

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF KENTON  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING JUNE 1, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a regular scheduled meeting June 1, 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 Jesse Griggs.

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

A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Tim Johns, to pay the monthly bills. Motion carried.

Under "Citizens Grievances", Lenny Banks stated that the tunnels under the railroad are full of debris and causing problems on Gibbs Street. Mayor Jowers said that he would have the street department to look into the situation.

A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Sarah Skinner, to accept the 1st reading of Ord. 2021-3, amending the FY 2020-2021 budget. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Tim Johns, to accept the 1st reading of Ord. 2021-4, the FY 2021-2022 budget. Motion carried. Mayor Jowers asked the Board to consider purchasing a new leaf machine out of the Sanitation Fund and possibly increasing the garbage fee \$1.00 to make a monthly payment. Also, he asked if the Board wanted to give employees a "cost of living" raise or budget for "performance" raises. This will be discussed before the 2nd and final reading of Ord. 2021-4.

Mayor Jowers reported that (1) bid was submitted for the CDBG Sewer System Improvement Grant but was rejected because it was significantly over budget. The city has been granted permission to revise specifications and rebid the project.

Mike Callahan with CE Designers was working with Nathan Spencer to find a newer model sewer machine but the deal fell through. Mayor Jowers stated that he would like for the Board to grant permission to hire Mr. Callahan to work on a screening system at the lift station. This system will prevent trash from clogging our equipment. The monies the city receives from the American Rescue Plan Act could fund this project and purchase a SCADA system for waste water station. A motion was made by Tim Johns, seconded by Sarah Skinner, to hire Mike Callahan to work on this project. Motion carried.

Harold Banks reported that the police department is down to one patrol car. The Dodge Charger has a blown radiator and the new patrol car is waiting on a part for the cage.

Glenn Zarecor reported that a load of mulch has been spread at the playground. Also, he has no new information to report on the grant for the park.

There was a brief discussion of the animal control ordinance. Tim Johns presented some paperwork from his home owners insurance with a detailed definition of which animal breeds are considered vicious. Still no action was taken to amend this ordinance at this time.

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

  
Danny Jowers, Mayor

  
Shayna Jackson, Recorder