

CITY OF KINGSLEY
Commissioners' Meeting
March 7, 2024

Present:

Mayor: Tom Schlindwein
Commissioners: Andy Looney, Jamie Klein, Ron Peron, Les Goldring
City Treasurer: Lesa Ferguson
City Clerk: Marilyn Whisler
City Attorney: Finn Cato
City Police: Chief Lamey
Guest: Alex Moran Owner--Alex Moran LLC

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

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

Ron made a motion to accept the February Commissioners' meeting minutes as presented. Jamie seconded and the motion was passed.

TREE BOARD:

Susan met Alex Moran and agreed to give him a sketch of all the trees in Kingsley Green Park with the trees that need to be removed. She will also let him know what bushes at the city entrance need to be replaced.

Susan announced she and her husband will be moving from Kingsley in April. Tom will give her some suggestions of residents that may be willing to take her place on the Tree Board.

Tom introduced Alex to the commissioners. Jamie will be putting together a list of plants or areas that have not been maintained since we lost the previous landscaper last fall. Alex will submit a quote and the commission can decide priorities.

LANDSCAPING CONTRACT:

Tom read Municipal Order #3 Series 2024 to approve acceptance of the contract between Alex Moran LLC and the City of Kingsley. Tom made a motion to approve the contract with Alex Moran LLC for landscaping services effective immediately. Andy seconded and the motion was passed. Tom will give Marilyn a copy of the contract.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Lamey presented his report for February as follows:

9 Traffic stops at the five way and Tyler at Montrose intersections

4 House watches

4 Ordinance violations for vehicles parked in the fire lane or on the grass on Tyler Lane and Gladstone Ave

3 calls for a 10-54, A suspicious black male walking around Kingsley Green Park. Chief Lamey met the man and took him to Wayside Christian Mission.

2 calls for Criminal Mischief—2 teenage girls driving through Kingsley and nearby neighborhoods stopping and smashing car windows. He is searching for the girls' identities.

Chief Lamey also mentioned there have been some complaints between residents about security cameras. While most people use security cameras to patrol their own property, if the camera is on their property, they can direct the field of recording anywhere they want, even into their neighbors' yards.

He also asked for clarification on our solicitation policy. He reported Strathmoor Village requires a solicitation permit and is expected to increase the cost of the permit this spring. Kingsley does not have an active ordinance regarding solicitation although residents are encouraged to tell solicitors they need a permit from Chief Lamey's office. Finn will draft an ordinance for our review next month.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lesia submitted the Treasurer's report as follows:

Account Balances:

Bank	Account	Account #	Balance
First Financial Bank	General Checking		\$36,264.03
First Financial Bank	Money Market Savings		\$327.81
First Financial Bank	MRA Checking		\$17,344.45
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		\$181,230.15

Payments:

Standard Insurance Co	Reimbursed Fee on Stopped Check	\$19.00
Dauenhauer Plumbing	Backflow Valve in Park	\$2,609.00
Wayne's Lawn Service	Snow Removal	\$520.50
Tom Schlindwein	Postage	\$9.85
Tom Schlindwein	Supplies for Easter Egg Hunt	\$150.05

Ron made a motion to pay the regular bills and the special payments. Les seconded and motioned was passed.

There are still outstanding tax bills from two residences. Earlier this year Tom was able to make contact with one of the residents and had gotten a verbal commitment to pay. He will call the other resident this month to confirm they understand the situation. Lesia will send both residents a letter giving them a date to pay their bill or the City of Kingsley will place a lien on their properties. The letter will inform the resident if a lien is placed on their property, the resident will be responsible for both the current tax bill, and any attorney or court costs associated with the lien.

ORDINANCE #1, SERIES 2024:

Tom had a first reading of the summary of Ordinance #1, Series 2024, an ordinance amending Ordinance #1, Series 2018 setting stipends for elected officials.

ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2024:

Tom had a first reading of the summary of Ordinance #2, Series 2024, an ordinance amending Ordinance #2, Series 2018 setting stipends for non-elected officials.

EASTER EVENT:

Andy asked residents via Next Door what date they would prefer the Easter Egg hunt. Based on the results the Egg Hunt is scheduled for 11AM Saturday March 30th. Andy will be at Kingsley Green Park at 10AM that morning to hide the eggs. He will arrange for someone to stay there until the hunt begins since in past years dogs being walked have found the eggs before the children arrived.

PICNIC TABLES FOR KINGSLEY GREEN:

Tom re-initiated a discussion about picnic tables in Kingsley Green Park. Ron will look into his files from Heritage to see what their original plan for the park was. He will bring this to the April meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Tom received an application for a driveway permit for:
Jeff Hofmann 2352 Winston Ave

He gave the completed permit to Marilyn for storage.

He informed the commissioners their candidate paperwork needs to be submitted before June 4th.

One of the large stones at the five way intersection was stolen.

4th of July is on the first Thursday, so we need to consider what other dates would be good to meet. We can discuss rescheduling that meeting next month.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Jamie--He asked commissioners to consider putting a trash container in Kingsley Green Park. He will bring up the subject again at a later meeting.

Ron--He has noticed increased dog droppings in Kingsley Green Park and would like the commissioners to be aware of this issue. In future meetings, he may suggest putting up signs to clean up after your pet.

He is doing the sidewalk survey this month.

He asked Finn what the steps are if Kingsley and SV were to merge. Finn replied the issue of merging would have to be on the general ballot in November and both cities would have to have a majority approving the merger.

Les asked Ron to look at the street in the 2600 block of Kings Hwy because she noticed the start of some potholes.

Andy--He has been looking into website opportunities and new email addresses for commissioners. He will send Tom the details this month for discussion next month.

Les--No issues

CLOSING:

Les made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Whisler
Clerk, City of Kingsley