Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

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

Members Absent: Brock Green

Guests: Jared Johnson

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held February 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Motion (Hagen/Miles) to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting. MCU**

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

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

Now that the Covenant Church is closed, the study group that has been meeting there is looking for another space to have their monthly meetings. They are affiliated with the LCMC that currently meets here at the community center. Jennifer requested clarification from the council as to the charge structure for this. The council said we have other study groups that meet here, and we need to treat them the same. The charge for the space will be a donation-based charge, like we do for our service organizations.

League of MN Cities has grant funds of $5,000 - $ 10,000 that cities can apply for to hire grant writers when applying for grants. With the city’s intention to write a DEED Small Cities grant for Green Acres, Jennifer would like to submit an application to the Leage to apply for their Grant Navigator funds.

**Motion (Miles/Hagen) to approve Resolution 2-2025 authorizing application of Grant Navigator Support for the City. MCU**

As part of DEED’s Small Cities application process the city is required to hold a public hearing regarding the project and will also have to go through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to hire the engineer for the small cities portion of the project. The RFP will be advertised in the paper and proposals must be submitted to the Kensington City Clerk by noon on Friday, February 28, 2025, for approval at the March meeting.

**Motion (Hagen/Miles) to set public hearing date for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm to discuss the project for DEED’s Small Cities grant application. MCU**

**Motion (Miles/Anderson) to complete the necessary Request for Proposal (RFP) process for engineering services for DEED’s Small Cities portion of the grant. Completed Proposals must be submitted to the Kensington City Clerk by noon on Friday, February 28, 2025. MCU**

The council again discussed the speed of traffic coming through Kensington on Highway 55. The council requested further investigation into what our options are with MnDOT regarding speed limits, the locations of the speed limit signs and the possibility of pursuing a speed study.

**Motion (Miles/Anderson) to contact MnDOT to pursue further options to control traffic speed going through Kensington on Highway 55. MCU**

The League of MN Cities is offering training for newly elected officials in Alexandria at Arrowwood on February 28 - March 1, 2025. The cost of attending is $ 350.00, if any council members are interested in attending. Tina Anderson expressed interest in attending.

**Motion (Miles/Hagen) to approve Tina Andersons attendance for the Legue of MN Cities new elected officials training at Arrowwood in Alexandria, Feb 28-March 1, 2025, in the among of $350.00. MCU**

The council reviewed a memo from the city attorney, Tom Jacobson regarding cannabis. He offered suggestions to the council on how to proceed with city regulations that need to be developed to regulate these types of businesses. Douglas County is still working on finalizing their cannabis regulations, but it sounds like they are still planning to proceed with accepting designations from cities that don’t want to do their own cannabis licensing and compliance. The council was given a sample Cannabis Model Ordinance to review. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

**Motion (Hagen/Anderson) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, beginning with the public hearing at 6:30 pm and the council meeting to follow at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk