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Minutes of Kenton City Council

Meeting

Lilienthal Southeastern, Inc., 1-800-837-1904, Re-Order 66865K

Held August 22, 2022

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16TH REGULAR SESSION:

Kenton City Council met in their 16th Regular Session on August 22, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers. Present: President Joel Althausser, 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 Althausser and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

MINUTES:

Althausser: Any questions for the minutes that Emma did from two weeks ago? Hearing no suggestions, they'll stand approved as submitted.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PETITIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Althausser: Police? Police have a report tonight?

Sgt. Skyler Newfer: No report.

Althausser: Okay, thanks for being here.

Newfer: I was not directed otherwise.

Althausser: We're not going to question you. You're the authority here. Fire Chief? First Bruce does have his Fire Department monthly activity sheet in your packet. Chief, anything you want to talk about?

Bruce Donnelly: The only thing I've got really tonight is just want to thank the Kenton Moose Lodge for their donation to us from helping with their car show. So, we'll use the funds that we got from that for, set off some of the additional costs we have for the aqualine, the handheld sonar device. So, between that and the Community Foundation we just about have that almost fully paid through grant funding.

Althausser: Great.

Donnelly: Just appreciate all these organizations that do support us like that so, that's all I've got.

Althausser: Alright. So next, Park and Rec Director Jacqueline is here tonight. We have the minutes from the Parks and Rec meeting from August 10th. Anything you'd like to add to that? Any questions regarding those minutes? Looks really good out at Saulisberry, I will say that. It has been all year but, it's really come together in the last month here. So then, Income Tax, nothing in our packet. Auditor, you have the monthly report to the Auditor and City Treasurer, or to the Mayor from the Auditor and Treasurer, which includes fund balances on the back side. Any questions on that for Brian? Alright, move onto Law Director. John, anything you need to add? Okay, Safety Service Director, Cindy? Cindy's shaking her head no. So, we do have two reports from Cindy that is the Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge flow report, and also the Public Works monthly report. Any questions to Cindy on those? Alright. Mayor? Anything at this time?

Mayor Lynn Webb: Yes, let me just get it all out of the way. So, let's talk first of all, our three police cruisers have been delivered and we are looking mighty fine, correct, Sergeant?

Newfer: They're nice.

Webb: They look nice parked down there, don't they.

Newfer: They do, they're very nice.

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Webb: So, we are very grateful for the anonymous donation plus the City Council getting us up to speed there. Also, we want to touch base, next week is back to school. Officer Bowman did a little....

Council members: This week, Wednesday.

Webb: I'm thinking, this week, Officer Bowman did a little thing with the school about school safety, bus safety, and all that so just, we'll listen to that. I think it goes out tomorrow, I don't know. But, he did a nice job on stepping in on that. You know, we have a lot of bus stops around town and it's new, the whole new, I think they started the new traffic pattern at the elementary school last year, didn't they? At the end? So that should be better but still, it gets a little crazy out there. Also, let me touch base on Friday night, on the water main break. Friday was just our night wasn't it, Brian? So, it was a 6 inch down right at Conkle's and from what Burl spoke, a lot of times that's pretty, it happens a lot, especially when they're doing a grind like that, because of the amount of vibration and these were the original pipes, from way-back-when. So, it was a very significant hole the guys did a phenomenal job. It was done quick. So, they're really getting the knack of being able to, I mean the reason we don't have to have a boil alert is because it was fixed under pressure. So, they're learning and to know which ones to shut off, which hydrants to open, and if you drive down there you can't even tell where we were. Also, paving; that's all getting done. They did an extra grind on 31 and then they do the little patchwork. So, that will be all done. They started grinding our city streets. So, they'll be no parking on those. I saw on Jennings Street they already have the pylons out where you can't park. So, busy time in Kenton. Also, for the fair we will be doing our fair booth again and our theme is, "Did you know?". So, we're gonna kind of give some facts about the city. So, we'll be at the same location in the machinery building, and that's all I...oh, just to clarify, because I hear a lot about it. So, this year we took on the paint striping. And we had some issues, as we can all see, with a little bit of overspray and trying to get our gun calibrated. The paint gun that we use is really for striping a football field. So, and I don't know how old it is. They had to rebuild the whole thing. Sherwin Williams did come out today and helped calibrate it to be able to shoot a little better, but they have to run it at the very top speed to even get it to where it needs to be. So, I can assure you that the guys took it, with what happened, they were not pleased either so, they're trying to work through that, and they were up on the square today weed whacking and blowing so when they paint the curbs we're not painting grass too but, just know that they take it very seriously when it didn't pan out like it should've. So, we have some countermeasures on and try to work through that. That's all I have.

Althaus: Alright, thank you Mayor.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND/OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Althaus: Is there any report from Finance tonight?

David Beazley: We did meet tonight and there will be a little bit of work to do with Legislation tonight. You'll have a 4th revision that we will review. We will meet again the 2nd meeting of September and then we will be meeting prior to each council session until the budget process is completed. You would look to have in front of you, a preliminary budget by the 10th of October, it's the first meeting in October for us to review and going forward at that point. So, that's the hope and it will be in front of council then shortly thereafter so we're not up against the last second if we can avoid it.

Althaus: Great. Thank you, David. Any questions? MOP

Pegg Wrenn: MOP has not met.

Althaus: Public utilities?

Robin Jones: We didn't meet in August, but we do meet in September, I think it's the 14th.

Althaus: Yeah, we'll get to that. Streets?

Ray Lawrence: Streets did meet. We're gonna meet again on the 28th. Not a whole lot, just talking about sidewalks and stuff right now.

Althaus: And Legislation?

Antwilla Davis: Legislation has not met. We will meet in September. It was scheduled for the 21st but Ray is on vacation, so if we could keep the same time on the 28th that would be great.

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REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Althaus: David, anything with Regional Planning?

Beazley: No Sir.

Althaus: Parks & Rec, you have the minutes, Robin anything you want to add?

Robin Jones: Nope, the minutes are in there, our next meeting is September 21, 6:00pm. We're going to tour all the parks, the quarry, and the pool with all the Park & Rec Board members to try to get some goals moving forward.

Althaus: Was your last meeting at Saulisbury? How did that go?

Jones: Yes, It was good.

Althaus: Where are you going to meet then, the next meeting?

Jacqueline Fitzgerald: We'll start here.

Althaus: Okay so, definitely be here at 6 if you want to do that. Alright, Thanks Robin. Grove Cemetery Board?

Davis: The bid for the house is open you can drop of you bids anytime at the City Building to Emma. Also, there are information sheets at the city and also at the office at the cemetery.

Althaus: Okay, Tree Commission?

Sue Fox Buroker: I'd like to defer to Cindy on this because I was unable to attend, I was out of town. So, she went for me.

Cindy Murray: So, we had Stephanie Miller here last Wednesday; Tuesday or Wednesday, and the guys on the tree commission spent from 9:30-5pm and they went on all the state routes; 31, 53, 68, 309, 67 and identified. They ranked all the trees and there were 43 "number ones" and so we took those and sent them out to get bids to get those trees taken down.

Althaus: Great. Thanks Cindy.

Tim Thomas: Joel, what does number one mean?

Althaus: It's the most critical, eminent hazard. BKP, you received minutes, actually I went through my checklist and there were several meeting and I couldn't figure out if I'd sent them or not, probably did not so you got them all. We did, BKP did get their "new to them" squad that came from out of, clear out, eastern Pennsylvania and waiting on the wrap on that, but basically it's all white so they're going to start using that. So, they are back at 4 trucks. So, that's good news and they're working through what they're going to do at the fair because BKP always a pretty big presence at the fair, as is our Fire Department and our Police Department. So, that's a big week for them. Did I miss anybody?

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-025, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2022, FOR THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: And this is on that you have a lengthy explanation on, and I believe the correct version on the bottom of page one, the total appropriations is \$81,130, is that correct?

Beazley: That is correct. It was updated finally after a piece of information from the County Auditor had changed the Grove Cemetery Fund so we're trying to move that through as quickly as possible.

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Althaus: And Pam did have a very detailed explanation of that ordinance. A lot of that, if not all of it was discussed in Finance and prior via some email. So, there is a request that this be discussed and approved tonight, or considered tonight, if possible.

Beazley: Correct because of, many of the line items, particularly the gasoline, are to a critical stage.

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, 7 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence and second by Mrs. Wren to adopt Ordinance No. 22-025.

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

2nd READING:

None.

3rd 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: Okay, that would involve the paving on 67 from Morningside to N. Wayne, next year. Any comments before I ask for a motion?

Motion by Mr. Beazley and second by Mrs. Davis to adopt Ordinance No. 22-021.

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

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Althaus: So, Legislative and Streets is now the 28th of September at 3:00 and 4:30. MOP, do you have one scheduled? Probably have no need at this point. Utilities scheduled for the 14th at 3:30 and Finance...

Beazley: Is incorrectly stated here. It will be the second meeting sir on the 26th and then going forward it will be every two weeks.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:

None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION:

Webb: I just want to say, because we closed the pool down. Again, our youth of our community were outstanding. We see the pool but it's a very critical, safe job. Thank you, Jesus we didn't have any accidents, or, well; a kid got his leg stuck but he was fine. He kept swimming afterwards, but it was just a great year, and our kids did a great job. We have good kids. That's all I have.

Althaus: To piggyback on that, I was going to comment tonight anyway, I'm glad you said that Mayor. First of all, a couple quick comments; we have a council member that goes to the pool quite a bit and is very involved and that's Robin. Robin's a very big backer of the pool, very behind it and I appreciate that. Thank you for doing that and you've done that for several years now. We have a Mayor that is out at the pool, all the time.

Mayor: I didn't go out there that much.

Althaus: You're on social media dancing.

Mayor: Well, that's just for those events.

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Althausser: So, appreciate your involvement, Mayor, and Cindy, whether it's going out there, or everything you do to back the operation of that. Behind the scenes, there's a lot of it. Maybe not, you didn't have to do as much this year, but I know you have in the past and I know you keep a lot of other things going so people can focus on that pool. Lastly Jacqueline Fitzgerald, she was out there all the time. She's never had that kind of tan before, so it's evidence she was and all I can say is, I didn't hear the negatives. You just didn't. The thing ran, and to me, as the legislative side, that's really nice. So, thank you for spending so much time. Now that you've been at a vacation at the pool all summer; let's get to work. With that, you'll see we went over the committee meetings, we're now to 3-week break, I believe, September 12, so it's after the fair. So, get your fair food in, get back here, because then we've got 8 meetings to wrap it all up. Unless there are objections; we're adjourned.

 Joel Althausser, President of Council

 Emma Boutwell, Clerk