

**1<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION:**

Kenton City Council met in their 1<sup>st</sup> regular session on January 11, 2021 at 7 PM in Chambers. Present: President Joel Althausser, John McEntee (Zoom), David Beazley (Zoom), Antwillia Davis, Ray Lawrence, Patti Risner (Zoom), Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer, Mayor Lynn Webb, & Safety Service Director Cindy Murray.

Althausser: I hope this isn't an indication of what's to come in 2021, but we're having quite a bit of trouble setting this Zoom meeting up...Pegg is still trying to get in. We're going to dispense with the prayer & the Pledge of Allegiance this evening.

**MINUTES:**

Althausser: Does anyone have any additions or corrections to the minutes as they were included in your packet? If not, we'll assume those are correct & put them down as approved.

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:**

We have no one on the agenda, but we'll ask anyone who wants to speak that are here in chambers at the end during comments to go ahead & state their business.

**DEPARTMENTAL NEWS/UPDATES:**

Althausser: I have no specific updates from any of the depts., so we'll just do that in comments.

**COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:**

Althausser: I have no communications...does any Councilmember have any?

**MONTHLY/ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Althausser: We have in our packets the Income Tax report through the end of December...flip over to the back page & you can see where we ended up the year. December wasn't a really good month. Any questions on that report? We also have the Water & Sewer report, the KPD report, and a new report which is the Canine Activity report for the year. Are there any questions?

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance, Beazley: Finance has not met and Regional Planning did meet (can't hear) but it's too early to know about the projects being considered (can't hear).

Safety, Nuisance, Davis: Nothing currently with Nuisance or Safety.

MOP: Robin stated they haven't met.

Cemetery, Davis: The Cemetery is looking for a full-time general laborer employee, so if anyone is looking you can send applications out to the office at Grove Cemetery.

Althausser: I'll just repeat in case you couldn't hear, Grove Cemetery is looking for a full-time general laborer and applications are available at the office at the Cemetery.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-043, 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE LEASE OF SPACE FOR ANTENNA(S) AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR INTERNET AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS ON THE EXISTING WATER TOWER AT 610 W. KOHLER STREET OWNED BY AND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althausser: This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> read & we had talked about not waiting too long on it. Does Council have any desire to move on this this evening or would you rather read it again in 2 weeks? I don't think it's an issue either way so we can take it to a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading if you'd like. Alright, I'll take that as we'll move it on to a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in 2 weeks. Is there any other old business to be presented?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Althausser: We have no new business on the agenda. Does any Councilmember have any to present?

**COMMENTS:**

Murray: The only thing I have is we did the testing on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> for the Sergeant's exam. So we should have some results maybe at the next meeting or the following meeting.

McEntee: I do have one item. Last spring, I think it was discussed whether we'd get a new office bldg. at the quarry & (can't hear)...has anything been done on that?

Althausen: Cindy, were you able to hear that?

Murray: Lynn is going to answer that.

Mayor Webb: No, I think what we're doing right now with the plan is Dwayne has been working at the old office and got that straightened around. So, from a money concept we're going to hold off on that moving forward. Joe (Burgbacher) stopped in this morning & I had a conversation with him & showed where we had initially budgeted & then our cuts & what we've set aside for new equipment out there.

Althausen: Does that answer your question for now John?

McEntee: It sure did, thank you.

Risner: I wanted to say I know that right now a lot of people live in fear (can't hear)...I want everyone to just take a deep breath & I think it's time we roll up our sleeves (can't hear)...we need to keep our hearts right & let's pray for peace (can't hear)....

Schwemer: I'm always required to report to Council at the first meeting of the year. I've provided my written letter (annual report) which Joel pretty much has memorized, but in summary we've not collected any monies...Jason & I have complied with our duties and the written report will be passed out in the Council packet for the next meeting. If there are any questions, we can address them at that time.

Mayor Webb: Nothing at this time...next Council meeting I'll definitely be presenting, and I'll pass it out in the packet, the Mayor's 2020 recap moving forward. O H

Davis: I O

Althausen: Well at least we got through this...what a fiasco. I'm sitting here thinking through what I did differently...I always bring my personal laptop as a backup & I didn't this time. I should've done that. I'm guessing we've locked down at work our security on our Zoom account over the last 2 weeks and so some of you who don't have a Zoom account couldn't log in. Does that sound like it makes sense? It's the best I can come up with. But I have my own Zoom account & I should've used that one and didn't, but I've used this one before. Either way, that's all we have on the agenda tonight. Our next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup> and we'll try to have a backup plan because I hate to say it, but the situation out there as far as COVID isn't getting any better. I appreciate those that came in...Antwillia & Robin came rushing in here...

Clerk: Do we need to excuse Pegg?

Althausen: No, if Council agrees Pegg was trying to get in on the Zoom meeting so we'll all accept that. If there is nothing further, this meeting is adjourned.

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Joel Althausen  
President of Council

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Brenda Hanna  
Clerk