Kensington City Council Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Jared Johnson and Mike Johnson

The monthly meeting for the Kensington City Council was held September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024, meeting. MCU**

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

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

**Motion (Miles/Gran) to donate $150.00 to West Central Initiative Fund. MCU**

The City of Kensington will receive Small Cities Transportation assistance funds in 2025 totaling $14,134.00. For the use of road maintenance, the council asked if funds could be used to also replace sidewalks. Jennifer will check on this.

Discussion was held regarding the November Council meeting, due to the shortened time frame for the city to canvass election results from the general election, the city must either meet on November 7 or 8th. Friday nights usually don’t work well for meetings, so the council decided to meet on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm for its regular monthly council meeting and for the board of canvas-to-canvas election results. Jennifer will talk to the Sanitary District board to see if they are able to move their meeting from November 7th to a different date.

The Fire Department is asking for a 5% increase to their 2025 Fire Contracts with cities and townships. With the increased cost in everything including the insurance for the fire department went up by 55% ($2,200.00) alone. By increasing contracts, it will bring additional revenue to the department of $1,730.38, which doesn’t even fully cover the increased costs in the insurance.

**Motion (Miles/Maheux) to approve a 5% increase for 2025 fire contracts. MCU**

The council reviewed the 2025 preliminary budgets for both the City of Kensington and Kensington Fire and Rescue.

**Motion (Maheux/Gran) to approve the 2025 preliminary budget for the City of Kensington and Kensington Fire and Rescue.**

**Motion (Green/Miles) to approve the preliminary tax levy for 7% increase in the total tax levy for 2025 in the amount of $58,071.54 plus $6,239.46 for the cities fire contract for a total of $64,311.00. MCU**

A draft copy of the revised nuisance ordinance was handed out for council to review on their own time. Further discussion will be held at future meetings.

The house has been demolished at 16 Tower Street, Kensington. The city attorney has drafted a purchase agreement, that needs some revisions. The city will issue a quit claim deed instead of a warranty deed and the council requested the added provision to the purchase agreement that the new house being built would be completed by December 31, 2025.

**Motion (Miles/Green) to approve the purchase agreement for the sale of land located at 16 Tower Street with the revisions listed above to Cody Krienke. MCU**

**Motion (Green/Gran) to approve the mayor to sign the purchase agreement once the attorney makes the final changes. MCU**

**Motion (Gran/Green) to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. MCU**

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

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk