Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023

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

Members Absent: John Gran

Guests:

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Cards

The Council reviewed the Echo Press article regarding the Senate Capital Investment Tour that visited Kensington on Thursday, November 9.

**Motion (Maheux/Green) to approve Resolution 12A-2023 re-establishing the polling precinct and precinct location for the City of Kensington. MCU**

**Motion (Green/Miles) to approve Resolution 12B-2023 accepting donations received in 2023. MCU**

**Motion (Maheux/Miles) to approve Resolution 12C-2023 approving election judges for all primary, special, and general elections to be held in the year 2024.**

Caden Fernholz paid the city for 16 acres of land rent for Green Acres; however not all 16 acres is tillable. There is a total of 24 tillable acres between the city and the Greens. The city has 13 tillable acres, and the Greens have 11. Caden overpaid the city by 3 acres and underpaid the Greens by 3 acres totaling $525.00. The council will reimburse the Greens for the $525.00 the city was overpaid.

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve writing a check to Joe Green in the amount of $525.00 for the overpayment of land rent paid to the city for the tillable acreage for Green Acres. Motion Carried. Brock abstained from voting.**

**Motion (Miles/Green) to approve the 2024 final budget for the City of Kensington and Kensington Fire and Rescue. MCU**

**Motion (Green/Maheux) to approve the final tax levy for 2024 in the amount of $60,104.00. MCU**

The council reviewed the list of delinquent animal licenses that got assessed to property taxes.

The council reviewed and approved the changes and additions to the personnel policy.

**Motion (Green/Miles) to approve the Revised Personnel Policy for the City of Kensington dated December 2023. MCU**

The council reviewed the universal unsightly premises procedure that the Grant County Sheriff’s Office developed. This procedure is used for universal enforcement of each city’s nuisance ordinances in Grant County. Jennifer has obtained several nuisance ordinances from other cities and is in the process of reviewing them.

The council asked if there were any suggestions given by the fire department membership. Brock said that there was really nothing to report back. The suggestion was made to wait until January being a new chief is being elected and further discuss these items with the new chief once one has been elected.

**Motion (Green/Miles) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk