

CITY OF KINGSLEY
January 4, 2024

Present:

Mayor: Tom Schlindwein

Commissioners: George Burns, Andy Looney, Jamie Klein, Ron Peron

Treasurer: Lesa Ferguson

City Attorney: Finn Cato

City Police: Chief Lamey

Tree Board: Susan Melcher (left after the Tree Board report)

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

TREE BOARD:

Susan reported Jack Badgett from the KY Dept of Forestry visited the Tree Board to introduce himself and let them know Kingsley does not meet the requirements for any grants through the state at this time. He will be a resource they can contact for future questions on plantings or grant applications.

The Tree Board is continuing to consider new plantings in Kingsley Green Park.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

Tom reminded us when the draft minutes are emailed to the commission members, in order to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, our options are to reply only to the clerk for a correction, or to wait until the next meeting to discuss any changes. Finn said it is acceptable to send out informational emails to the commission members, such as quotes for city work, but not to further discuss the information or recommend any decisions until the next meeting.

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

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Lamey presented his report for November as follows:

8 Traffic stops at the five way intersection

5 House watches

2 Ordinance violations for vehicles parked on the grass or in the fire lane. Both vehicle owners were from out of town and moved their vehicles when warnings were issued.

1 10-54, A resident on the 2300 block of Gladstone called the chief to report an open back door at a vacant property on Gladstone. The chief and his team did find what looked like someone living/squatting in an upstairs bedroom of the vacant property so they secured the door and left a message for the property owner alerting them of what they found. He has put the residence on a permanent house watch while it is vacant.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lesia submitted the Treasurer's report as follows:

Account Balances:

Bank	Account	Account #	Balance
First Financial Bank	General Checking		\$24,349.99
First Financial Bank	Money Market Savings		\$327.78
First Financial Bank	MRA Checking		\$15,791.99
First Financial Bank	Bond Escrow Checking		\$100.00
First Financial Bank	ARRA Checking		\$100.00
River City Bank	CD-12mo RCB 4.75%	(Mat 9/18/2024)	\$101,184.25
KLCIP/PNC	Money Market Fund		\$204,682.60

Payments:

Cobb & Associates LLC	Odd Year Audit	\$5,950.00
First Financial Bank	Wire Charge	\$30.00
Lesia Ferguson	Postage	\$13.20

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

There are still outstanding tax bills from two residences. Lesia is continuing to calculate their penalties by the month paid, both the current month and the next, and sending out courtesy letters to both residences. She has included self addressed stamped envelopes in her mailings, and copies of the ordinance highlighting the areas concerning penalties. Tom suggested the January courtesy letter be sent certified with return receipt.

RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE:

Tom did a second reading of Ordinance #3 Series 2023, which is to amend Ordinance #2 Series 2022. George made a motion to approve the ordinance. Jamie seconded and discussion ensued. All voted yay after the discussion and the motion was passed.

INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX ORDINANCE:

Tom did a second reading of Ordinance #4 Series 2023, which is to amend Ordinance #1, Series 2019. George made a motion to approve the ordinance. Ron seconded and discussion ensued. All voted yay after the discussion and the motion was passed.

Finn recommended if we send the ordinance to residents via first class mail that Marilyn should then send via certified mail a copy of the ordinance and a signed affidavit stating she mailed the ordinance to all Kingsley residences to the Insurance Commissioner's office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andy – He offered several ideas for the website and domain name and proposed if we want to create new non-personal emails, we should do it after we make any website updates. As an example, there are advantages to making the domain name of our website “.gov” vs “.org”, but that will affect the email addresses.

Tom would need to send a formal letter to Get.gov telling them we would like a .gov extension. (That is the technology dept of the federal government that administers .gov assignments.) Andy will offer three drafts of a new website for us to consider at the February meeting.

Ron – He is still doing the sidewalk inspection.

For the Kingsley Green Park backflow preventer that Louisville Water Co is requiring us to install, he has received a quote from Dauenhauer for \$2609.00. Andy made a motion to allow Ron to contract with Dauenhauer to install the backflow preventor up to a cost of \$2609.00. Jamie seconded and the motion was passed.

Lesa – She was contacted by Becky Beld asking if we ever paid the two young residents who submitted designs for the Kingsley flag in 2020. We approved getting a flag in July 2021, but could find no evidence any compensation was made to the submitters. Ron made a motion to approve Tom writing a letter to the submitters correcting our omission and send them a check for \$25 each. Andy seconded and the motion was passed. George voted Nay, but all others voted Yay.

George – Fresh Look Landscaping Services has stopped providing any landscaping for the City and has not returned our messages. George said he hasn't asked for any quotes from other landscapers yet. In conversations commissioners have had in person with Randall Evans, the owner of Fresh Look, Mr Evans has stated he can't hire enough help and will no longer service Kingsley, but there has been no formal communication from Fresh Look. George made a motion to cancel the contract with Fresh Look effective immediately. Ron seconded and the motion was passed. Tom will send a confirmation letter to Randall Evans of Fresh Look canceling the contract.

He has been assigned to be our contact for District 8 and suggested when Andy updates the website that he include a link to the District 8 website.

Jamie – He will contact Aliko to learn more about facilitating the Easter Egg Hunt. It was suggested we schedule it the week before Easter this year with a rain date of the Saturday before Easter vs having only one date. Jamie also suggested combining a charity food collection with the event that will possibly bring in residents with no children while teaching children about charity. Tom asked Jamie to touch base with Brandon Moore, commissioner from Strathmoor Village, to confirm their participation this year.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

George – No issues

Andy – He has been talking to his neighbors about becoming commissioners and gave Tom the name of one resident who has lived in Kingsley for over a year. The other residents have not lived in Kingsley a year until next summer, but Tom will keep them in mind for future openings.

Jamie – No issues.

Ron— Suggested we consider merging with neighboring cities because we often contract with the same suppliers and a merger would reduce duplication of effort. Finn will look into the requirements to merge with a neighboring city.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The statements of financial interests were turned in to the Ethics Board in December.

He will meet with a representative of District 8 on Saturday at a meeting sponsored by the Jefferson County League of Cities.

For everyone running for re-election in 2025, election paperwork must be filed with the government by June 4th.

Tom asked Ron to look at running a water line to the green space at the Bon Air entrance to the City to eliminate the need to hand carry water to the plantings during low rain periods or for new plantings.

He gave out proposed stipend changes to be effective January 1, 2025 for commissioners, effective immediately for appointed officials. He suggested the stipend changes based on a comparison of Kingsley stipends vs neighboring cities. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Tom received two landscaping quotes in December and passed them out to the commissioners to review for discussion at the February commission meeting.

Tom will have a discussion in January with the Mayor of Strathmoor Village about their participation for the fall city wide picnic.

CLOSING:

Jamie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Whisler
Clerk
City of Kingsley

Tom Schlindwein
Mayor
City of Kingsley