

12TH REGULAR SESSION:

Kenton City Council met in their 12th Regular Session on June 27, 2022 , at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers. Present: President Joel Althaus, Sue Fox Buroker, David Beazley, Antwillia Davis, Ray Lawrence, Pegg Wren, Anda Tudor, Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer, Mayor Lynn Webb and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray.

Prayer given by President Althaus and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

MINUTES:

Althaus: You have minutes from our prior meeting, June 13th. Are there any additions or corrections to that record of proceedings? Hearing none, they'll stand as approved.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Althaus: Emma just passed to me, and we discussed what we should do. We thought we should share that we did receive another written communication from a resident at 818 West North Street. Just speaking of their general disfavor in the potential rezoning that was considered at the last meeting which was not approved. But we did want to share that we did receive an additional letter. It was from a resident though that had been mentioned before. So, they cited several of the same questions that you all had. If you'd like to see a copy of the letter, Emma has it here and we can share that.

PETITIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Althaus: I don't see anyone from the Police Department here, unless Lynn or Cindy know of anything they'd like to report on their behalf. So, Chief Donnelly, anything you want to talk about?

Bruce Donnelly: Guys have finished up the hydrant inspections in the northwest, northeast sections and they should probably actually be finishing up the southeast sections tomorrow. So, the guys that were in the advanced EMT class, all 6 of them have passed their class final. They passed their, I guess, motor skills or skill check off on Saturday. So, I know the first one their national registry test today. So, they're all, seem to be moving, progressing along well with that. So, hopefully we'll get them finished up with that and then we'll certify. The one guy that we do have has taken his paramedic prerequisite courses now. He should start his paramedic class in August.

Althaus: Saw the platform up in the air over the weekend, or Friday, was it? I don't know which day it was.

Donnelly: Probably Friday.

Althaus: The ladder. I went by and there it is up in the air. Were you letting it dry out?

Donnelly: It's actually been out on 3 mutual aide runs. So, I mean it's, probably actually seen more usage in the last month than it had in almost 18 months probably. Two years.

Althaus: Bite your tongue, David. Oh, we give you a hard time but it's good to see the truck back. That's a good addition. Anything on behalf of Parks & Rec?

Mayor Lynn Webb-Just the, Sunday the 3rd, there's the big cornhole tournament. That's what I was trying to look up. It's kind of a neat thing. It's a gentleman who goes around and he's very much into whatis does, what he does. He brings everything. We've had a lot of engagement with it out at the quarry. So, It'll be interesting. One of our seasonal campers, she was at the Elks a lot, Deb Hudson is going to provide the music and DJ it. So, food truck and it'll be a fun time so if you come out that way. I think the last swim meet is tonight. Correct?

Antwillia Davis: Last home meet.

Webb: Home meet. That's what I know Park & Rec. They got the docks in today. That was a big piece.

Althaus: Installed?

Webb: Just in. Not installed. Delivered.

Althaus: Income Tax, no report. Anything we need to mention? Auditor? Report is your monthly report on behalf of the Treasurer and Auditor to the Mayor. Any questions on that? I'm certain that Brian or one of his staff members will be happy to answer them. Anything you want to talk about Brian?

Brian Hattery: Nothing else to report.

Althaus: Treasurers included in the report. Law Director, John? Safety Service Director? She's already headed toward the podium.

Cindy Murray: This, two quick things, so ESPY Street, I get a lot of calls as to when they're going to open back up. Well, they've finished. Their work is all done with the water line but now Burl would like to replace a storm drain that's right at Waterworks. The intersection of ESPY and Waterworks Drive before we go and pave the street all up. So, supposedly they're going to do that this week and we've told ODOT that we will be ready for them to start their paving on July 18th. And just so everybody know we do know that the valve is leaking that we fixed on South Leighton. I think the guys were working on it today. I don't know if they got it fixed or not.

Ray Lawrence-It wasn't leaking earlier when I went by.

Murray. Okay, that's it. Any questions for me?

Althausen: You checked it to see?

Lawrence-No, you can, it's visible.

Althausen: Okay, thanks Cindy. Mayor?

Webb-I'll just piggyback off of that. They did sanivac that stone out this morning and they believe what it was, was once they pulled the plate, they didn't have the blacktop on with the detour coming that way you have a lot of heavy trucks and it was just pressing down. So, they reenforced under the pipe and the clamp, was the newer kind of clamps correct?

Murray: Mhm, yeah.

Webb, So they just ratcheted it a little bit tighter and tightened everything up. Everything looked good so, that was taken care of. They're going to continue leaf, limb, storm damage pickup is still in the process. They worked some on it today. They'll work some on it tomorrow. We have a little short, man power but we're gonna stay on top of that and that's it through the week. We've got a pretty heavy weekend with the 4th coming up with the parade is back and that will be coming down main street from the Armory and then east on Columbus to the Middle School, and that's the route. So, Julie Zaring is heading that up. So, that would be that. If you haven't been up on a cruise night, they're doing pretty well up there. Last Friday night was a pretty good one so, encourage everybody to come out every other Friday. It's kind of a neat thing. So, that's all I have.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND/OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Althausen: Committee reports are listed there in order. I'll just, if you have a report, go ahead. Starting with you, David.

David Beazley: Finance does not have a written report. We did have a meeting tonight. Look for some expenditures on the next council meeting.

Althausen: MOP

Pegg Wren: MOP did meet last Wednesday. Our committee will continue to evaluate elected employees pay raise and we are starting to evaluate employees use of the city vehicle, at this time. We did not schedule another meeting. It'll be possibly August, unless something comes up that we need to take a look at.

Althausen: And just as a quick comment on behalf of MOP, and on behalf of streets. Evidently my ability to turn on the recorder that Emma provided is above my pay grade. It should be relatively simple. If you recall, I did have trouble. I kind of struggled with it. I don't know why.

Beazley: Are you speaking the mechanism or the operator, relatively...

Althausen: It would be the operator because I think it's like one button and Emma said that it did not work. And it said something along the lines of...

Murray: It said format error. I was typing them up.

Althausen: Format Error. So, I apologize. We were really working on having written ones and Emma had a full proof method except I became involved. <laughter> Utilities, don't think there's...

Robin Jones: We just have a meeting July 13th 3:30.

Althausen: So streets, Ray you want to talk about...

Lawrence: Yea, streets met, we met with a Mr. Gerber from Kenton Nursing & Rehab. He voiced his concerns about a possible sidewalk there on Jacob Parrot Boulevard. We got his ideas on what he was thinking. Also talked about city wants to start the work on alleys but got interrupted with storm cleanup. So, after storm cleanup they'll go back into that. Our next meeting is July 20th at 4 o'clock because legislation is at 3 o'clock.

Althausen: Okay, and Legislation I don't think there's anything...

Davis-July 20th at 3.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Althaus: Same thing on council members, Regional Planning was there anything, David?

Beazley: We have not met since our last session.

Althaus: Parks & Rec Board? I don't know if there's anything you want to add?

Jones: We didn't have a meeting in June because 3 members were out so we didn't have a quorum. So, I think she's working on the July meeting.

Althaus: Grove Cemetery Board?

Davis: The aeration system is complete at the home. So, we are working, we're waiting for some guidance on how to sell the house properly.

Althaus: You guys don't know anyone, a real estate professional....

Davis: Well, the real estate professional is on the board and cannot do that. We are waiting on the township attorney to give some advice since it's a joint situation between cities and townships.

Althaus: Tree Commission, we've heard a lot from them but Sue, your prospective, anything you want to add?

Sue Fox Buroker: I just know that they were going to be asking going with the worst trees first. We haven't had a meeting since our last one, so I'm going to guess the next one will be the 2nd Thursday of the month of July.

Althaus: BKP, I will admit last Monday I was trying to salvage crops that are dying in the dust. So, I did not go to BKP last Monday. See what the minutes say.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Althaus: You'll see we have one for 3rd reading so, we'll start with that.

3RD READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-014, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROCK SALT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND TO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND/OR BEST BIDDER.

Althaus: Well 3rd reading, I don't know if you guys want to let Cindy buy rock salt or not.

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Mrs. Davis to approve Ordinance No. 22-014.

Althaus: Any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried)**

1ST READING

Althaus: So, on first reading, give you a little heads up, the 2nd item we're gonna ask you to think about doing that tonight if you can. John is there any rush on the first item?

John Schwemer: I guess the request of the people donating would like this done as soon as possible.

Althaus: Do you want to, since that's the first one on our, do you want to give a little background on it?

Schwemer: I can, and Lynn might.

Althaus: Or Lynn, I don't care which one of you but, so everybody knows what we're talking about.

Schwemer: There's been some issues with the house, and it's been on the nuisance list a little bit, on occasion, and the property owner, in attempt to do revitalization in that neighborhood, the Mayor had discussed the donation, or sale of \$1, which you know, it's technically a sale but you can see, there's not a lot of compensation being paid. Then the property owner would, they're requesting that we do it sooner, rather than later. So, the property owner is asking if we can move on it quickly.

Davis: We're tearing this down though, correct?

Schwemer: We would be tearing it down.

Beazley: That's not included in here. That's out of the nuisance line which already exists?

Schwemer: Correct. This is our acquisition fees, you know, to acquire.

Davis: So, \$562.00, a little less...

Schwemer: Right, and we already have funds appropriated out of the nuisance line item so it's not appropriating, it's not an additional appropriation. But that is the request.

Motion by Mrs. Davis & second by Mr. Beazley Wren that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Wren & second by Mr. Lawrence to approve Ordinance No. 22-016.

Althausser: Any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried)**

Althausser: Thanks everybody for moving on that. Second item...

ORDINANCE NO. 22-017, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022, FOR THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althausser: You'll see the explanation attached. If you were at finance this was discussed a little bit. There are items in here that they would like to move forward if possible. You've got a correction, you've got some donations, you've got food that's needed at the pool.

Beazley: Mr. President, I have a request from our administration going forward, we seem to do this with concession stands repeatedly. We know we're going to sell more. We know we're going to need more. Please don't shortchange us where we have to keep nickel and diming us through the course of the year. When we come to the budget season, which will be coming up August/September. Get a real handle on what our concession sales will be because that will go into our revenue, and it will be off set by our need so we don't have to keep...

Webb: We just, I think we budgeted what we budgeted last year total. So, we've sold well and we've added some new items. So, I think that was part of it.

Beazley: Well, we're doubling it in June.

Webb, But I understand what you're saying.

Beazley: Thank you very much. Appreciate that.

Althausser: Maybe another way to say it is that I think council has full faith and trust that the food will get bought and be sold.

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Ms. Jones that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence & second by Mrs. Wren to approve Ordinance No. 22-017.

Althausser: Is there any discussions? **(Roll call votes, 7 ayes, motion carried)**

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Althausser: So, we've got a couple committee meetings on there, The Parks & Rec, that is correct, Utility, is that the correct date and time?

Davis: Yeah, that's what is on my calendar.

Althausser: And then what else do we need to add to that list so we know?

Davis: Legislative is July 20th at 3 and then Ray, streets is at 4?

Lawrence: Streets is at 4.

Beazley: There will not be a scheduled finance for July. Not spending any money in July.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION:

Sue Fox Buroker: I'm just wishing everybody a safe holiday coming up on the 4th of July.

Althausser: David?

Beazley: Same thing she said.

Davis: Nothing additional.

Lawrence: I'm good.

Wren: Nothing additional from me either.

Anda Tudor: Nothing additional.

Jones: No thanks.

Althausser: John?

Schwemer: Yea, Brian just simply the family. You were out I think when Joel expressed at the beginning of the meeting. He always came to council with a smile on his face.

Beazley: He went everywhere with a smile on his face.

Schwemer: But he was a good businessman, you know, over the years, as well as a very valuable person and we really miss him. I'm sorry for the loss for you and your family.

Brian Hattery: Thank you. He loved serving on council. He loved serving his community. So, thank you very much.

Webb: Just to touch off of that I want to reiterate, Tom's service. The man could throw down a heck of a pie too. But again, what a great example that we can all walk in. Also, it's just one of those weeks you know. We lost Blaze, which was a heck of a fight and was a great turnout for when they brought him home. It was neat to see. Also, Bud (Ora) Winzenried who also is a strong pillar of this community that has brought so much to us. So, again we will carry on that legacy and move forward but the loss of those have been felt.

Althausen: And just echo, I should've mentioned something about Bud. Two genuinely dedicated men to Kenton, and their hometown; Bud Winzenried and Tom Taylor. To put Tom into perspective; here's a man that was within two people showing up to the ballot box of being mayor. Was a council member for years. He was very active in council then, at council meetings when he ran for mayor and even after that, because I think he was trying to weigh what he wanted to do. Bud Winzenried, active in so many civic endeavors and business endeavors. Huge loss and our hearts go out to those families. So, you have all the date in front of you. Hopefully everybody has a safe and happy and enjoyable 4th. I'd rather Bruce and his guys be bored at the firehouse that entire weekend. So, next meeting we see July 11th. Year's half over folks. Guess what that means; budget worksheets before you know it. The easy half of the year is done. The fun half of the year has begun. Thank everybody for being here and Emma good first minutes. I'll try to run the recorder better or we'll just have someone else, Cindy the engineer do it. Meeting adjourned.

Joel Althausen, President of Council

Emma Boutwell, Clerk