

CITY OF KINGSLEY
Commissioners' Meeting
April 4, 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

Tree Board: Susan Melcher

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Mayor Schlindwein. The meeting was held at Tom's home because First Financial Bank's conference room was not available. Because we were not told of this prior to meeting start, a note was placed on the door showing the new location.

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

Les made a motion to accept the March Commissioners' meeting minutes as amended. Jamie seconded and the motion was passed.

TREE BOARD:

Susan gave us names of two new members on the Tree Board to replace Jamie and her. This was in response to the names Tom gave to Susan last month. Ron made a motion to approve Aldo McLean and Adam Masterson as members of the Tree Board. Jamie seconded and the motion was passed.

She suggested replacing the dying cryptomeria in the park with a fruit bearing pear tree. (Not a Bradford Pear.) Ron suggested the Tree Board also consider a persimmon tree. Les made a motion to allow Tree Board to spend up to \$400 for a replacement tree. Ron seconded and the motion was passed.

Susan also mentioned the redbud in the island did not bud out this year and is dead. That tree will need to be removed.

Susan has several supplies and gator bags in her garage that she will be passing on to other members of the Tree Board or Commission. It was suggested she pass the literature on to Daryl Cleary and Jamie Klein offered to take the gator bags.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Lamey presented his report for March as follows:

5 House watches

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

1 10-54, A shopping cart abandoned on the 2300 block of Gladstone. Chief Lamey's team emptied and removed it.

1 10-54, A possible break in at a residence on the 2300 block of Gladstone. The Chief met with the resident making the call who said he had seen someone wandering in the back yard of an empty home. When checked, all doors were locked and secured and no break in appeared to have happened.

1 10-54, Kids on skateboards near an intersection presenting a safety issue. They left after being approached by the Chief.

Chief Lamey also commended Andy on his management of the Easter Egg Hunt. It was well attended and the addition of games and prizes Andy developed involved adults as well as children of all ages. The Chief mentioned he has heard other nearby cities mention the hunt favorably.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Les submitted the Treasurer's report as follows:

Account Balances:

Bank	Account	Account #	Balance
First Financial Bank	General Checking		\$30,073.82
First Financial Bank	Money Market Savings		\$327.81
First Financial Bank	MRA Checking		\$18,028.90
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)	\$102,382.52
River City Bank	CD-12mo RCB 4.86%	(Mat 3/21/2025)	\$100,000.00
KLCIP/PNC	Money Market Fund		\$181,230.15

Payments:

First Financial Bank	Safe Deposit Box Annual Renewal	\$60.00
Robin Pawley	Homestead Exemption 2022, 2023	\$231.78
First Financial Bank	Bank Charges-Cashier's Check	\$5.00
Nan Schlindwein	Welcome Basket-2405 Tyler Lane	\$20.00
Andy Looney	Egg Hunt Supplies	\$252.37
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Andy Looney	Egg Hunt Supplies	\$61.66

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

There is still outstanding tax bill from one resident.

ORDINANCE #1, SERIES 2024:

Tom had a second reading of the summary of Ordinance #1, Series 2024, an ordinance amending Ordinance #1, Series 2018 setting stipends for elected officials. Tom made a motion to approve Ordinance #1, Series 2024. Les seconded the motion and in a roll call vote all voted yay except Andy who voted nay.

ORDINANCE #2, SERIES 2024:

Tom had a second reading of the summary of Ordinance #2, Series 2024, an ordinance amending Ordinance #2, Series 2018 setting stipends for non-elected officials. Tom made a motion to approve Ordinance #2, Series 2024. Les seconded the motion and in a roll call vote all voted yay.

RESIDENT TREE REQUEST:

Jamie gave the Tyler Lane resident that asked for a free Kingsley tree to be planted in her easement a list of trees recommended by the Tree Board. If she has one of those types of trees planted, Tom told the resident Kingsley will pay up to \$200 when she submits an invoice. We have not heard from the resident yet. Les made a motion to approve reimbursing Tara Kirchner at 2426 Tyler Lane up to \$200 when she submits an invoice for the Tree Board approved tree she had planted. Susan will give Tom a copy of an MOA she has used in the past with residents to document they agree with our planting requirements. Someone from the Tree Board will get this MOA to Tara.

EASTER EGG HUNT RECAP:

Andy reported he had plenty of eggs either donated by or returned from residents so he does not expect to need any next year. He had arranged for games to happen to extend the event past the hunt to allow adults to visit. He suggested inviting the other nearby cities next year. Tom suggested hiding the eggs throughout the park more fully to save wear and tear on the flower beds.

WEBSITE CHANGES:

Andy bought the domain CITYOFKINGSLEY.COM and is gifting that to the city. Our current domain name of CITYOFKINGSLEY.ORG is owned by Homestead, the company that manages our email. He purchased the .COM version of the domain name in the event we decide to move our email provider from Homestead and they decide to not let us keep our current domain name.

He is working on setting up new email addresses with the position names vs commissioner/treasure/clerk/mayor names.

KINGSLEY GREEN IMPROVEMENTS:

Ron presented two options for adding picnic tables to Kingsley Green Park. Option 1 is to complete the semi-circle sidewalk at the flagpole end of the park and place a picnic table at the top of the ring furthest from the road. Option 2 is to place a picnic table on the Sydney side of the park. The costs for either option are expected to be in the \$20-38K range.

KINGSLEY ENTRANCE UPGRADE:

Jamie suggested we remove the three dead boxwoods in the Bon Air entrance and then decide what to plant. He will get a quote from Alex Moran to remove the boxwoods. He also suggested considering native plants as replacements to reduce the maintenance costs, increase pollinator habitats, etc.

Ron is working with Dauenhauer to get a quote to install water at the city entrance. Initial verbal quotes are \$6300 but will be finalized when the plumber visits the site.

ROAD SEALING:

Ron reported he had received a quote from Down to Earth Sealcoating of \$9000 to seal the cracks in Kingsley roads. This is the company that recently sealed the roads in Strathmoor Village. Ron will also be getting a quote from Flynn Bros this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was suggested to interview Susan Melcher for inclusion in the newsletter

Ron reported he walked the neighborhood and identified which sidewalk squares needed to be replaced, and which could be repaired by PCC. He will be getting a quote from Hall Paving to replace all the squares he identified so that he knows the highest cost.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Tom proposed we consider moving the location of the monthly meeting to Assumption High School where other nearby cities meet. First Financial Bank has locked the bank doors without telling us an average of once a year and Assumption will give us a key fob to enter. Tom will contact Assumption this month and confirm how they handle handicapped accessibility. If the conference room is handicapped accessible, he suggested we hold the next meeting there to evaluate the location. Jamie will ask JCC if they have a room we could meet in.

For the residence with the outstanding tax bill, he asked what actions the commissioners recommend. Tom made a motion to allow Finn to send the resident at 2605 Kings Hwy a letter telling them if the tax bill is not paid by April 20th a lien will be filed. Les seconded and the motion was passed. Lesa will provide Finn with the current financial data of the property tax status.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Jamie—No issues

Ron—He submitted an invoice for cold patch asphalt to repair a pothole. Les made a motion to reimburse Ron \$15.37 for the asphalt. Jamie seconded and the motion was passed.

Andy--He reported Alice Quinker donated 45 Easter Eggs and some prizes to the City. It was suggested we also interview her for resident recognition in the newsletter.

Les—He was contacted by a resident on Emerson who reported the trucks incompletely emptied the recycling hauler. He called EcoTech and they sent a truck to remove the remaining recyclables.

CLOSING:

Les made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Whisler
Clerk, City of Kingsley