

17TH REGULAR SESSION:

Kenton City Council met in their 17th regular session on September 13, 2021 at 7PM in Chambers. Present: President Joel Althausser, John McEntee, David Beazley, Antwillia Davis, Ray Lawrence, Pegg Wren, Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer, Mayor Lynn Webb, & Safety Service Director Cindy Murray. Absent: Patti Risner.

Prayer given by Mr. Beazley and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

MINUTES:

Althausser: In your packets were minutes from 2 previous meetings (8/23 & 8/26). Does anybody have any additions or corrections? Alright, let it reflect on the record approved as submitted.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:

Althausser: Tonight, we have no one on our agenda. Anyone in the audience that wants to address Council there will be time in comments right after new business.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS/UPDATES:

Althausser: I see everybody shaking their heads...there will be time under comments. Thanks guys.

COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:

Althausser: I don't have any communications, does anyone else? I don't think there are any petitions hanging out there.

MONTHLY/ANNUAL REPORTS:

Althausser: In your packet you did see a few...we'll get to the Public Hearing at the beginning of new business. We have the minutes from the Kenton-Hardin Health Department's July meeting. I have to admit I've not read through those yet, are there any questions or comments on those? We also had the Income Tax report for the month of August. Are there any highlights anyone would like to mention? We have the Daily Discharge report for the WWTP. With the lack of rain we've had, that's kind of a non-event. Anything you want to discuss on that Cindy? Ok, you see the KPD report for August and then the Public Works monthly report that highlights the hours worked. And finally, the report of the Auditor & Treasurer to the Mayor including the balancing on the back side. Questions on any of those? That's quite a bit of information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nothing from Safety, Nuisance, MOP, or Regional Planning.

Althausser: There was 1 written report in your packet from Finance, so we'll start with Finance.

Finance, Beazley: Finance would report that we met again this evening working further on the general fund & getting some preliminary numbers out of the way. We will be likely conducting meetings every 2 weeks prior to Council at 6PM...we have one scheduled for the next meeting to continue the budgeting process. I would like to thank everyone for the extra effort on the special sessions to get those items taken care of that we needed. Appreciate it.

Althausser: BKP meets next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Althausser: We have no items on the agenda. Is there anything that should be added?

NEW BUSINESS:

Althausser: Before we get to our agenda item, I'll turn it over to John to update us on the meeting before Council.

Schwemer: So a number of you were here at 6:30PM for the Planning Commission Public Hearing on the rezoning of a number of properties in the south part of town, basically south of Detroit Street & also kind of south of Sycamore Street...it's kind of like a triangular shape. There are 10 parcels involved & 4 property owners. The Planning Commission...it was their 30-day hearing & they did vote to recommend to Council to approve. So what we need to do is get this on the schedule to have a public hearing before Council. Then we'll have legislation to formally approve or disapprove of the zoning, okay? The date we'll be looking at, according to Brenda, would be October 25th. Historically we've done those before Council at 6 or 6:30, but Joel has discussed this with me and when we feel there is not necessarily a controversial one we'd just plan on having it at 7PM...so we'd just open the meeting with the public hearing and then

go into Council. No decision has to be made and if anyone needs a copy of the paperwork or anything I can get it to you or Brenda.

Clerk: I'll put it in their packets for that meeting.

Beazley: I had one question John that I meant to ask during the Public Hearing for information purposes, these are all contiguous properties, correct?

Schwemer: They are all contiguous properties. They really only about 3 other properties that are also in more of a residential district. For the benefit of anyone that wasn't here, the rezoning is from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to B-3 (General Business District) and the goal there is to allow a residence to be used. One of the property owners has had a residence there for years & years, but that was grandfathered in, so that is a permitted use. But that's kind of the goal of this rezoning to make it so you can do maybe not quite as heavy manufacturing, it'll just be a general business use. Because it's surrounded by residential neighborhoods & the railroad, I think it would probably be a benefit to the neighborhood giving those residents more protection. That's really all I have if there are no questions. So again, we'll have our public meeting set at 7PM on Oct. 25th to have the rezoning.

Althausen: We've done a couple that way at least the last few, so there isn't a break in-between...we'll just adjourn the public hearing & go into Council. Thank you, John. So we do have 1 item on the agenda, so Brenda I guess this is your show...

RESOLUTION NO. 21-006, 1ST READING, TITLE ONLY; A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althausen: I'd remind everyone this is an annual thing that happens about this time every year. And as read in the title the budget commission, which I believe is a commissioner, the auditor and the treasurer...I can't remember but something like that, but it's their formal certification of the amounts of the levies that would come our way. So there is nothing we can change...

Beazley: We can't impact this.

Althausen: Right, other than I suppose we cannot accept it but I don't know why we would. So I'd say if you wanted to move forward obviously this is something you can move forward on. If I hear nothing, we'll read that again in 2 weeks.

Beazley: Timing does not impact the 3 reads if needed?

Clerk: Because of the emergency language it could go 3 reads...it has to be over there by Oct. 1st...wait, I think I'm wrong on the Oct. 1st date...

Davis: November 1st so it could go 3 reads.

Althausen: Right. I would say this is typically something that you all did go ahead and get done when you had people here. Any other new business?

COMMENTS:

Chief Bruce Donnelly: Our civil service test will be tomorrow at 1PM.

Althausen: Emma, do you have anything? You need some kind of cool title...

Beazley: Queen of Taxes. Ha.

Althausen: Doug, did you have anything? Typically, we'll act on it that night. So the public hearing, unless all heck breaks loose at the public hearing which I doubt, we would typically act on it that night.

Doug Carmean: If you could do it in one reading that would be great. I'm under contract to purchase one of the properties, contingent upon it being rezoned.

Althausen: So, time is of the essence...

Carmean: Yes.

Althausen: Thank you for sharing that. I appreciate it.

Davis: I want to thank the Administration for having the Kenton City booth at the Fair. That was some good output.

Mayor Webb: I just want to touch off what Antwillia said...I appreciate everyone's help. Robin helped & was the creator of our booth & gave us some good ideas. I think we decided it in like 48 hrs., but we had some really, really, really good conversation. I would say as far as the downtown pieces because that's kind of what we highlighted was 100% positive of what they liked to see. The only question that sticks in everybody's mind once again is where the trucks are going. We do meet with ODOT on the 20th and hopefully that will be the beginning of good meetings on truck & safety traffic. Other than that, it was very well received so we're going to do it again in the same place. Thanks Robin...she cleaned up too.

Althausen: Why don't you rattle off who all was out there...

Mayor: Well, we tried to get everybody upstairs in the Administration...they usually had an afternoon whatever they wanted to fit in after their lunch, so they could be out there & people could see

who all was out there. Sean Gillilan from OHM spent 2 days with me & he absolutely loves Hardin County. He is a fan of the beef tent! Joel came by & sat & chatted...Brian came by...I think everybody that's a fair goer was out there. We had a good turnout & good participation from the administration to sit out there and be present & visible. I think everybody had a good time & it was very positive.

Althaus: Brenda spent time out there.

Mayor: Twice.

Tim Thomas: Did you talk to anyone? Ha.

Clerk: Actually, I did. Ha. I answered a lot of questions.

Althaus: We need to bottle all of that knowledge of the City for later use...that's why you can't retire for another 20 years. Ha! I would echo that the Administration worked hard to throw the booth together, but it didn't look like it was thrown together quick. It was a very nice booth. I saw Emma, I saw Chief Musser, I know Brenda was out there, I saw Cindy, I saw Doris...

Mayor: And Stephanie.

Althaus: Yes, I saw Stephanie. I worked in that building quite often with Dad's booth and with the Elks, and that was something I don't think was ever thought of...

Mayor: They've done it before.

Althaus: Have they? Must have been way back. But that was the right building to be in I think.

Mayor: Yes, we're going to keep that same spot.

Althaus: It's close to the ice cream. By the way, I'll make this announcement for Rotary, I believe you get a hold of John Steinman if you're looking for some ice cream. It's \$30.00/tub, each tub is 3 gallons & it's Velvet ice cream. They've got a slew of tubs. I know there are like 5-6 of Cookies & Cream, 5-6 of Moose Tracks...

Robin: Butter pecan...

Mayor: The solid Carmel & Toffee is gone. (people all talking at once about ice cream...)

Carmean: Cookies & Cream there are 6 tubs left; Moose/Deer Tracks there are 7 tubs; Chocolate Mint Chocolate Chip there are 8 tubs; & Carmel Cashew 8 tubs. That was as of today at 5PM.

Jones: Did you get a hold of the school...maybe the athletic boosters would use it after a game? You know how they all congregate after football games...

Carmean: I think they asked them but haven't heard back yet.

Althaus: I think they'd store in the freezer until next year. But yes, the City booth at the Fairgrounds was excellent. Sean Root & Sean Gillilan were out there and Sean G. does very much enjoy Hardin County. I sat with him & the Mayor for quite a while one night & I enjoyed that immensely. So if you get a chance next year, we might try to stick our nose in & be a little organized and take some shifts. I know Lynn kept it not real strict, just whoever could get there could get there. But you do see a lot of people and the display was very nice so thank you very much for doing that. I think there were a lot of exciting things just when you walked through that building alone...the City had a booth, you had the Schools PAC booth for the new middle school/high school, the Fair Board also was showing their idea of what they would want to get accomplished with an entertainment livestock pavilion & center which is a huge undertaking, and you had Quest in their booth looking at the new facility they're going to build in Lakeview. So a lot of very positive things happening. While some might think it was a little bit of a down fair, I think with the environment we were in it was a great fair.

Beazley: It beats last year's.

Althaus: Yep. So if you know a Fair Board Member thank them or a Junior Fair Board Member thank them. We have an outstanding fair in this county and it's a pleasure for Kenton to host that for that event to happen here in the City. So thank you very much to the Fair Board. So, you know how the end of Sep., Oct. & Nov. get...a lot of things happening & Dave is going to be having meetings as often as he can at 6PM. Our next meeting is Sept. 27th at 7PM. I'd ask if we could dismiss Patti.

Beazley: You mean excuse?

Althaus: Yep, I mean excuse.

Motion by Mrs. Jones & second by Mrs. Wren to excuse Patti Risner.

Althaus: Any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried)** Is there anything further we need to bring forth for the good of the order? If not, we're adjourned.