



**THE TOWN OF KENNETH CITY, FLORIDA
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES**

January 8, 2020

- *Call to Order* at 7:04 p.m.
- *Roll Call* – Councilmembers Haft, Troup and Roberts, Vice-Mayor Howell, Mayor Dudley, Attorney Mora and Manager Campbell

- *Town Fire Contract Discussion*

Manager Campbell stated that typically negotiations are handled by the Town Manager. We have had a fire contract with Pinellas Park, for close to 10 years, prior to that was with the Lealman fire control district. Out of courtesy we reached out to three area agencies, St. Petersburg, Lealman fire control district and Pinellas Park, contiguous to Kenneth City for potential submittals of proposals for us to consider. We have a proposal from Pinellas Park. The contract is identical to the last contract, with a new rate which is 3% higher. This has been the increase that has occurred every year with this contract. The building does need some repair. We also received a letter of interest from Lealman, however there were no numbers submitted. St. Petersburg has not responded yet.

Attorney Mora reminded everyone this is a workshop and no official actions are taken at this meeting. The guidance that staff is seeking is 1) is there a preferred direction to go 2) is there authorization to engage in contract negotiations that would flow from whatever recommendation/direction expressed tonight.

Vice-Mayor Howell stated he would like to consider what Lealman has to offer. He also stated we have a great relationship with Pinellas Park. It would be nice to re-establish a relationship with Lealman. Councilmember Roberts was cautious about considering Lealman. Councilmember Haft agreed we should investigate what Lealman has to offer. Mayor Dudley stated to be opened minded and look at everything. Also, when we review our Fire report each month it is Lealman, who responds to a lot of Kenneth City calls.

Manager Campbell stated that Lealman has some pause over the Lealman bill. Which if Lealman became a service entity for the Town and someone wanted to voluntary annex in, whether they could provide service to them or not.

Mayor Dudley asked if the contract would be extended while for 6 months to allow for negotiation

Manager Campbell stated it would be extended for 6 months.

Councilmember Troup stated he knows a St. Petersburg Fireman, who Matt can speak with.

- *54th Ave Banner Sign Discussion*

The banners would be attached to our decorative light poles (18) on 54th Avenue North. In the last meeting it was narrowed down to three different messages. A place holder banner, 4th of July and Holiday. There is a regulation that the bottom of the banners needs to be a certain distance from the sidewalk. Examples were shown. 30 inches would be the maximum on length.

Councilmember Roberts asked about putting the banners on the power poles.

If banners were put on the Duke Energy poles, they would have to meet Duke's standard.

The Town hangs it's Christmas decorations on the Duke poles.

The consensus from the Council was to move forward with ordering them.

- *Time Capsule Discussion*

There is a master plan in place to purchase the time capsule and solicit the community to see what items they would like to see included. The capsule would be buried and the GPS coordinates would go into the Town archives.

The consensus from the Council was to move forward with the process.

- *Town Special Events*

A list of events was reviewed. The changes in the events were moving the Lake clean-up back to March, to coordinate a larger event with Keep Pinellas Beautiful.

The 4th of July was discussed, not to have a parade, but to replaced it with some kind of event, on that day or another day during the year.

Mayor Dudley concurred and Vice-Mayor Howell stated that the event should be unique to Kenneth City. Vice-Mayor stated he would like to see the free aspect of the event again.

The consensus was to have a family event at the park on July 4th, instead of the parade.

- *Adjournment at 7:53p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy M Matson, Town Clerk