Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Mike Johnson

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held October 7, 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/Green) to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024, meeting. MCU**

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

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

The city received correspondence from our city attorney, Thornton Law Office, that as of January 1, 2025, their firm will no longer be representing cities in civil municipal matters. They will continue to do criminal prosecution matters for the city if we choose. Jennifer has reached out to several other local law firms to see if they handle civil municipal matters.

**Motion (Green/Maheux) to approve Swenson Lervick in Alexandria as the city’s backup attorney to represent the city in municipal matters. MCU**

The city has 2 CD’s that are up for renewal.

**Motion (Green/Miles) to close out CD 6799641 in the amount of $112,596.93 and CD 6942714 in the amount of $35,196.85 and purchase two new 7-month CDs at 4.80%. MCU**

Mission Mechanical does the heating/air preventive maintenance for the Kensington Community Center. Their annual contract is up for renewal at $586.00 per visit, which remained the same from last year.

**Motion (Miles/Gran) to approve the preventative maintenance agreement for the Community Center in the amount of $ 586.00 per visit. MCU**

Jennifer researched the use of funds for the Small Cities Assistance Funds. Funds are distributed for construction and maintenance of roads located within the city. There is no mention of fund use for sidewalks.

The City of Kensington would be interested in getting additional information and potentially participating with Douglas County on a county wide cannabis ordinance.

The council next council meeting will be on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm for its regular monthly council meeting and for the board of canvas-to-canvas election results.

The council discussed potential of the Kensington LCMC offering a kids bible study after school on Wednesdays. The council determined there would be no additional charge for the use of the dining room for this purpose.

The council was informed about a hole in the ground that keeps opening just off the school playground. After some investigation, it appears that there is a storm sewer pipe that runs in that back alley. Johnson Jet line was called to investigate, as this was not on our storm sewer map. They determined that there was a collapse in the pipe prior to the hole in the ground and were not able to go any further in determining where this storm sewer line goes. It was recommended that we dig until we find good pipe and then Johnson Jet Line could return with the camera and finish tracing the line. The council requested Jennifer contact Dave Reque and have him dig so we can get Johnson Jet Line back to determine what is going on.

The council has not thoroughly reviewed the draft copy of the revised nuisance ordinance yet and would like additional time to review it. Further discussion will be held at future meetings.

The closing on the 16 Tower Street lot was completed on September 25. The council was able to review the new house plans, and the contractor already has the footing/foundation poured and the walls should be going up this week.

**Motion (Gran/Maheux) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk