Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2024

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Dave Rauchbauer, Scott Marlow, and Eric Paulzine

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held May 8, 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 (Miles/Gran) to approve the minutes of the April 1, 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**

The council discussed the two CDs that are up for renewal on May 17, 2024.

**Motion (Maheux/Green) to cash out CD 6535427 in the amount of $32,970.88 plus interest to purchase new 7-month CD at 5.31% and to cash out CD 6347191 in the amount of $8,085.25 plus interest to purchase new 7-month CD at 5.31%. MCU**

The State Auditor’s office has moved the financial reporting deadline for cash basis cities from March 31 to June 15, starting for the 2024 fiscal year, due in 2025.

The council reviewed and approved a letter of support for Horizon Public Health’s application for the Blandin Foundation Small Communities and Rural Placement Grant.

Dave Rauchbauer and Scott Marlow were present to discuss concerns regarding an aggressive dog running at large, and dirt bike riding. He requested rescheduled meetings be posted on the door to the community center instead of the bulletin board, being the community center is not available 24/7. Rescheduled meetings will be posted on both the bulletin board and on the front door of the Community Center. One violation letter has already been sent out to the property owner. The council asked them to please document dates and times the dog is running at large for a week and provide that information to the City Clerk and the City will send another violation letter along with a $100.00 fine. The city will also contact law enforcement and provide the documentation needed per ordinance for seizure.

Eric Paulzine was present to request the city weed and feed the ball field. Discussion was held regarding the matter. Jennifer will get quotes.

The June council meeting is being rescheduled to June 10, 2024, at 7 pm.

There have been whole trees and tree stumps dumped at the dump. This type of dumping is not allowed as they do not burn. The council discussed the placement of cameras at the dump.

Clean up Days will be held on Saturday, June 1,2024, from 9 to noon.

Nordic Vet in Hoffman is going out of business, and they are not able to host our animal vaccination clinics. Morris Veterinary Clinic is willing to a vaccination clinic for the City of Kensington, the date they have available is Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9 to noon.

Eisel Lawn Care submitted new rates for the city’s lawn care maintenance for 2024. The rates are scheduled to increase by $5.00 per time mowing, due to an increase in the businesses insurance premium.

**Motion (Gran/Green) to approve Eisel Lawn Care for the city’s lawn care maintenance with the new rates for 2024. MCU**

Mulch will have to be added to the park and the community center again. Becca got quotes from Farwell Feed and Seed on some different mulch options.

**Motion (Gran/Maheux) to approve installing a 3-5-year mulch at the cost of $427.50 per pallet. MCU**

Property line split for Joe and Dawn Miles. They have a 16’ wide by 150’ deep parcel of land that will be split between 3 properties. Portions of the property will go to parcel #81-0024-000 owned by Stuberg Investments LLC, along with portions going to parcel # 81-0098-000 and parcel # 81-0023-000 both owned by Dawn & Joe Miles.

**Motion (Gran/Green) to approve the property line split as drawn. MCU**

The council received a copy of the city’s final 2023 Audit Report. The audit went well again this year.

**Motion (Maheux/Green) to approve the city’s final 2023 audit report. MCU**

Norman Werk – Broken tree branches in the boulevard. Joe will look and see if there is something he can do, if not check with Becca.

The city has received a quit claim deed for the Finke house. It is currently being recorded. The city attorney is taking action to try to remove those judgements from the property. The city attorney is still working with Rose’s attorney to work out the details of some of the personal property to be removed from the home.

The city’s application for LRIP was not funded at this time. There were limited funds disbursed in this funding cycle to small cities. Bollig will try again the next funding cycle which should only be a few months away.

**Motion (Green/Gran) to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk