

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF KENTON
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a regular scheduled meeting February 2, 2021 at the Kenton Youth Center.

Those in attendance were Mayor Danny Jowers, Alderpersons Glenn Zarecor, Jesse Griggs, Tim Johns, Harold Banks, Sarah Skinner, Wade Simpson & Recorder Shayna Jackson.

Prayer was led by Ms. Sarah Skinner.

A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Tim Johns, to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jesse Griggs, seconded by Sarah Skinner, to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried.

Lisa Hailey, Debbie Fulgham and Dana Abercrombie addressed the board regarding a pack of dogs that have been roaming in their neighborhood. They stated that this is an ongoing problem and they would like to know what can be done to have these dogs picked up. Mayor Jowers asked that they contact the police department when they see the dogs and he will have that area patrolled more often. Also, the Gibson County Animal Control is working with the city to try to capture these dogs. Ms. Hailey would like the city to revise the burn ordinance but the Mayor informed her that the state regulates most of the guidelines to burn. You may obtain a burn permit upon the Fire Chief's approval.

Chloe Humphrey, with Cowart Reese Sargent presented the 2019-2020 audit to the Mayor and Board. It is the auditor's opinion that the financial statements presented fairly and the city's financial condition is strong. The Water & Sewer fund had a net increase in the amount of \$59,784 which is a major improvement from last year. The city's only finding was for inadequate segregation of duties and there was a brief discussion on how this can be corrected in the future. A motion was made by Jesse Griggs, seconded by Tim Johns, to accept the 2019-2020 audit. Motion carried.

Under "Old Business", Mayor Jowers asked if the Board had time to review the animal control ordinance and if so what changes need to be made. Some expressed concerns about the amount of liability insurance that the current ordinance requires the dog owner to carry. Harold Banks would like for Mayor Jowers to check with the surrounding towns to see what they do. It is the wishes of the Board to table until the next meeting.

Mayor Jowers reported that new lights have been installed at the youth center along with a new electrical panel and exit signs. He did get the following estimates for some improvements to the youth center:

*drop ceilings and insulation	\$2,900
*drywall, paint & lights	\$989
*cabinets in kitchen	\$786
**Does not include labor	

A motion was made by Tim Johns, seconded by Jesse Griggs, to amend the capital outlay line item on the budget for the youth center not to exceed \$10,000 for renovations. Motion carried.

Glenn Zarecor reported that someone with the Cal Ripken Association would like to repair the All Star Championship sign that is located as you leave the city limits toward Macedonia