

CITY OF KINGSLEY
May 6, 2021 Special Zoom Meeting due to COVID 19

Present:

Becky Beld
Stephanie Rosenik
Finn Cato

Lesia Ferguson
Alik Royalty
Chief Mike Lamey

George Burns
Tom Schlindwein
Marilyn Whisler

Mayor Beld called to order at 7:02 PM a special commissioners monthly meeting via a Zoom online meeting due to the COVID 19 Social Distancing Requirements enacted by Governor Beshear.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

George made a motion to accept the April Commissioners' meeting minutes as amended. Stephanie seconded and the motion was passed.

TREE BOARD:

No tree removal permits were received in April.

It was noticed the landscaper drove his vehicle up under trees when applying mulch, but this is not recommended as it compacts the tree roots and endangers the health of the tree.

A Fringe Tree has been purchased, planted and covered with cheesecloth at 2346 Tyler Lane as part of the Tree Canopy project. An invoice for approximately \$450 has been sent to Tom.

It has been communicated to residents with small trees to protect the trees from Brood X cicadas emerging this year via personal contact or flyers left in the door. Marilyn used the information from the flyers for the spring newsletter and website update.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Lamey reported his team issued two parking violations and conducted one traffic stop in the last month. He was off work five days in April due to an infected elbow injury that required hospitalization, but is back on the patrol now. His officers conducted all patrols during his time off.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tom submitted the Treasurer's report as follows:

CNA Surety	City Clerk's Bond	\$356.30
CNA Surety	Treasurer's Bond	\$2,010.55
Marilyn Whisler	Zoom Payment	\$14.99
Susan Melcher	Cheese Cloth for Park Trees	\$11.98
Marilyn Whisler	Postage for Newsletter	\$99.00
Marilyn Whisler	Printing of Newsletter	\$151.49
Plant Kingdom	Purchase Tree Canopy Program	\$449.99
Kelly Brothers	Refund Tree Permit	\$300.00

Account Balances:

Bank	Account	Account #	Balance
First Financial Bank	General Checking (.03%)		\$23,836.57
First Financial Bank	Money Market Savings (.10%)		\$68,874.46
First Financial Bank	MRA Checking		\$15,961.52
First Financial Bank	Bond Escrow Checking (0.0%)		\$100.00
First Financial Bank	ARRA Checking		\$100.00
First Financial Bank	CD-18 mo FFB (.25%)	(Mat 07/29/2021) (2)	\$52,692.34
First Financial Bank	CD-18 mo FFB (.25%)	(Mat 08/12/2021) (3)	\$12,749.01
First Financial Bank	CD-18 mo FFB (.35%)	(Mat 05/15/2022) (1)	\$53,357.96

George made a motion to pay the regular bills and these others. Aliki seconded and the motion was passed.

Tom split the money in the CD that came due 4/10/2021 between the Money Market Savings and General Checking accounts for the time being.

Tom also reported he opened a new checking account with First Financial Bank under the Federal American Rescue and Recovery Act. To open the new account the bank requires a \$100 deposit. He will deposit any government issued check Kingsley receives as part of the ARRA directly into that account. To date we do not have any specific guidelines regarding the use of this money. Unless the city has an expense which qualifies for the proper use of these funds, they will be returned to the Federal government.

EASEMENT DEBRIS:

A resident that has habitually left furniture and household items in the city easement during the week in violation of City Ordinance #1, Series 2013 was issued a ticket by Chief Lamey for \$100 due April 30th. The resident appealed the ticket, and Becky agreed to waive it provided the resident sign an agreement with the City of Kingsley stating he will not further violate the ordinance. The agreement also instructs him of proper disposal methods and resources. If the resident does violate the ordinance, the agreement states the \$100 fine will be re-levied, in addition to a fine for the subsequent violation. Becky will sign the agreement this week, and Chief Lamey will deliver it to the resident for his signature. All signing parties will be given a copy of the agreement and it will be kept on file.

TAX RATE DISCUSSION:

Becky presented the options for the tax rate for 2021 based on input from Joseph Coleman from KLC. To keep 2021 revenue equal to Kingsley 2020 revenue, Joseph calculated the tax rate would drop from the current \$.33/\$1000 to \$.278/\$1000. This rate is referred to as the compensating rate. This computation is based upon a preliminary calculation using projected property assessments rather than adjusted assessments after successful appeals.

Under Kentucky law (KRS), we are allowed to enact a tax rate higher than the compensating rate that would result in up to 4% more Revenue but would have to schedule and announce a public hearing. This 4% rate is \$.289 per KLC's computations. If a rate higher than the 4% rate were to be approved we would still schedule and announce a public hearing, and a petition to recall it via vote would exist.

Lesia pointed out if enough Kingsley residents appeal their new property evaluation to PVA and receive a reduction, the preliminary compensating rate may increase from \$.278. Appeals to PVA end on 5/17/21 at noon. The PVA then has ten days to finalize assessments, but when and whether we will have the downward adjusted assessment figures are uncertain.

George made a motion to implement the compensating rate for 2021 with a 9.5% discount. Stephanie seconded and the motion was passed. Becky will draft the Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance using the \$.278 compensating rate with a 9.5% discount and hold a special meeting May 24th at 7PM for the first reading. Marilyn will post the meeting information on the website and Becky will put a notice on the bank door alerting people of the special meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS:

Stephanie – She received an email from a resident saying the liriopie at the city entrance and an island were not trimmed well at the start of the season. She will contact the lawn care company and ask them if there is any additional trimming they can do without damaging new growth.

George – A resident has asked about the pavement at the corner of Gladstone and Kings Hwy crumbling at the edges, but there is not an easy fix as installing a curb would limit drainage into the catch basin at that corner which has been a major flooding area. George will check with a pavement company and Abbico to consider whether installing a concrete liner around the catch basin to reduce stress on the pavement is feasible. This curve was not one that was altered during construction. The pavement around the traffic island was simply ground down and then a new layer was installed over the old pavement. Becky will give George the Abbico contact info.

He tried to remove the graffiti from the STOP sign at Kings Hwy and Gladstone, but was unable to completely remove it, and the sign has been damaged, but not severely. He does not recommend getting a new sign now.

Aliki – She has been contacted by John Barrow from Strathmoor Village asking if we would reconsider having the annual picnic, but told him all the vendors have been cancelled for this year. She will work with him on enlarging a food truck presence this fall.

Lesia – She has sent out a summary of drains in Kingsley and found several have no or damaged covers. She will send Becky the exact location of the drains that need attention.

CLOSING:

Aliki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Whisler
City Clerk
City of Kingsley

Becky Beld
Mayor
City of Kingsley