

**TOWN OF KENLY
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2022**

Council Members Present

Tooie Hales, Mayor
Lawanda Neal
Bobby Peele
Keith Davis
Trinity Henderson
Mark Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem absent

Others

Larry Faison, Interim Town Manager
Justine Jones, New Town Manager
Sharon Evans, Town Clerk

Mayor Hales called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Invocation was given by Councilman Davis. Motion was made by Councilman Davis, second by Councilman Peele to approve minutes of 5-9-22 and closed session minutes of 5-9-22. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Ms. Hannah Whitley introduced herself to Council as a new resident. She is a journalist and plans to attend meetings.

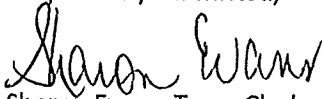
New Business

1. **Proclamation Honoring Juneteenth.** Councilman Davis read a proclamation declaring June 18, 2022 as "Juneteenth 2022."
2. **Ordinances: A) Schedule of Fees.** The schedule of fees lists all charges, fees and rates the town uses for services. A public hearing was held on 5-11-22. Motion was made by Councilman Davis, second by Councilman Henderson to approve the Fee Schedule for FY 2022-2023. Motion carried 4-1. **B) Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget.** The Budget consists of the General Fund \$1,924,671 and Water/Sewer Fund \$1,877,947 for a total amount of \$3,802,618. The budget includes a new car tax for registered vehicles in the amount of \$25 per vehicle. The current tax rate of \$.63 remains the same. The Town Manager is authorized to transfer up to \$25,000 between departments. The Town Manager is considered the Finance Officer. There being no discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Neal, second by Councilman Davis to approve the FY 2022-2023 Budget. Motion carried 4-0.
3. **Affirm Planning Services Agreement.** Mr. Dale Holland will be administering planning services due to the resignation of Michael King. Mr. Holland will work Tuesday and Thursday 9-2pm at \$50 per hour. This also includes his 2-hour commute. The GIS technical services will be \$35. He will be reimbursed mileage at the IRS standard mileage rate. Motion was made by Councilman Henderson, second by Councilman Peele to approve the agreement with Dale Holland. Motion carried 4-0.
4. **Affirm Accounting Services Agreement.** This agreement is with Anthony & Tabb to perform the town's FY 2022 audit plus the accounting assistance of the ARPA money of over \$16,000,000

- and the CDBG-I grant of \$1,998,672. Motion was made by Councilman Davis, second by Councilwoman Neal to approve the Accounting Services Agreement. Motion carried 4-0.
5. **KPD Compensation and Staffing.** Interim Manager, Larry Faison, had previously presented a proposal to address police salaries. Previously, KPD salaries were 15% below average. In January, 2022, Council approved a 7.5% adjustment to all police. For the upcoming budget, another increase is proposed. There were 3 proposals. One vacancy would be frozen and the remaining salary distributed equally between the 7 officers. Second, reach a targeted salary of \$44,000 and decompress all KPD salaries. Third, reach an entry level of \$42,000 and decompress all KPD salaries. Motion was made by Councilman Henderson, second by Councilman Davis to approve option #3 for the upcoming budget. Motion carried 4-0.
 6. **Planning Board Appointments.** Councilman Davis stepped down from the Planning Board. Two positions are vacant. Melody Worthington and Garrett McGowan have applied for the 2 positions. Motion was made by Councilman Peele, second by Councilman Davis to approve the 2 candidates for the Planning Board. Motion carried 4-0.
 7. **Library Board Appointments.** Two board members need to be re-appointed when the term expires. Michelle Dawes and Edith Boyette were appointed in 2019 and would like to serve another 3 years. Motion was made by Councilman Davis, second by Councilman Henderson to approve Michelle Dawes and Edith Boyette to another term on the Library Board. Motion carried 4-0.
 8. **Manager Comments.** Manager Jones told Council of budget amendments that would be done by June 30, 2022. A) Director of Public Works: Stormwater-John Pitts. Darden Street ditch of 157ft has been cleaned, and 13 tons of asphalt laid. Councilman Davis asked about replacing ditch tiles. Mr. Pitts said this was the resident responsibility.
 9. **Council Comments.** Mayor Hales announced that the "Cars on Main" was a success. Mayor asked Lt. Jason Tedder where they were on hiring any officers. That have 3 applicants so far. It would take 3-5 months to get them on the streets and time is crucial.
 10. **Closed Session.** 143-38.11(a)(3) Consult with Town Attorney concerning a claim against the town. Motion was made by Councilman Davis, second by Councilman Peele to go into closed session at 7:50 pm. Motion carried 4-0. After discussion, motion was made by Council to adjourn the closed session.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Evans, Town Clerk

Council Member

Mayor Toole Hales