



Council Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020

- Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

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

- Consent Agenda for November
Minutes- Council Meeting (October)
Revenue/Expenditure Report
Building Department Report
Police Department Report
Fire Department Report

Motion: Councilmember Noble
Second Councilmember Zemaitis
All in favor

- Proclamations and Announcements

A presentation of a plaque was made to the Kenneth City Police Department by resident Jeffrey Pfannes. In appreciation of the Police Department.

The plaque reads "This is in appreciation to the Kenneth City Police Department for your commitment and dedication to the Citizens. We have your back, as you have ours."

In addition, Mr. Pfannes presented a check for \$265.00 to Chief Riley.

- Town Employee Recognition

Manager Campbell presented Chief Kevin Riley with a 5-Year Service Award

- Open Forum- (limited to 3 minutes) State your name and address

Maureen Boberg, Resident

Ms. Boberg had safety concerns about the Carnival in Kenneth City, due to COVID-19 and permit questions regarding the Carnival.

Manager Campbell stated the Carnival provided a 4-page letter detailing their COVID-19 guidelines. They have received all their permits.

The Carnival had asked to extend their stay an additional 7 days, but the Town thought it was in the best interest of everyone not all allow the additional days.

Councilmember Zemaitis questioned the date of the permit. She stated she regrets not expressing her concerns at the October meeting. She recommends not attending the event.

Janice Robertson, 5510 45th Ave N

Ms. Robertson was concerned that her Recreational Vehicle is 18 inches over the length allowed by code.

Manager Campbell stated the 30 feet in the code is an inclusive portion of the recreational vehicle.

Cindy Hite, 6514 43rd Ave N

Ms. Hite was concerned about the house next door to her and about the speeding down 43rd Ave. She asked that the No Parking signs be replaced.

Paul Asche, 6412 44th Ave N

Mr. Asche was concerned that the bushes on NE corner of 66th Street blocking the traffic from the North.

Chris Vanderkooi, 5196 60th Way North

Mr. Vanderkooi was concerned about the hardship many people might face, coming up with alternatives to parking on the grass. He would like a bit more transparency by the Town. He was concerned about old powerlines and junk left by the utility companies and would like them removed.

Mary Jo Bodrog, 6496 43rd Ave N

Ms. Bodrog agreed that the bushes need to be cut on the NE corner of 66th Street and that the house next to the Hite's house is an eyesore.

Barbara Roberts, 6412 44th Avenue North

Ms. Roberts stated the ordinance were enacted, so the homes in Kenneth City would still have a value.

Cindy Hite, 6514 43rd Ave N

Ms. Hite is concerned with the left-hand turn going into Jacaranda Manor. She believes it is dangerous and needs to be removed.

- New Business

Ordinance 2020-655 - Updating the Town's Uniform Development Code, Amending Chapter 34- Fire Protection and Prevention (first reading)

Motion: Councilmember Hautt

Second Vice-Mayor Howell

All in favor

Manager Campbell stated this is only limited to fire. It is an existing ordinance, which is broken down with a more descriptive fee schedule. It is an attempt to educate the business owners. It creates an opportunity to recoup some of the expenses for false alarms.

Attorney Mora stated it is a recurrent problem. This ordinance will correct the administrative elements of the code that were inadequate to address the problem.

Resolution 2020-10 Providing for the adoption of the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy

Motion: Councilmember Hautt

Second Vice-Mayor Howell

All in favor

Manager Campbell stated the local Mitigation strategy is an organization that was put together to join all the municipalities as one voice in regard to hazard mitigation, which would affect all of us. It is needed to get or qualify for state and federal funds.

Resolution 2020-11 calling for a March 9, 2021 election for the purpose of establishing a qualifying period and electing two (2) Councilmembers and one (1) Mayor.

Motion: Councilmember Zemaitis
Second Councilmember Noble
All in favor

Public Comment:

Paul Asche, 6412 44th Ave
Mr. Asche asked when the qualify period was and if a neighbor could pick up a packet for someone else.

Clerk Matson stated the qualifying period is 8am December 11th – noon on December 18 and that a neighbor could pick up someone's packet.

- Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with Pinellas County for the future 46th Avenue JPA improvements.

Motion: Councilmember Zemaitis
Second Councilmember Noble
All in favor

- Agreement renewal with Trask Daigneault, LLP for Town Attorney Services

Motion: Councilmember Noble
Second Councilmember Zemaitis
All in favor

- Mayor/Council/Attorney/Manager/Clerk Comments

Councilmember Noble – Expressed a desire for more written protocols for responding to various issues. Councilmember Noble implied that written protocols can be improved to increase best practices and reduce cost to the Town. Councilmember Noble expressed her displeasure at the job performance of Town Management and Town Administration. During Councilmember Noble's comment time, a spirited discussion between Town Manager Campbell, Attorney Mora, and Council Member Noble, Vice-Mayor Howell, and Mayor Dudley took place regarding personnel decisions, ongoing dispute resolution, adding items to the council meeting agenda, and administrative policy/procedure.

Councilmember Zemaitis – Wanted everyone to be aware December 4,5 and 6th garage sale weekend. It is free to residence. Councilmember Zemaitis inquired about the Kenneth City Tree Lighting Event. Councilmember Zemaitis also inquired into the Police Chief recruiting practices of Town Management, questioning if we had enough applicants to get best hire.

Mayor Dudley – Expressed her acknowledgement of the dissatisfaction expressed as to how the Town is run by some on Council. Mayor Dudley reflected on progress made in the Town, and advocated for respect and professionalism on Council.

Vice-Mayor Howell – After questioning the motivation of the spirited discussion held during Councilmember Noble's comment section, called for unity and kindness on Council.

Councilmember Hauft – Reflected on his life-time residence in Kenneth City and commented positively on the current state of the Town and on the improvement projects that have occurred over the last seven to eight years.

Attorney Mora – Before thanking the Council for the opportunity to serve as Town Attorney, Attorney Mora discussed the use of professional engineers to address engineering issues. Attorney Mora also recited Resolution 2018-08, a resolution which outlines the process to which Councilmembers may request items be put onto the agenda. Attorney Mora asked Council to approach him with any questions, and that he is always available to Council.

Manager Campbell – Responded to the discussion of an issue's ongoing dispute resolution. Expressed that mistakes that were made were not done intentionally or maliciously. Responding to the tree lighting discussion, Manager Campbell informed Council that the tree lighting would be done via Facebook live virtual video. Responding to the inquiry about the Police Chief recruitment process, Manager Campbell elaborated on what has been done. Manager Campbell informed Council that the applicant pool was strong, and that potentially a select few may be able to meet the Council. Manager Campbell spoke about the Community Education brochure circulating regarding the recent changes to Chapter 54. After the first of the

year there will be enforcement. The Town will be working on presenting the Chapter 66 expansion of driveway widths to the Planning & Zoning Board. Manager Campbell finished by elaborating on the Town growth, striking a healthy balance between Town management and Council despite disagreements, and conveying his gratefulness for the opportunity to be Town Manager.

Clerk Matson – Informed Council that an Ethics Training would be held December 16 from 10-12am and 1-3pm. Mayor's Council meeting would be held on December 4th and the next Council meeting is December 9th 2020. Qualifying period for the March Election begins December 11th at 8am, and ends December 18th at noon.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy M. Matson