

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE / WORK SESSION

March 18, 2025

The Kirtland City Council Finance Committee (Council as a Whole) / Work Session meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m. Council members present were Ronald Fenstermaker, Joseph Smolic, Suzanne Grazia, Scott Haymer, Julie Symonds, and Eric Ziegler.

Also in attendance were Mayor Kevin Potter, Finance Director Louis Slapnicker, City Engineer Douglas Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton and Senior Center Coordinator Julia DeWolf.

Mr. Slapnicker reviewed the items in the budget that have been updated, amended or added since the last meeting on March 18, 2025. Noting, a \$1,200 increase to fulltime uniforms as a result of adding a thirteenth full time firefighter and an additional \$3,125 increase in uniform allowance for part-time firefighters based on the current number of part time employees. An increase of \$3,000 to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund was included for improvements to the Police Department report room and \$3,696 was added which is the difference between original cost of new police vehicle. Mr. Slapnicker noted that new exhibits will need to be incorporated into the Ordinances this evening and that the new exhibits will require a vote, and the ordinances will then be reverted to second reading. He also stated that the budget needs to be passed this evening.

Mr. Slapnicker referred to Ordinance No. 25-R-15 noting the only change is that individual names have been removed. He asked that this be considered for passage this evening.

A review of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda was held. Mr. Slapnicker stated that Ordinance Nos. 25-O-12 and 25-R-13 have modifications to their exhibits and a motion will be required to include the amended exhibits.

Mr. Courtney provided a detailed review of his Memorandum dated March 13, 2025, regarding titled *Review of Chapter 1248 Improvements*.

Mr. Eckart addressed the Council and provided an update on current economic development within the City. Noting that he has primarily been focusing on sewer funding options. Chief Hutton asked if cities are permitted to apply for federal funding for more than one project at a time. Responding Mr. Eckart stated he can discuss options with Chief Hutton after the meeting.

Mr. Fenstermaker inquired if there is a timeline associated with the nursing home that the city has to adhere to regarding installation of sewers. Responding Mayor Potter stated construction needs to begin next year for the nursing home. Further stating that sewer installation is imperative for not only the nursing home project but other development in the City at the Rt. 306 & Rt. 6 intersection.

Mr. Eckart stated that the zoning department is working through the zoning process requirements with potential developers for the property located at 9337 Chillicothe Road.

Mr. Fenstermaker asked if there is any updates on the Richard's Maple or Licursi properties. Responding Mayor Potter stated violation notice went to the property owners.

There was no further discussion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council