Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025

Members Present: Jim Schecker, Joe Miles, Tina Anderson, and Mike Hagen

Members Absent: Brock Green

Guests: Jared Johnson, Becca Eisel, Corey Knabe, and Linda Wetterling

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held January 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Jim Schecker was given his Oath of Office and was sworn in as Mayor. Tina Anderson and Mike Hagen were also given their Oath of Office and were sworn in as Council Members.**

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

**Motion (Miles/Anderson) to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2024, meeting. MCU**

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

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

Appointments for 2025 are made as follows:

**Motion (Hagen/Miles) to appoint Pryce Score as Treasurer for the City of Kensington. MCU**

**Motion (Hagen/Anderson) to appoint Joe Miles as Vice Mayor who shall preside and perform duties in the absence of the mayor. MCU**

**Motion (Miles/Anderson) to appoint the Law offices of Thornton, Dolan, Bowen, Klecker, and Burkhammer, P.A. as City Attorney for Criminal work and Swenson Lervik for municipal work. MCU**

**Motion (Hagen/Anderson) to appoint Kensington Bank as the primary depository of the City of Kensington. MCU**

**Motion (Anderson/Miles) to appoint the Grant County Herald, Herman Review & Hoffman Tribune as the official newspaper of the City of Kensington. MCU**

**Motion (Miles/Anderson) to authorize the City Clerk to make electronic funds and wire transfers to conduct business for the City of Kensington. MCU**

**Motion (Anderson/Miles) to appoint Joe Miles and Mike Hagen as city trustee board members to the Kensington Firemen’s Relief Association.**

Jared Johnson was present representing the Kensington Fire Department. Jared was re-elected as the Fire Chief for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2026.

**Motion (Hagen/Miles) to approve Jared Johnson as the Fire Chief for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2026. MCU**

The liquor license for the Kensington Bar & Café was issued for 2025. All the paperwork was returned on time and payment for the license fee renewal was made prior to the end of the year; however, the payment was not received prior to the deadline previously set by the city. The council members present felt, being all the paperwork was completed, and payment was received prior to the end of year the $200.00 late fee for the payment should be waived for this year only. Failure to comply with the deadlines set by the city council for future liquor license renewals will result in the charge of a fine with no exceptions. The fine must be paid prior to the issuance of the new liquor license.

**Motion (Miles/Hagen) to approve the forgiveness of $200.00 fine for not having the liquor license renewal payment in prior to the deadline set by the city council. Failure to comply with the deadlines set by the city council for future liquor license renewals will result in the charge of a fine with no exceptions. The fine must be paid prior to the issuance of the new liquor license. MCU**

A representative of Kensington Covenant Church called and spoke to Mayor Schecker to see if the City had any interest in purchasing the Covenant church. The council discussed it and felt that they would not be interested in purchasing.

Becca Eisel, Corey Knabe, and Linda Wetterling were present to present the City of Kensington with a donation check in the amount of $21,000.00 for the City’s truck fund account. They also presented the Relief Associations Financial statement for the council to review.

The Fire department will request a cost analysis from PERA but it won’t be available until April 2025. Once the cost analysis is complete, further discussion will be held on the potential of switching the firefighter retirements funds to PERA.

City Auditors will be here to conduct the city audit on Wednesday, January 15, 2024. Joe Miles will fill out the Council member fraud inquiry this time for the auditor.

The Fire Department has a Truck Fund CD maturing. They would like to combine the funds from this CD in the amount of $77,308.56 and take $106,236.09 out of the Truck Fund Money Market and add $21,000.00 in new money from the Truck Fund Money Market and purchase 1 Truck Fund CD totaling $204,544.65 for 7 months at 4.25%.

**Motion (Miles/Anderson) to approve the purchase of one Truck Fund CD totaling $204,544.65 for 7 months at 4.25%. MCU**

**Motion (Anderson/Hagen) to approve Resolution 1-2025 Supporting the request for state bonding for infrastructure improvements. MCU**

**Motion (Hagen/Anderson) to approve Resolution 1a-2025 accepting donations received in 2024. MCU**

**Motion (Hagen/Anderson) to approve Resolution 1b-2025 approving election judges for all primary, special, and general elections to be held in the year 2025. Motion Carried**

The annual clerks conference is being held in Brooklyn Center March 18-21, 2025. Jennifer would like approval to attend the conference.

**Motion (Hagen/Miles) to approve Jennifers’ attendance at the MCFOA Conference March 18-21. MCU**

The council members that have not had the Board of Appeals Training were encouraged to do so. Training information was given to the council and needs to be completed by February 1, 2025. We currently have 1 trained council member.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk