

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF KENTON  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a regular scheduled meeting February 7, 2023 at the city hall.

Those in attendance were Mayor Danny Jowers, Alderpersons Tim Johns, Sheila Barnes, Wade Simpson, Jesse Griggs, Harold Banks, Glenn Zarecor and Recorder Shayna Jackson.

Prayer was led by Jesse Griggs.

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

A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Tim Johns, to pay the monthly bills. Glenn Zarecor did question the invoice for the water meters for Mason Hall. Mayor Jowers explained that Mason Hall has received a grant to install meters in their area but have to be partnered with a municipality. They are reimbursing the city back for all materials. Motion carried.

Mayor Jowers called for any citizen's grievances and there were none.

Cowart Reese & Sargent's auditor, Chole Humphrey, presented the FY 2021-2022 audit to the Mayor and Board of Alderman. She first stated that they had been short staffed and apologized for the audit being late. She reported that the financial statements presented fairly and the city's financial condition is strong. The Water & Sewer Fund posted a positive net income which included grant proceeds so this number will decrease next year. We received audit findings of: inadequate segregation of duties & expenditures in excess of appropriations in the State Street Aid Fund but it was under \$2,000. Overall everyone was pleased with the audit.

Mayor Jowers announced that Scott Reeves has opened the old motel next to Food Rite and therefore the city must levy a privilege occupancy tax. There was a brief discussion regarding Section 10 of Ordinance 2023-1; so the Mayor said that he would follow up with MTAS. A motion was made by Jesse Griggs, seconded by Tim Johns, to pass the first reading of Ord. 2023-1 with the understanding that the section in question will be addressed at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Jowers expressed his concern regarding the cost associated with constructing two ballfields for the LPRF grant. He recommends amending the original request and only do one field. With this being a 50% match grant, we will have to borrow the money for our part and the interest rates are high at the moment. He asked for the board to consider what they feel would be the best option moving forward and there would be further discussion at the next meeting.

Jesse Griggs reported that the fire department has applied for a grant to purchase (2) automated external defibrillators and this will be at no cost to the city.

Harold Banks reported that the police department has applied for the Violent Crime Intervention Grant which allows for the purchase of cameras and computers for cars.

Glenn Zarecor asked if Mayor Jowers would contact Daniel Musgrave with Northwest TN Development District regarding the BCBS Grant for playground equipment. Glenn stated that he has been unsuccessful in getting Mr. Musgrave to return his calls. Also, the north-west corner of the gym is sinking and needs to be looked at.

Recorder, Shayna Jackson, asked if the Mayor & Board would allow her to deposit six months of the Auto Registration (City Sticker) revenue into the State Street Aid Fund. This revenue is usually deposited into the General Fund and designated to be used for the capital outlay note for paving. At this time, State Street Aid does not have enough money to make the \$10,471.28 capital outlay note payable due 08/01/2023. A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Tim Johns, to allow six months of Auto

Registration revenue to be deposited into State Street Aid. Motion carried.

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

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Danny Jowers, Mayor

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Shayna Jackson, Recorder