# CITY OF KINGSLEY December 7, 2023

Present:

Mayor: Tom Schlindwein Commissioners: George Burns, Andy Looney, Jamie Klein

Treasurer: Lesa Ferguson Ethics Board Member: Rita Eichert

City Attorney: Finn Cato City Police: Chief Lamey

Tree Board: Susan Melcher Absent: Ron Peron, Marilyn Whisler Auditor: Brian Cobb (arrived at 7:30, stayed only for his presentation)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Schlindwein.

# **SWEARING IN:**

Finn conducted the swearing in of commissioners Jamie Klein and Andy Looney.

Tom then read Municipal Order #4, Series 2023 to reappoint Rita Eichert to a three-year term on the Ethics Board. George made a motion to accept, Andy seconded and the motion passed with a roll call vote. Finn then conducted the swearing in of Rita Eichert.

# TREE BOARD:

Susan noted that the normal cleanup expected in the park and other landscaped areas of the city has not been done. She is aware that George is attempting to contact Randell Evans from Fresh Look Services. Susan is working on the Tree City USA application and will file it next week. She is also waiting for information regarding a grant that City of Kingsley may qualify for. The grant is from the KY Dept of Forestry and details will be available in January. She will check in January to see if Kingsley could apply.

# PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

George made a motion to accept the November Commissioners' meeting minutes with changes discussed. Andy seconded and the motion was passed.

# **FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS:**

Tom reminded all to complete annual financial disclosure form and return them to him by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### POLICE REPORT:

Chief Lamey presented his report for November as follows:

- 14 Traffic stops at the five way intersection, Montrose Lane at Tyler Lane, Winston at Kings Hwy and Gladstone at Taylorsville
- 4 House watches
- 3 Ordinance violations on Kings Hwy, Gladstone and Montrose for vehicles parked the wrong way and on grass. All were moved.
- 1 10-54, Sighting of an 8 point buck around Kingsley Green Park
- 6 Traffic stops for speeding on Taylorsville Rd

# **CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Lesa submitted the Treasurer's report as follows:

#### **Account Balances:**

Bank	Account	Account #	Balance
First Financial Bank	General Checking		\$20,040.51
First Financial Bank	Money Market Savings		\$12,327.54
First Financial Bank	MRA Checking		\$15,191.28
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)	\$103,224.46
River City Bank	CD-12mo RCB 4.75%	(Mat 9/18/2024)	\$100,000.00
KLCIP/PNC	Money Market Fund		\$104,251.93

#### Payments:

Best Sign Co	Speed Limit Sign-Kings Hwy Tree Damaged	\$175.00
Tom Schlindwein	Printer Ink	\$40.99
City of Strathmoor Village	Balance due 40% of 2023 Picnic Cost	\$1.40

Andy made a motion to pay the regular bills and these others. Jamie seconded and the motion was passed.

There are still outstanding tax bills from two residences. Lesa is continuing to calculate their penalties by the month paid, both the current month and the next, and send out courtesy letters to both residences.

Lesa reminded everyone that as was discussed and approved in the November meeting she will cash out the River City Bank CD that matures on 12/13/23 and transfer the funds to KLCIP Money Market fund for the short term with the intention of purchasing another 12-month CD around March which will better spread maturity dates through the year (our other 12-month CD matures in September 2024). The KLCIP Money Market account current returns are comparable to current CD rates.

# ODD YEAR AUDIT:

Brian Cobb presented the results of the odd-year audit in draft format. He stated that it was a "clean" audit with no significant deficiencies found. He discussed several of the financial statements in the audit report and offered to answer any questions. He presented two bound copies of the "final" audit and his invoice for \$5,950. He will send an electronic file of the audit report to Lesa which will be filed with the State of Kentucky. After Brian left George made a motion to pay the \$5,950, Andy seconded and the motion was passed.

#### RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE:

Tom did first reading of Ordinance #3 Series 2023, which is to amend Ordinance #2 Series 2022.

# **INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX ORDINANCE:**

Tom did first reading of Ordinance #4 Series 2023, which is to amend Ordinance #1, Series 2019.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

Andy – He hasn't met with Marilyn yet to discuss creating city email addresses for all city officials but has looked at the Kingsley website and says it will not be a problem. He also offered to run Kingsley's website with no compensation to himself so we would not have to pay the annual fee to an external provider. Finn said that would not create a conflict.

Ron – Was not at the meeting but had sent an email saying he is working on the annual sidewalk inspection. He also stated that he contacted Dauenhauer Plumbing and they will inspect the water connection in the park in reference to the notice that was received from Louisville Water Company regarding the need for a backflow prevention device. Ron stated that Dauenhauer's initial inspection will cost \$10.

George – George discussed the 2023 picnic and changes for 2024 - primarily getting a firm commitment early in the year from Strathmoor Village if they want to have a joint picnic with Kingsley (later discussed that a commitment is needed for all the 2024 events if they will be held jointly). Also need to coordinate the picnic budgets for both cities. Tom stated that he plans to address this with Tim Schroering, the Mayor of Strathmoor Village.

George also stated that he has tried to contact Randell Evans of Fresh Look Services multiple times and is not getting any reply. He plans on contacting other landscape companies for quotes for the work included in the current contract with Fresh Look. Discussed that although we have a contract with Fresh Look, considering services have not been performed we may be able to exit that contract early.

George mentioned the arborvitae at the City entrance near Speedway, it and boxwoods in the park were damaged in last winter's storms and he will contact Wallitsch about removing/replacing them. He will get costs to discuss at future meeting.

# **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:**

George – Concerned about rats in Kingsley, specifically houses near Speedway.

Andy – Is also concerned about rats as he has seen signs of them in multiple yards and questions if there needs to be a neighborhood wide initiative to get rid of them. He also mentioned exploring an option for citywide leaf removal. Will discuss in future meeting.

Jamie – No issues.

Ron— Absent

# MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Discussed the Santa mailbox in the park and said if it was agreeable to commissioners that Nan would respond to the letters – assuming a return address was provided. Everyone agreed for Nan to respond. He also distributed a list of duties for each of the commissioners. The mayor also commented about the poor service we have received from our landscaping company. He said he has already contacted Wayne's Landscaping Service for a quote covering all of

landscaping needs. He asked George to get a couple more quotes to discuss at the January meeting.

# **CLOSING:**

Andy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesa Ferguson Treasurer City of Kingsley Tom Schlindwein Mayor City of Kingsley