

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF KENTON
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING JANUARY 3, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a regular scheduled meeting January 3, 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 Harold Banks.

A motion was made by Jesse Griggs, seconded by Tim Johns, 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.

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

Charlotte Jackson approached the Mayor and Board on behalf of the Gibson County Marching Pioneers Winter Color Guard. Ms. Jackson stated that this is the first year that they have been able to have a winter color guard but do not have a facility to practice in. They would like permission to use the Kenton gym to practice up to 3 times a week for 2 weeks. Also, they have a heavy tarp size banner that they would like to leave out open on the gym floor for the whole time. The main concern of the board is liability insurance; but Ms. Jackson stated that all the color guard are covered under the school's policy. A motion was made by Tim Johns, seconded by Jesse Griggs, to grant permission for use of the gym upon the city receiving a copy of the certificate of liability. Motion carried.

Mayor Jowers reported that in December's meeting we failed to vote on the position of Vice Mayor; so the floor was opened for nominations. Tim Johns nominated Wade Simpson to continue on as Vice Mayor and Jesse Griggs seconded it. Mayor Jowers asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. Wade Simpson was reappointed to Vice Mayor by acclamation.

A motion was made by Wade Simpson, seconded by Tim Johns, to accept the first and final reading of Resolution 2022-13 to adopt the consultant selection policy recommended by TDEC. Motion carried.

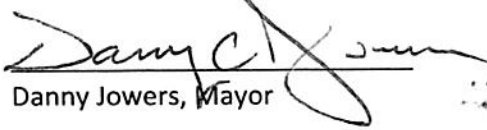
A motion was made by Tm Johns, seconded by Jesse Griggs, to accept the 2nd and final reading of Ordinance 2022-12 increasing court costs from \$110 to \$125. Motion carried.

During the extreme cold weather over the Christmas holiday, several utility customers had pipes to burst. Our current adjustment policy only allows for the sewer portion of the bill to be adjusted to normal average consumption. Mayor Jowers would like to know if the board wishes to grant him the authority to adjust the water and sewer to what a normal bill would be and each would be considered on a case by case basis. Adjusting the water usage would actually mean to write this portion off and report it as a loss. After a brief discussion was had, it is the wishes of the board to allow Mayor Jowers to adjust for water leaks as he deems fair.

Wade Simpson asked if it would be possible to have lights on the utility truck for when the street and water departments get called out at night. Mayor Jowers reported that he is looking into getting a response trailer.

The fiscal year 2021-2022 financial audit will be filed with the state on 01/15/2023.

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



Danny Jowers, Mayor



Shayna Jackson, Recorder