

## **KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **May 3, 2023 – Work Session**

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:50 p.m. Council members present were: Ronald Fenstermaker, Richard Lowery, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Eric Ziegler. Absent: Scott Haymer.

Mayor Kevin Potter, Assistant Law Director Thomas Lobe, City Engineer Douglas Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Police Chief Brian McCallister and Fire Chief Anthony Hutton were also in attendance.

Mayor Potter advised that Aaron Godwin is present in the event Council has any questions regarding the solar energy ordinance.

Aaron Godwin, 10299 Longview Drive, addressed Council, noting that he first became involved when he submitted an application for solar panels and discovered that a conditional use permit was required. At the request of the Mayor, he became involved in the review of the ordinance, looking at model ordinances in the region and through consortiums in the Midwest, New England and the Southeast. They found the model that was most applicable to this region and took comments. It was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and now it is before Council. Mr. Godwin noted that large-scale, business or farm solar applications would require a conditional use permit, but community members desiring rooftop solar panels would not be needlessly burdened. Mr. Godwin said that the Lake County Building Department is heavily involved in the permitting process.

Mr. Godwin noted there is a one-paragraph change proposed to the geothermal section of the ordinance. Answering Council President Smolic, Mr. Godwin noted these would be addressed by Lake County.

Council thanked Mr. Godwin for attending and addressing Council in this regard.

Mr. Courtney advised there is a change order on Fox Hill. He advised that he noticed that the slope between the cul-de-sac and the stream eroded significantly more than the last time he had seen it. He talked to the contractor about grading it and putting some rock protection on that slope. The work was done, and it is \$800 to \$900 more than the amount issued by the County. The change order will be sent to Lake County Stormwater, and the additional money will be submitted for reimbursement. Mr. Courtney noted they will also be changing out the castings on the three inlets at the end of the cul-de-sac so they do not get clogged with leaves. Mr. Courtney requested that the legislation for the change order be adopted tonight.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. upon the consensus of Council.

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President of Council

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Clerk of Council