

**VILLAGE OF KENT CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 13, 2023
200 S Main Street, Kent City MI**

2023-98 CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Rose.

Council present: Matt Barber, Merry Barron, Diana Durst, Linda Poling, Sue Smalley, Danny Surgent, Bert Rose.

Council absent: None.

Officers present: Ashley Scudder, Clerk; Debra Forth, Treasurer; Dennis Kaminski, Zoning Administrator.

Others present: Mary Portell, Staci Bull, Melanie Koetje, David Kieft, Richard & Kimberly Funk.

2023-99 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Poling, support by Barber, to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

2023-100 PUBLIC TIME OTHER THAN AGENDA ITEMS –
Dennis Kaminski inquired about millings currently up for public bid.

2023-101 CORRESPONENCE – Letter from Kent City Music Boosters reviewed by Council.

2023-102 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Smalley, support by Surgent, to approve Meeting Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Kent City June 8, 2023.
Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

2023-103 PUBLIC TIME ON AGENDA ITEMS –
Mary Portell addressed the Council in support of proposed General Ordinance 2023-03: Wild Animal Ordinance. Members of the Village Council have the power and duty to pass ordinances that regulate the safety and well-being of the residents of Kent City. Wild animals harbored within the community can cause property damage among many other safety concerns. Passing the proposed ordinance protects the Village against liability issues and promotes a safer community.

Staci Bull also spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance 2023-03. Bull is concerned with the destruction of her own property as well as neighboring properties.

*Let the Minutes reflect that Mary Portell left the meeting at 6:16 p.m.
Let the Minutes reflect that Melanie Koetje left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.*

Richard & Kimberly Funk addressed the Council to request the Village install sidewalks from East Street and/or Kent Street to 83 Spring Street. Currently this portion of Spring Street does not have sidewalks and the installation of them would

promote health and safety for the students walking to the before and after school daycare center.

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REPORTS

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Surgent – DPW has listed old plow truck for auction on Ranger Bid.

SEWER/STORM REPORT

Maintenance on Pond #5 has been completed.

109/125 Muskegon Street sewer lateral installation information presented to Council.

STREET REPORT

Millings have been listed for bid – Bids to be reviewed and awarded at the next regular Council meeting.

Main Street repair has been completed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

Other Reports

- A. Clerk's 07/13/2023 Written Report.
- B. Treasurer's 06/30/2023 Written Report.
- C. Zoning 07/13/2023 Written Report.

Motion by Poling, support by Durst, to increase Zoning Permit Fee to thirty (\$30.00) dollars and 00/100 per application and begin charging a Penalty Fee of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars and 00/100 for each documented occurrence of inability to complete the required Zoning Permit Application with payment of fee prior to any new construction or alteration to property as outlined by current Zoning regulations.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Barber, Barron, Durst, Poling, Smalley, Surgent, Rose.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

Professional Code Inspections (PCI) will be attending the August Council Meeting to give a presentation on their services.

- D. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2023, reviewed.
- E. DDA Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2023, reviewed.
- F. Fireworks Committee report given by David Kieft.
- G. Fire Department report for June reviewed.

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FINANCE

- A. **Motion** by Poling, support by Barron, to approve payment of the monthly bills in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand, Ninety-Three (\$33,093.07) dollars and 07/100.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Durst, Barron, Surgent, Poling, Smalley, Barber, Rose.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

2023-106

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Star Customs Special Event Application**

Special Events Application for street closure of N Main Street on Saturday, September 16, 2023, for the Star Customs- Fall Festival reviewed by Council.

Motion by Barber, support by Durst, to deny application for requested street closure due to a conflicting school event – N Main Street cannot be closed; should the Village receive a new application requesting closure of Clover Street from Muskegon to North Street, and North Street from Clover Street to N Main Street, the application is to be approved.

Vote: Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

B. Sidewalks – 83 Spring Street

Richard & Kimberly Funk, owners of 83 Spring Street, have requested the Village install sidewalks along Spring Street to lessen liability to the childcare center they are opening at 83 Spring Street. There is no funding available in the current year's budget for such a large project; the property was purchased with the knowledge that there are no sidewalks on Spring Street. Grant funding to be researched.

C. Consideration of Proposed Ordinance 2023-03: Wild Animals Ordinance

Motion by Poling, support by Barber, to adopt Regulatory Ordinance No. 2023-03: Village of Kent City Wild Animals Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Poling, Barron, Surgent, Barber, Durst, Smalley, Rose.
Nays: None. Motion CARRIED

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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Motion Rescinded

Durst has requested clarification on Village streets allowing semitruck traffic. If heavy commercial traffic is limited to certain streets, "no truck" traffic signs to be installed.

Poling inquired on the legality of renting the Village Hall space for long term rentals for business purposes. Lawyer to be contacted for clarification.

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ADJOURNMENT –

Motion to adjourn by Barron, support by Barber, at 7:24 p.m.

Vote: Ayes; 7 Nays: 0 Motion CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Scudder, Village Clerk