

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Kenton City Council

Meeting

Lilienthal Southeastern, Inc., 1-800-837-1904, Re-Order 66665K

Held August 8, 2022

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15TH REGULAR SESSION:

Kenton City Council met in their 15th Regular Session on August 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers. Present: President Joel Althausser, Sue Fox Buroker, David Beazley, Antwillia Davis, Ray Lawrence, Pegg Wren, Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer, Mayor Lynn Webb and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray.

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

MINUTES:

Althausser: The minutes from July 25th were included in your packet. Anyone have any addition or corrections? Hearing none, they'll stand approved as submitted.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Althausser: We have the Kenton Hardin Health Department report. That was from their meeting on June 28th. Any comments or questions?

PETITIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Brian Hattery: The audit is complete, and I believe you had communicated with council about waiving the exit conference. I have the paper here to sign. At the very minimum, myself, the mayor and president of council. They're not requiring anybody else. I think we ought to have finance members, but I'll leave that up to your discretion.

Althausser: That's fine. If finance wants to.

David Beazley: We'd be happy to.

Hattery: There are blanks for everybody on here, a lot that's new but they sent a separate email saying you're not required.

Althausser: Alrighty. Yes, we did, all our council did say that they'd just as soon waive that and congratulations to your department. (audio cut out) One item made the audit and that's going to always make it, and that's the gap reporting. Beyond that, very few matter in the letter, which is just suggestions that don't make the audit. So, considering everything that happened in that year...(audio cut out. Alright then we'll get that signed so move on. Law Director, John anything?

John Schwemer: No, just a couple easements I drew up, or ordinance that you will see in the new business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND/OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Althausser: Finance, I know you've got a meeting coming up in two weeks but...

Beazley: Two weeks, and just a reminder to all of council that if you would like to participate in finance going forward, preponderance of the meeting for the balance of the year will be budget related. So, department heads, obviously have already been given that heads up. So, we'll begin work on the budget in the August meeting. Revenue has not increased appreciatively.

Althausser: Alrighty, MOP?

Pegg Wren: Has not met.

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Althaus: Right, and I don't think many of you have met. So, don't feel obligated to give a report. Utilities?

Robin Jones: We were supposed to meet Wednesday but that's going to be postponed. Right, Cindy? Until September?

Althaus: You're not going to meet next week?

Jones: No, we're supposed to meet Wednesday, this week.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Althaus: Regional Planning?

Beazley: I did not attend the Regional Planning meeting.

Althaus: It gets kind of slow this time of year.

Beazley: It is.

Althaus: Parks and Rec board, you've got the report, I don't know if there's anything Robin wants to add?

Jones: Yeah, I have just a small thing to add to that. As of today, they have had a little over 4,500 people who have paid a general admission to the pool. So, that's a great uptake from last year for the pool. There was \$6,900 in pool parties for the season and the last day of the pool is this Saturday August 13th, as the lifeguards and workers are heading back to school and college. I think tomorrow is the WKTN sponsored pool party. Also, the 3 new docks have been put in at the quarry and she's encouraging the council members, if you haven't driven out there, drive out there, it looks really nice. The entrance to the quarry has been paved also. So, and that's all. We have a Park & Rec meeting this Wednesday at 6 o'clock at the shelter house at the quarry, if anybody would like to attend.

Althaus: Alright, thank you Robin. Gove Cemetery?

Antwill Davis: You'll see our legislation down below for the selling of the building.

Althaus: Tree Commission?

Sue Fox Buroker: They meet this Thursday.

Althaus: And BKP will meet...(audio cut out)

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None:

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**1ST READING:**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-023, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 15563 STATE ROUTE 309 KENTON, OHIO, OWNED BY THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: This was talked about quite a bit at length, so I'll turn it over to Antwill.

Antwill Davis: We're asking that we pass this tonight just due to the fact that we have 5 weeks of advertising before we can open bids and finalize the sale of this home and we'd like to get rid of it before the season gets cold.

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Althaus: And I think council will recall we talked about it quite a bit at length 2 weeks ago. John gave a background on the (inaudible).

Motion by Mr. Beazley and second by Mr. Lawrence that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Wren and second by Ms. Jones to adopt Ordinance No. 22-023.

Althaus: Any discussion? (Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried)

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-024, TITLE ONLY;** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO TO OHIO POWER COMPANY/AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: You'll see the attachments there. I don't know who wants to speak on this. Looks like an upgrade out as Saulisberry.

Schwemer: AEP, well first the city allowed the Lake of Lights to build the pole barn that sit beside the railroad tracks, and this is to allow AEP to extend the utility too so they can get power to the building. So that's really what this is doing. It's been in the works, what seems like forever, but we just got the easement on Wednesday. You know? So, until we got that our hands have kind off been tied on this and when we got it through, I got it to council. They are really wanting to get this electrical work done. So I know, on behalf of Lake of Lights we have two representative that are kind of work with the Lake of Lights, Mr. Wyndham as well as the Commissioner and I know they would really like us to pass this tonight also, if we can.

Murray: Will it have a separate meter, or will it be on the City's?

Roger Crowe: It will be on Lake of Lights.

Motion by Mr. Beazley and second by Mrs. Davis that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt Ordinance No. 22-024.

Althaus: Any discussion? (Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried)

Althaus: Thank you gentlemen for being here tonight. Looking forward, well, not looking forward to that season necessarily of winter but looking forward to another season of Lake of Lights.

Beazley: If we have to have the cold that is certainly the right spot.

Althaus: Especially on the nights when they have hot chocolate.

**Anda Tudor entered the meeting.

2nd READING:

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-021, TITLE ONLY;** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: And if you recall that's 67 from North Wayne Street to Morningside Drive. My recollection was, there was no real hurry so we can, let me ask the question the one, we do have another highway piece of legislation in 3rd read. To remind everyone. So, if there's no hurry, and council wishes we'll just leave that on it's second reading.

3rd READING:

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-020, TITLE ONLY;** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: I did not stick this in my packet, remind us which one this is.

Murray: It's the little bit of 31, a tiny little bit. No cost to the city.

Althaus: Oh gosh.

Motion by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Tudor to adopt Ordinance No. 22-020.

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

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SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Althaus: Utilities is not until September. MOP does not have a scheduled one. Other than that does everything look correct?

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION:

Murray: With the paving of 31 and 67 West we do get new ADA compliant sidewalk approaches. Just the approaches into the street so if anybody asks that's what that's all about. It's part of the ODOT project.

Davis: I'd like to thank everyone for passing the legislation tonight. Also, anyone in the public on Monday we'll have information sheets on the property here at the City Building, and at the Cemetery Building.

Jones: If anyone hasn't been to the farmer's market every Saturday from 9-12, it's happening down there. Lots of great vendors and every week just seems to be more vendor and more people so it's a good thing. The praise has been really good. Should out to everyone who helps with that every weekend.

Althaus: And you see the next meeting. I would just remind everyone that by our next meeting an awful lot of folk are going to be back in school. See an awful lot of practices starting; camps. A lot of activities around the schools. Keep that in mind and maybe just a follow up to the prayer in a way; as we wind down summer, I hate to say wind down summer, but we are winding down summer. A lot of fun, vacation, we're outside. Try to keep in mind those folks that might be going through something that you may not realize that show up to work everyday, do their job, and are really struggling with, whether it's physical, mental issues. There's an awful lot of them that put the time in for not just the city but anywhere else. So, if you know somebody like that try to seek them out and maybe give them a hand. Definitely appreciate it. Next meeting August 22nd, with that, if there's nothing further, we're adjourned.

Joel Althaus, President of Council

Emma Boutwell, Clerk