

CITY OF KINGSLEY
September 7, 2023

Present:

Mayor: Tom Schlindwein

Commissioners: Alik Royalty, Andy Looney, Ron Peron, George Burns
Treasurer and Official Custodian of the City of Kingsley: Lesa Ferguson

City Attorney: Finn Cato

City Police: Chief Lamey

Tree Board: Susan Melcher

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by Mayor Schlindwein.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

George made a motion to accept the August Commissioners' meeting minutes with no changes. Ron seconded and the motion was passed. Commissioners & Mayor signed the August minutes which are needed to open a new certificate of deposit at River City Bank.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Lamey submitted his report for August as follows:

16 Traffic stops—Kings Hwy at the 5-way, Montrose at Tyler and speeding on Taylorsville Rd

6 House watches

4 Ordinance violations on Tyler Lane, Kings Hwy and Gladstone, vehicles parked on grass. All were moved peacefully.

3 10-54 investigations, Tyler Lane vehicle was rummaged through, kids on skateboards jumping on sidewalk edging, homeless person in the park. The homeless person was a white male with a backpack. He had an open bottle of rum, a homemade shank and a hacksaw. The tools/weapons were taken from him and the rum was poured out. The man then left Kingsley.

Chief Lamey asked that we remind residents to keep their cars locked, turn on porch lights at night and always call if they see anything or anyone who looks suspicious. He also confirmed the date of Kingsley's Halloween event so he can be present. The event is a Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 28th at 2:00 in Kingsley Green Park.

TREE BOARD:

Susan Melcher presented the tree board report. She noted that the Mayor had asked for a report of storm damage and that has been completed and a written report submitted to Tom and George. Tom then let everyone know that there is a Metro Arborist available by calling 311 and their services are free to Kingsley (for the City's public/easement areas not individual residents). Susan also noted that Limbwalker's evaluations are free too.

Susan reminded George that the tree board will need a table setup at the picnic.

Susan also said that the zoo is giving away 550 trees on October 7th from 9-noon. This is first come, first serve and she asked that Marilyn promote this in a city email. Aliki will post it on Nextdoor also.

Lastly, Susan responded to the idea that Kingsley hold some type of “best front yard” contest but they don’t feel that there is any good/fair way to do something like that. Instead, she encouraged continuing to change up the photos of homes that Marilyn uses when she sends out City newsletters and notices.

CITY TREASURER’S REPORT:

Lesa submitted the Treasurer’s report as follows:

Account Balances:

Bank	Account	Account #	Balance
First Financial Bank	General Checking		\$125,081.72
First Financial Bank	Money Market Savings		\$58,487.60
First Financial Bank	MRA Checking		\$18,101.61
First Financial Bank	Bond Escrow Checking		\$100.00
First Financial Bank	ARRA Checking		\$100.00
River City Bank	CD-12mo RCB 4.25%	(Mat 12/13/2023)	\$102,130.40
KLCIP/PNC	Money Market Fund		\$102,947.10

Payments:

Equestrian Enterprises	Additional Picnic Insurance	\$100.00
Tom Schlindwein	Postage	\$9.65
Foree Tree Service	Clear Tree From Street	\$6,000.00
USPS	PO Box Rental	\$248.00
Best Sign Co	Repair STOP Sign at Speedway	\$75.00
Flynn Brothers Contracting	Speed Hump Restriping	\$4,333.00

The \$6,000 charge for removing the tree which fell during the 8/25/23 storm was discussed. Because it fell into the street it was the City’s responsibility to remove, not the homeowners. Because it totally blocked the street, and was a safety issue, Kingsley immediately called Foree Tree Service. They cleared the street asap and then came back later to remove the debris. Tom has learned that Louisville Metro will remove trees that fall on public property due to a storm. They may not respond as quickly as Foree did but based on the situation Kingsley could contact them at 311. If Kingsley pays a service such as Foree then Louisville Metro will not reimburse us. Also discussed use of certified arborists to identify trees likely to fall and how that can be used to either get a particular tree removed before it falls or clarify who is responsible for any damage if/when a particular tree falls.

Ron confirmed that the last speed hump that needed to be painted was completed on Sept 6th so it is okay to pay Flynn Brothers now.

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

Lesa reported that she has not received the rental registration fee for one property at 2432 Tyler Lane. Tom had sent all rental property owners a letter in June reminding them of the \$500 fee due by August 1st. Tom mailed a follow-up letter to the owners of 2432 Tyler Lane on August 28th. He and Finn continue to work on addressing this situation.

ODD YEAR AUDIT:

Lesa discussed the process for the audit and types of information that will be requested from either the City's external bookkeeper, the City's Treasurer, Clerk or Mayor, or directly from the banks Kingsley uses. Nothing is directly needed from the Commissioners but this was discussed to help them understand the process. An initial request list has been received from Brian Cobb and a meeting with him, Tom and Lesa will be scheduled later in September.

Lesa also mentioned the "opt-out form" that Tom will submit to the DLG that notifies them that Kingsley will not submit financial statements for 2022-23 but will instead submit an audit for 2022-23.

RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE:

Further discussion was held on this ordinance. Tom presented a draft of a modified version of the ordinance with changes marked and Finn offered other possible changes and ideas to consider. Commissioners asked questions to clarify some points knowing there will be further discussion next month. Andy volunteered to research if there are outside firms – such as those that do code compliance – that do the type of work needed to follow-up on rental registrations.

OLD BUSINESS:

George – He made reminder calls to the picnic vendors earlier in the day. Things are set for the picnic which is scheduled to start at 2:00 on Sept. 17th. Food will be served at 3:00.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Aliki – Got a call about EcoTech not picking up yard waste but was told they were using a Waste Management container. Aliki explained that they can't do that, it needs to be emptied into something else and she will call Waste Management to pick up their tote. This resident said that others are using WM totes and that he has seen some Rumpke containers also. Aliki is going to drive around next week on garbage day and find out if this is the case and work with residents to correct.

Ron— Made Aliki aware that they are still getting smelly liquid from the garbage trucks on the street in front of his house. She will call EcoTech.

George – Suggested that we do something to recognize Leon Foree for the great service he has provided for storm cleanup this year. Aliki suggested giving positive online recognition through positive reviews.

Andy – No issues

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Tom has talked to Wayne's Lawn Service who provides snow & ice removal service for Kingsley. He learned that there will not be a price increase for the upcoming snow season. Has asked them to send a "clean" copy of the agreement so it can be approved and signed in the next meeting.

Discussed the four street lights that are damaged in some way from storms and the status of getting them repaired. Chief Lamey has a phone number for LG&E that can get more immediate response than the normal process so Tom made everyone aware of that for cases where there are exposed wires that need immediate attention. Tom also made Andy aware that

a speed limit sign was damaged on Kings Hwy when the tree fell on 8/25. Andy will get a price on that prior to the next meeting.

Tom asked if the budget for welcome baskets can be increased from \$7.50 to \$10 each. Commissioners felt like that was still too low and that the amount should at least double. Aliko made a motion to change the amount per basket to "up to \$20", George seconded and the motion passed. Tom did not vote.

CLOSING:

Andy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesa Ferguson
Treasurer
City of Kingsley

Tom Schlindwein
Mayor
City of Kingsley