

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 3, 2023 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:31 p.m. Council members present were: Scott Haymer, Jeffrey Ruple, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Eric Ziegler. Absent: Ronald Fenstermaker and Richard Lowery.

Mayor Kevin Potter, City Engineer Douglas Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton and Senior Center Coordinator Teresa Szary were also in attendance.

Council President Ruple reviewed tonight's meeting agenda. With regard to Ordinance 23-O-17 and 23-O-18, Mayor Potter advised that Mr. Godwin will be in attendance at the next Council meeting to address these with Council.

With regard to Resolution 23-R-19 relating to the ODOT road salt contract, Mr. Fornaro said it would be helpful if it can be adopted tonight. However, the Council President noted that since Councilman Schulz works for ODOT and would abstain from voting, there are not enough members present to adopt it tonight. Answering Councilman Smolic, Mr. Fornaro said that salt usage is approximately 3,000 tons for the season.

Mayor Potter advised that Resolution 23-R-20 confirms the appointment of Denise Quiggle to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the vacancy from Mr. Murch's resignation. The Mayor noted that Ms. Quiggle is a realtor and long-time Kirtland resident, and he said she will be an asset to the Board. He noted that she was unable to attend tonight's Council meeting, but he requested that Council adopt this legislation tonight. Council President Ruple said he has known Ms. Quiggle for a long time and concurred that she will benefit the Board. Mayor Potter noted that Resolution 23-R-21 relating to the appointment of Lita Laven to the Planning and Zoning Commission should be placed on First Reading.

Referring to Ordinances 23-O-22 through 23-O-27 relating to ordinance amendments in Sections 1024, 1026 and 1028, Mr. Fornaro advised that these can be placed on First Reading. Councilman Schulz suggested that in 23-O-22, the language in paragraph (a) be clarified to read "backfilled with #57 limestone." With regard to the language in these amendments, Mr. Schulz noted that there are instances stating the unpaid costs can be placed on the tax duplicate and others are referred to court. It was noted that this language can be reviewed with the Law Director.

With regard to Resolution 23-R-28, Mayor Potter said this allows Mr. Courtney to design the bid book and contractual items for the road program. Answering Councilman Schulz, Mr. Courtney explained that there are corrections to the figures on the exhibit. It was noted that the legislation will need to be amended to correct the exhibit.

Referring to Resolution 23-R-29 for purchase of extrication equipment, Fire Chief Hutton requested that it be adopted tonight, noting there has been a wait with the vendor and the potential for price increase. He noted the informal bids came in lower than the grant amount, so the Department will be able to spend the additional grant funds on rescue jacks. The Chief confirmed they do have to spend all of the grant amount.

With regard to Ordinance 23-O-30 relating to the Comprehensive Plan, Mayor Potter advised that Ms. DeMistro is adding some graphics to the version on the website. He noted the legislation can be placed on First Reading.

Mayor Potter advised that Finance Director Louis Slapnicker is working on financial matters for the City tonight and will not be present at the Council meeting.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. upon the consensus of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council