Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2023

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Rebecca Lynn Petersen, and Erik Paulzine

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion (Green/Gran) to approve the agenda. MCU**

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, council meeting. MCU**

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

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

Correspondence was given to the council regarding the League of MN Cities annual due increase of 4.5%.

Age-Friendly Minnesota Community Challenge Brainstorm workshop is being held in Farwell. Bollig felt that this may be a great opportunity to get some team members as a way to do some additional planning for our subdivision that we could potentially utilize for applying for grant funding. Joe might be able to attend along with Jennifer, Emmy would attend if she is available, but she will talk with the coffee crowd in the morning to see if there might be interested in attending.

Rebecca Lynn Petersen with West Central Initiative Fund in Fergus was present to discuss the programs and services that they currently have available.

July city council meeting date will move to Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7pm, due to the Independence Day Holiday.

There are several lawns around town including 3 on Tower Street that have not been mowed yet. Jennifer will send letters to homeowners to have their lawns mowed.

The city is experiencing web site issues and is currently not able to upload documents. The company that built our website several years ago has gone out of business. Cyber Sprout is the company that has been hosting our website since Elite Business Systems went out of business. Cyber Sprout outlined multiple issues with our current site, the biggest one is that our site is currently in a “pool” with many other sites, so if one of those other sites has issues, it can cause issues with the whole group in the pool. The council discussed their options and felt that it was necessary to get out of the pool and have a site that just stands alone for the City of Kensington, or we will continue to have issues that will have to be fixed an hourly rate. Cyber Sprout quoted a price of $ 4,000.00 to rebuild our web site. The council agreed to have the web site rebuilt as long as whatever charges for the hourly work that had been done already to diagnose the current issues could be included in the $4,000.00 rebuild fee.

**Motion (Gran/Green) to authorize up to $ 4,500.00 for Cyber Sprout to redo the city’s web site. MCU**

MN Management and Budget Capital Improvement Request must be submitted by June 16, 2023, for infrastructure for the Green Acres Project. The following resolution needs to be passed as part of the submittal for the request.

**Motion (Gran/Green) to approve resolution 6-2023 supporting the request for state bonding for state bonding for infrastructure improvements. MCU**

Erik Paulzine from the ball team was present again to discuss the bar selling liquor at the ball field. Jennifer reached out to the Liquor licensing division and the only way the bar would be able to sell liquor at the ball field would be with a catering license. Even with a catering license the bar would have to make sure that they are following the rules and regulations under that catering license. The bar owner was not present to discuss the matter with the city so no action will be taken at this time.

Erik also asked if the city would pay to have the ball field professionally sprayed to help reduce the number of weeds on the field. He got a quote from T&B Lawn care to do a weed and feed at the ballfield which is 2.24 acres inside the fence line. For 3 applications a year the cost would be $ 762.00 per application, a double application would be $ 800.00 per application and a single application would be $ 842.00. The council felt that it was too late already to have this done and with the lack of rain, felt it would make the grass look worse. The council requested that Jennifer get a couple prices for next year to spray both Kensington Memorial Park and Heff Memorial Field.

Erik asked again about irrigation for the ball field. Jennifer will check with Karin again to see if there are any potential grants available for this.

**Motion (Gran/Green) to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk