Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Jared Johnson, Dave Rauchbauer, and Todd Bright

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held April 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Motion (Gran/Maheux) to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting. MCU**

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

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

A donation request has been made by West Central Area Schools for their Summer Recreation Program.

**Motion (Gran/Maheux) to approve a donation of $1,500.00 to the West Central Area School Summer Recreation Program. MCU**

Todd Bright, with Runestone Insurance presented the Cities property insurance renewal.

**Motion (Gran/Green) to approve the increases in property values as appraised. MCU**

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve Runestone Insurance Agency as the Insurance Company for the City of Kensington. MCU**

**Motion (Gran/Miles) that the City does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statues 466.04. MCU**

Dave Rauchbauer was present to discuss concerns with street parking and animals running at large.

The Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 1 pm in the Kensington Community Center.

Douglas County is hosting a Railroad 101 training course for city officials and employees on April 15 at 7pm if anyone is interested in attending.

The legal compliance guidelines have not come out from the state yet, so an extension request to file our audit report with the State Auditor’s office was emailed and approved.

Jennifer is still working with the city attorney and Finke’s to gain possession of the house located on Tower Street. The city attorney found several judgments against the house that may have to be satisfied if the creditors are not willing to remove them. As part of the agreement Finke’s would also like assistance in removing some personal items from the house of sentimental value.

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve the city satisfying the judgements attached to the house if the creditors are not willing to removed them from the property. The city also agrees to assist the Finke’s with the removal of some personal items within reason. MCU**

Bollig’s surveyor has drafted an easement document that can be used to gain access to Hwy 55. The paperwork is currently at the city attorney for his review, if all looks good the city attorney can prepare the easement documents that need to be signed.

The council was urged to reach out to our senators regarding the capital investment bonding for the city’s Green Acres Project, in hopes that this will keep our project relevant to them.

**Motion (Green/Gran) to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk