Council Meeting Minutes 1/9/19 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order; Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

In Attendance: Mayor Dudley, Vice-Mayor Howell, Councilmembers DeSimone, Troup and Roberts, Manager Campbell and Attorney Mora

o Consent Agenda for January 2019

Motion to Approve: Councilmember Troup Second: Councilmember Roberts

Motion passed unanimously

Open Forum

Resident Paul Ashe had questions about what happened to the Welcome to Kenneth City sign on 54th Ave, and what is going to happen to the Kmart building? He encouraged everyone to attend the variance meeting on January 10th.

Al Sinwelski of 5852 46th Ave had questions about the upcoming BOA meeting and what the plans are for the new Public Works building. Also, he was concerned about the placement of the dumpster and whether or not it should be enclosed.

- Old Business The contract extension has been pulled from agenda.
- New Business -

Resolution 19-01 Town Holidays

Motion to Approve: Councilmember Troup

Second: Councilmember DeSimone

Motion passed unanimously

Discussion of 2019 Town Special Events

February 8th Movie Night, Ernst Park

April 5th Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

April 13th Lake/Waterway Cleanup

April 26-28 Garage Sale Weekend

July 4th Fourth of July Parade

November 2nd Fall Festival

November 21st Shore Lunch

December 12th Old Fashion Christmas

Consensus by the Council to accept the Town Special Events.

Kenneth City Police Community Policing Events 2019

February 16th Casting with a Cop

March 23rd Biking with a Badge

April 14th Peeps with Police

May 1st Hurricane Awareness

July 20th Game Night at KCPD

August 16th Cone with a Cop

September TBD

October 31 Trunk or Treat

November 15th Coffee with a Cop

November 19th Thanksgiving Dinner

December 18th Shop with a Cop

o Consensus by the Council to accept the KCPD Community Events.

Discussion of 2019 Council meetings and dates.

January 9, February 13, March 13 * Swearing in

April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11

October 9, November 13, and December 11

- Council workshops held as needed, following Council Meetings
- Consensus by the Council to accept the Town Council Meetings.

Mayor/Council/Attorney/Manager/Clerk Comments:

Vice-Mayor Howell commented he thought Joanne should finish out her term, regardless of if anything comes in from the Governor's office.

Attorney Mora stated he has been in regular contact on a weekly basis with Tallahassee. In December the previous administration had directed FDLE to begin an investigation into the matter. The new administration has been briefed on the situation. It has been the direction of the Council to pursue this matter. Attorney Mora advises to proceed and stand behind the Council's decision. Attorney Mora stated we are asking for a suspension.

Attorney Erica Augello and Attorney Mora have been promoted to partners in the law firm. Attorney Mora presented to the Clearwater Bar Association about ADA and website accessibility. Manager Campbell has those materials. Attorney Mora strongly suggests attending, for those who has never been to the Florida League of Cities Institute for Elected Municipal Officials.

There will be a BOA hearing on January 10th. Legal discourages Councilmembers from attending these hearing because in the event that a decision is appealed, the appeal would come to Council.

Councilmembers don't want to be in a position that they have prejudged based on evidence that is not presented to them.

Mayor Dudley stated that January 9th is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Mayor Dudley stated she greatly appreciates the Police Department of Kenneth City.

The Ribbon Cutting at Mama G's was Monday January 7th. Mayor Dudley encourages everyone to go to the bakery.

Manager Campbell stated the BOA will hear two case: one from a resident who is seeking to put a fence within the front lot, which is higher than what the code is and also put a pool within that area. The second case is the Town is the applicant where we need to clarify the historical setbacks for the Public Works building, as it exists today and reconstruct the Public Works Building.

Manager Campbell stated that the Attorneys for Seritage Properties have been in contact with him, talking about a couple of options, neither that the code allows. He stated we really want as much residential Redevelopment as possible. Kmart has paid the BTR for the 2018-19 year.

They have not indicated what is going to happen to the property.

Mayor Dudley and Vice-Mayor Howell had questions about the Public Works Building project.

Manager Campbell stated ground breaking could be within a month. There is a plan to put the dumpster behind a six-foot fence.

Manager Campbell stated we would take the artwork into consideration.

We did receive our letter back from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. We had a plan to do a stormwater master plan that was through a Cooperative funding agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District. They actually pay for half of that study. The letter stated it was basically approved. Manager Campbell met with our County engineer today and we've already started that process. It will be a 15 to 18-month process.

Adjournment -

Motion to Approve: Councilmember DeSimone

Second: Councilmember Troup

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy McCarthy Matson, Town Clerk