

CITY OF KINGSLEY  
January 5, 2023

Present:

Tom Schlindwein  
George Burns  
Finn Cato  
Susan Melcher

Lesa Ferguson  
Ron Peron  
Chief Lamey

Andy Looney  
Alik Royalty  
Marilyn Whisler

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Mayor Schlindwein

MUNICIPAL ORDER #1, SERIES 2023:

Ron made a motion to appoint Andy Looney to the position of commissioner. George seconded and the motion was passed. Finn conducted the swearing in ceremony for Andy as commissioner for the term beginning January 1, 2023.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

George made a motion to accept the December Commissioners' meeting minutes with modifications. Alik seconded and the motion was passed.

TREE BOARD ORDINANCES:

There are five positions open on the Tree Board since the current members resigned. In order to be a Tree City USA within the guidelines of the Arbor Day Society, we have to have a Board, not a Committee. Being recognized as a Tree City USA is desirable because it makes Kingsley eligible for grants from the Arbor Day Society.

There are three members of the current Board that would like to stay on if the Board is not disbanded. The Commissioners will check the current ordinances and discuss the ideas for the future of the Tree Board.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Lamey submitted his report for December as follows:

7 traffic stops resulting in 5 state citations

4 welfare checks during the cold snap ensuring the residents were OK

4 house watches

1 recovered property (a duffel bag full of spent shotgun shells that was thrown out the window of a passing car)

1 homeowner assist with her locks

1 drug overdose who was taken to a hospital

2 homeless people in Kingsley Green Park setting up a tent. Neither had any warrants against them so Chief Lamey escorted them to a shelter.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lesia submitted the Treasurer's report as follows:

Account Balances:

Bank	Account	Account #	Balance
First Financial Bank	General Checking		\$37,441.13
First Financial Bank	Money Market Savings		\$58,434.99
First Financial Bank	MRA Checking		\$12,739.85
First Financial Bank	Bond Escrow Checking		\$100.00
First Financial Bank	ARRA Checking		\$100.00
River City Bank	CD-12mo 4.25%	(Mat 12/13/2023)	\$100,000.00
KLCIP	Money Market Fund		\$100,000.00

Payments:

Mary Huth	Homestead Exemption	\$101.89
Tom Schlindwein	KLC City Officials Academy	\$249.00
Wayne's Lawn Service	Snow Removal Service	\$2,955.25
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George made a motion to pay the regular bills and these others. Ron seconded and the motion was passed.

Lesia reported the resident who has not paid 2022 Kingsley taxes yet has not responded to emails, voice messages and the monthly letter she sends.

There is a home on Gladstone that was previously being used as a multi-family home in violation of our ordinance. The owner moved from the home last fall and the home appears to be vacant. It is unknown if the house was sold or what actions Metro is taking concerning the rental property ordinances.

2639 Kings Hwy is a rental, but was vacant at the time the owner filled out the form and paid the registration fee. Tom will recontact the owner to get the residents' names, and confirm there are new renters.

RESIDENT RECOGNITION/NEWSLETTER:

Discussion was held concerning ideas for newsletters. Tom suggested a section recognizing a resident on Sydney who has taken on the responsibility of raising and lowering our flag in the traffic island. Commissioners will give this some thought during the month and come back with recognition ideas in February.

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Tom has a meeting January 31st with other mayors concerning waste pick up after June to see how the cities can work together. Alikei will invite Andy from Waste Management to our meeting next month to discuss the issues we've been experiencing in 2022.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS:

George – No issues.

Andy – No issues.

Aliki – The Santa mailbox has been put away for this year. There were several letters written with no address, so Marilyn will send out an email around Thanksgiving 2023 telling residents to remember to put the address on the letter.

She will begin shopping for a new bunny suit for this year's Easter Egg Hunt as the current suit is very worn. Nan Schlindwein has volunteered to be the bunny this year.

Ron – No issues.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Tom passed out to the commissioners a packet of information he has been referencing to familiarize himself with the mayor role and responsibilities. He found several KLC sponsored training sessions he will review and offer to commissioners as needed. The packet also includes current commissioner responsibilities which can be changed if desired.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Andy made a motion to approve George as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the upcoming two years. Aliki seconded and the motion was passed. Finn read Municipal Order #2, Series 2023, appointing George as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Tom asked George to confirm if Strathmoor Village is planning to join us in the annual September picnic.

George has been attending the monthly District 8 meetings Cassie Armstrong holds in the library in Mid-City Mall. He will continue to attend these and will forward the invitation to Tom for the next meeting.

Tom asked Ron to get quotes for painting the lines on the roads next July.

Ron will also investigate the light in Kingsley Green that used to light the flag pole to see if LED bulbs can be used.

Tom also asked Ron to contact MSD concerning enlarging the drainage lines at Tyler Lane and Montrose Ave. It was Tom's understanding this was MSD's plan, but it does not appear to have happened. He would like to know if the work order is still open at MSD, and what their plans are.

Lesa will have the quarterly budget comparison for the next meeting, and will contact the last two auditors who have conducted the odd year audits in preparation for the 2023 audit.

Marilyn will update our City information with the DLG.

Marilyn will update our website with the new commissioner's names and numbers. Andy will take over Tom's responsibilities, Ron will take over Jeff's.

Tom asked Andy to look at the signs in Kingsley and determine if putting them in concrete would be a good idea.

Finn asked commissioners to identify three Kingsley residents who would be good candidates for the Ethics Board.

CLOSING:

Aliki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Whisler  
Clerk  
City of Kingsley

Tom Schlindwein  
Mayor  
City of Kingsley