Eystad and Judi Andreasen

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve the agenda. MCU**

**Motion (Maheux/Green) to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023, council meeting. MCU**

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve the bills on the claims list. MCU**

**Motion (Green/Maheux) to approve the financial report as presented. MCU**

The council discussed the upcoming weather forecast and would like to get notice out to residents that the city is extending its winter parking restrictions. There will be no parking on the street during the hours of 2am -am through Thursday April 6, 2023. Jennifer will post on the city’s Facebook page, keeping up with Kensington and send a public alert message to all residents.

The Kensington Bank is sponsoring a table at the Habitat for Humanity Event on May 10, 2023, from either 6:15–8:00 am or 4:30-6:30 pm. The bank is inviting council members that would like to attend this event. There will be no council members that will be able to attend the event.

Judi Andreasen with the Kensington Commercial Club was present to discuss some electrical needs for Rune Stone Days. The city has power running under the sidewalks in the street light poles in front of apartments, Runestone Auto Care, and the box on the pole at the corner of Grand Ave N and Central Ave N. With the all the inflatables, Band/DJ and food trucks/vendors there is not enough amps of power to run everything that is needed. The city is unable to run additional power to main street without digging or boring additional power in under the sidewalks. The Commercial club asked if a 50-amp plug could be installed through the utility room on the outside of the community center to be used for Runestone Days. Jennifer will call F2H Electric to get an estimate so this can be discussed at the next meeting. Todd was given permission several years ago to update/rebuild the city’s current temp power box and to build another one. Todd has requested information from the Commercial Club as to what their electrical needs are before he finalizes these boxes. There will also be some outlets that will need to be updated at Kensington Memorial Park.

**Motion (Miles/Green) to approve a $2,000.00 budget to update the existing temporary power panel, build a second one and change out a couple plus to 50 amp at Kensington Memorial Park. MCU**

The streetlight on the corner near the catholic church was taken down and will not be replaced. This light was owned and paid for by the catholic church. They are re-siding the church and are planning on putting a light on the side of the church to light up the parking lot. OTP is wondering if the city is interested in replacing the light pole that was removed. After discussion the city wants to wait until the church’s new light is on the building as they will reassess at that time to see if additional lighting will be necessary.

West Central Area school FFA program has reached out to cities within our school district to see if we would consider installing “Proud FFA Community” signs as you enter our towns. The cost of the sign will be covered, but the city may be responsible for installation, but the school is still working on the final details. The council discussed attaching them to our population signs if that is allowed, if not they could be installed on a post and put in our Welcome to Kensington sign area. The council said they would be interested in four signs. Jennifer will reach out to Eric Sawatzke and let him know.

The council was given the reminder of the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting to be held on Thursday, April 20,2023 at 1pm in the Kensington Community Center. Appointments should be made with the Douglas County Assessor’s Office. Send reminder to council.

Douglas County is hosting a railroad derailment training on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at Douglas County Public Works from 2–4 pm. Jennifer will attend this meeting.

The final audit report has been presented. There were no changes to the legal compliance guide that affected the City, so the final audit report is the same as the draft copy received.

**Motion (Maheux/Miles) to approve the 2022 final audit for the City of Kensington. MCU**

Animal clinic to be held on May 22, 2023, at the Kensington Fire Hall from 4 – 7 pm.

Kensington Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 9:00 to noon. Jennifer will get updated prices for the next council meeting.

The council discussed taking the public comment period off the agenda. Visitors will still be recognized and given an option to address the council.

**Motion (Maheux/Green) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk