



Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Call to Order, Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Manager Campbell

Roll Call

Councilmembers Hautt, Noble, Zemaitis, Vice-Mayor Howell, Mayor Dudley, Attorney Mora, and Manager Campbell

Recognition of Council Members & Council Appointment

Welcome to Councilmembers Noble and Zemaitis

Recognize former Councilmembers Troup and Roberts for their service with a plaque.

Vice-Mayor Appointment

Mayor Dudley suggested keeping Robert Howell as Vice-Mayor

Motion: Councilmember Zemaitis

Second: Councilmember Hautt

All in favor Motion approved

Agenda for June

Motion: Councilmember Hautt

Second: Councilmember Noble

All in favor Motion approved

Recognition of KCPD for recent Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation accomplishment

Chief Riley spoke about the process of receiving the accreditation, which started four years ago. In February, the KCPD was awarded full accreditation by the Florida Commission of Accreditation. It is a 3- year cycle. There are 400 Police Agencies across the State of Florida and only one-third of them are accredited. It establishes best practices and standards for how Law Enforcement Agencies should be conducting themselves. There are 239 standards that need to be adhered to. There are 18,000 Law Enforcement Agencies across the United States and three-quarters of them have 25

Officers or less, thus the size of Kenneth City is the norm. It is a huge accomplishment.

Chief Riley also distributed last year's Annual Report to the Council.

Representative Jennifer Webb, House District 69, COVID-19 and Legislative Update

Representative Webb gave an overview of the past legislative session and a COVID-19 update. The State currently rolled out Stage 2 of the reopening. For those who are struggling financially Pinellas County has a program, Pinellas Cares. It helps families and small businesses pay their bills. Up to \$3,000 is available for families and up to \$5,000 for businesses. Families can text COVIDCARES to 898211 to get the process started. If you or your family have lost a job or income due to impacts from the pandemic, you may qualify for one-time financial assistance to pay for basic expenses such as rent. Landlords can share this information with their tenants. For Employers, DEO has a program where, if you bring back workers to 60-90% of their Pre-COVID hours DEO will pay part of their salary and the employer the other part.

Rep Webb was able to secure 2.35 million dollars in projects for her district. These were predominantly projects to improve wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. Rep Webb was able to put forward six substantive bills. Four of the bills were passed. Two other bills that passed were an increase in pay for teachers and a water quality bill

The Governor will be reviewing the budget, shortly. Rep Webb doesn't anticipate that the money she was able to secure in the last session will be there for projects going forward.

Open Forum

- Barbara Roberts, 6412 44th Ave North requested copy of the Town Clerk's plan to complete her certification.

New Business

First Reading of Ordinance 2020-654, amending Chapter 54- Traffic & Vehicles

Attorney Mora stated this ordinance has been in the works for over two years.

The entire chapter has been amended from the generic elements to the more specific elements.

This is the first reading, which at this point can be revised and edited.

One of the challenges of this redraft was the difference between vehicles, i.e. cars, trucks and recreational vehicles. The ordinance goes through the general parking prohibitions and permissions, then it goes into the regulations of vehicles, then more narrowly into the regulations pertaining to recreational vehicles.

Some of the more salient points based on the discussion of the Council were the prohibited vehicles definition, which talks about a whole class of vehicles.

The biggest part of this discussion centered around a sense in the community that there is not enough space for all the different kinds of vehicles to park, while taking into account the safety, health, and welfare of the community.

Based on the input of this Council and studies that were done with emergency vehicles. The consensus was to allow for street parking, unless otherwise posted.

In Chapter 54-111C- Explicit provision for parking permitted in residential roadways, unless otherwise posted by signage. There was an email distributed by Attorney Mora clarifying language in

Chapter 54-110. It should say that no person shall, stop, stand or park a vehicle, on the grass or soil in the front or side yard of a residential property.

Chapter 54, Sub 11, no person shall, stop, stand or park a vehicle on the roadway in front of a residential property, when displaced by a recreational vehicle as defined in this chapter. This was one edit to make clear it is not ok to park on the grass. If you are parking a recreational vehicle on your driveway, in addition to all the other restrictions pertaining to them, you can't do so if it requires your personal vehicles to be parked in the road.

There are provisions for the expansion of a driveway or placement of driveways in other parts of the lot. The current code favors expansion over displacement.

The following needs to be reconciling by the Council.

Ch. 54- 113d prohibits the location of a vehicle in disrepair, in the rear of a residential lot.

Ch 54- 174b allows for a recreation vehicle in disrepair to be placed in the rear yard for a limited time period.

The more salient items are that recreational vehicles must be parked on an approved surface. It shouldn't be on roadway and once on a driveway, not displacing requisite parking for vehicles. The preference is that a recreational vehicle be accommodated within the driveway, or rear yard. If it can't be in either of those places, the expansion of the front driveway or a provision for an approved surface on the side year, subject to side setbacks.

There will be a first reading and then a second reading, which will be advertised. In addition to this Ordinance it will be accompanied by a Resolution with a fine schedule. There is a plan for the collection of fines for Parking Violations, with the assistance of the Clerk of the Courts.

Motion:	Vice-Mayor Howell
Second:	Councilmember Noble

Vice-Mayor Howell asked if anything had changed since the previous discussions. Attorney Mora stated the substance is still the same.

Manager Campbell stated that some signage will need to be updated, the Town is working with a traffic engineer to accomplish that. While parking was being reviewed, it was determined that Seritage Development, owner of the Kmart property has already posted signs and is having unauthorized vehicles towed.

Councilmember Zemaitis questioned whether a pre-existing dirt driveway will need to be upgraded. She also wanted clarification on the 23 feet or 10,000 pounds and 30 feet total for vehicles.

Manager Campbell and Attorney Mora stated that after new regulations are passed there would be a grace period for the existing driveway to be updated to code. There would need to be an education process for the residents.

There was a discussion among Council to determination if a vehicle is in the state of disrepair, can it be placed in the temporary location for a limited time period.

The consensus was it can be for a period of 60 days.

There also was discussion about a trailer, not a recreation vehicle being parked in the public right away, or in the front, side or rear yards.

The Consensus was that vehicles loading, unloading or providing services would be allowed to park temporarily on unapproved services, i.e. grass, Tradesman's vehicles

Open Forum

Teresa Zemaitis, 5201 57th St N was concerned about parking in the curve on 49th Ave. She asked that the line of sight be kept in mind while determining parking/no parking areas.

The Council was polled
All in favor: First reading of Chapter 54 was approved

Mayor/Council/Attorney/Manager/Clerk

Councilmember commented on the need to streamline communication within the Town, i.e. the websites and Facebook pages. Councilmember Zemaitis agreed.
Manager Campbell stated one on one meetings could be arranged.

Attorney Mora explained the process of getting an item on an agenda. There should be consensus from the Council to add an item to the agenda.

Mayor Dudley asked if changing the meetings from 6:30 to 6:00 would work for the new Council. Councilmember Zemaitis stated it would conflict with her work schedule.

Manager Campbell distributed a property and yard brochure. This a Town wide education initiative. Included in his manager update was a Capital improvement update, also a feasibility study regarding a roundabout for 46 Ave and 58th Street. This can be discussed at a workshop.

Councilmember Noble asked what benefit it would be to the Town.
Manager Campbell stated it takes away the light, improves traffic flow and slows vehicles down.

Attorney Mora thanked everyone for their patience and understanding during these months of COVID- 19.

The legislature has been under pressure to address the fireworks issue. The legislative landscape has changed if we don't do anything, nothing changes. Code is silent for fireworks in Kenneth City, which otherwise are allowed on specific days of the year.

Manager Campbell stated the Town would like to change the observed 4th of July holiday to Friday instead of Monday, due to the 4th of July parade being cancelled.
Council gave consensus to change the observed 4th of July Holiday from Monday July 6th to Friday July 3rd.

Adjournment

Motion: Vice-Mayor Howell
Second: Councilmember Hautt

Meeting adjourned at **8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy M. Matson, Town Clerk