

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE KENTWOOD CITY COMMISSION
HELD OCTOBER 18, 2022
Commission Chambers**

Mayor Stephen Kepley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Artz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pastor Matt Stone of Faith Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Betsy Artz, Ron Draayer, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Tyson, to excuse Commissioner Coughlin and Groce with prior notification.

Motion Carried.

Staff Present: Deputy Finance Director Bhama Cairns, Finance Director Tom Chase, Public Works Director Chad Griffin, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Hipp, Clerk Dan Kasunic, Engineering & Inspections Director Jim Kirkwood, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Deputy Police Chief Stephanie Morningstar, Parks and Recreation Director Val Romeo, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, and Sabo representative Lisa Taylor.

Ten (10) citizens attended the meeting.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Morgan, to **approve the agenda**.

Motion Carried.

ACKNOWLEDGE VISITORS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Wyoming/Kentwood Chamber of Commerce President Keith Morgan introduced himself to the commission.

DPW Director Griffin informed the Commission of the snowplow rodeo and that the department took second place in the Midwest competition.

Two students introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA: (All items under this section are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion with no discussion. If discussion is desired by a Commission member, that member may request removal of an item from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Artz, seconded by Tyson, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Receive and file minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on October 4, 2022.

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- B. Receive and file minutes of the Joint City-Planning Commissions held on October 6, 2022.
- C. Election of Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors.
- D. Approve the arming of 62-B District Court bailiffs at an estimated first year cost of \$42,095.00 and on-going annual costs of approximately \$24,425.00, with funds from the Property and Building Fund and Court operating budgets.
- E. Payables for the City totaling \$21,442,772.94.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: All. Nays: None. Absent: Coughlin and Groce.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Draayer, seconded by Morgan, to **approve the minutes** of the October 4, 2022 City Commission Meeting as distributed.

Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO FIRE FIGHTER DAVID WILCOX.

Fire Chief Looman introduced Fire Fighter David “Alex” Wilcox. City Clerk Kasunic administered the Oath of Office. He introduced family and friends who were present.

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY COMMUNITY REPORT.

Trustee Shirley Bruursema and Regional Manager Kiosha Jeltema spoke on the state of the Kent District Library.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

POLICE AND FIRE MONTHLY REPORTS.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022.

Deputy Police Chief Morningstar review the September 2022 Monthly Police Department Report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022.

Fire Chief Looman reviewed the September 2022 Monthly Fire Department Report.

Fire Chief Looman noted the department is visiting schools, have a new reporting software and began using the new medical unit.

Motion by Draayer, seconded by Morgan to receive and file the Police and Fire Departments Monthly Reports.

Motion Carried.

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COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR:

Commissioner Artz- Informed the Commission Magistrate Michele White won the “above the rest” award from the Michigan Court Administration Association.

Mayor Kepley-Spoke on people who avoid construction barricades and causing damage to the site or injury to themselves. He stated all motorists need to obey barricades for safety, cost to the city and complete the job without further delays. He was amazed how quickly the Police Department solved the crime when a sixteen-year-old stole a car with a two-year old in it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Stephen C.N. Kepley
Mayor