

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF KENTON  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING JULY 6, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a regular scheduled meeting July 6, 2021 at the city hall.

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 Sarah Skinner.

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

Glenn Zarecor questioned the electric bill at the gym because it was so high. Mayor Jowers reported that Kyle Agee had been called and that some repairs were made to the unit. A motion was made by Tim Johns, seconded by Jesse Griggs, to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jesse Griggs, seconded by Sarah Skinner, to accept the 2nd and final reading of Ord. 2021-3 to amend the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget. Motion carried.

During the 2nd reading of Ord 2021-4, there was a brief discussion on the leaf machine. The mayor stated that a new machine would cost around \$80,000 and there are no options to lease. The board was not in favor of purchasing a new one at this time. On the topic of pay raises, Mayor Jowers suggested that some of the monies from the ARP Grant could be issued to those full time employees as a bonus for working during the COVID months. A motion was made by Tim Johns, seconded by Jesse Griggs, to give a one time \$1500 bonus to each full time employee that worked during the pandemic. Motion carried. Also, the upcoming 2021-2022 budget does not have an increase on property taxes. A motion was made by Jesse Griggs, seconded by Tim Johns, to accept the 2nd and final reading of Ord. 2021-4 FY 2021-2022 budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Johns, seconded by Wade Simpson, to let bids for 406 S. Poplar, 104 King Street and the 2009 Chevy Tahoe. Bids will be opened on August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor Jowers introduced Mike Callahan with CE Designers, Inc. He is the engineer that will be working with the city on the screening system for the lift station.


The city has been awarded a 2020 Public Parks and Recreation Grant with a 50% match obligation. The total cost to fund the improvements for the ballfield is \$191,830 so our match would be \$95,915.

Mayor Jowers read an approval letter from FEMA allowing the city to move forward with Phase One of the flood control project under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Phase One has been approved for a net eligible project cost of \$125,000 of which the local share will be \$15,625.00. Phase One is for design only of the lagoon project.

Patrolman Alex Martin was rehired as of July 5, 2021. This will make (4) full time officers along with (2) part time officers for the police department.

A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Jesse Griggs, for the meeting to adjourn. Motion carried.

  
Danny Jowers, Mayor

  
Shayna Jackson, Recorder