



City of Kingman
City Commission Minutes
December 28, 2023

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Wallace, Commissioners Harrel, Wollen, Winsor, and McFarland (via Zoom). City staff consisted of Clerk Bieghler, Attorney Smith, Chief Lux, and Director Schrag.

Absent: Manager Graffman.

Call to Order: Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with Wollen conducting the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda: Harrel requests to add Item 10 (C): Downtown Buildings. Motion made by Wollen, seconded by Harrel to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes 12/14/2023: Motion made by Wollen, seconded by Harrel to approve the minutes with a minor change noted in Commissioner Comments. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Bills Payable: Motion made by Harrel, seconded by Winsor to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$662,334.45. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Economic Development Report: Director Leslie Schrag provided a monthly report, which included a tourism report from Tourism Economics. Schrag noted that the report shows no growth in Kingman in terms of tourism, which was likely due to inadequate lodging. Schrag expressed the importance of the US-54 bypass project moving forward. Schrag also shared the fact that there are one million people living within one hundred miles of Kingman, which shows opportunity for growth. Schrag hosted a tourism event to help local businesses attract people to Kingman. She also shared that the City of Zenda received a SEED grant in the amount of \$24,512 for a new athletic court to accommodate tennis, basketball, and pickleball. Looking into 2024, Schrag would like to focus on tourism as she transitions to a full-time city employee.

Purchase Request – Police Body Cameras: Chief Lux presented a bid for officer-worn body cameras. The bid is for seven point-of-view (POV) cameras by Axon as well as a 3-year extended warranty and cloud storage. According to Chief Lux, Axon is the only manufacturer of POV cameras as their popularity has fallen out of favor. However, Lux's professional opinion is that POV cameras are much more valuable in recording quality evidence. Attorney Smith agreed with Lux that the quality of recording of a POV camera is much more valuable in court than chest-mounted cameras. Lux reported that the cameras are to replace the department's existing Motorola POV cameras, which Motorola no longer supports. Lux states that funding for the cameras would come from VIN inspection revenue in 2024 and then budgeted for in the following years.

Motion by Harrel, seconded by Wollen to authorize Chief Lux to enter into a 5-year contract with Axon for the POV body cameras in the amount of \$23,950.65, which will be paid over 5 years. Motion carried by unanimous vote with McFarland not voting.

CMB – Kingman Theatre: Motion made by Harrel, seconded by Wollen to approve the CMB license for the Kingman Historic Theatre. Motion carried by unanimous vote with McFarland not voting.

Downtown Buildings: Harrel had concern over the condition of downtown buildings following an incident on December 27th, when a second story window fell from a building onto the sidewalk and a parked car, which caused damage to the vehicle. Harrel pointed out the incident could have been much worse if a pedestrian were on the sidewalk at the time. The rest of the commission shared similar general concerns for the buildings downtown. The commissioners discussed the idea of re-routing truck traffic from Main Street and said that would require much more discussion and input from others. Attorney Smith also provided feedback on ways to get the city code inspector involved.

No Action was taken.

CMB – Houdini’s Pizza: Motion made by Harrel, seconded by Winsor to approve the CMB license for Houdini’s Pizza. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CMB – Dak’s Market: Motion made by Harrel, seconded by Winsor to approve the CMB license for Dak’s Market. Motion carried by unanimous vote with McFarland not voting.

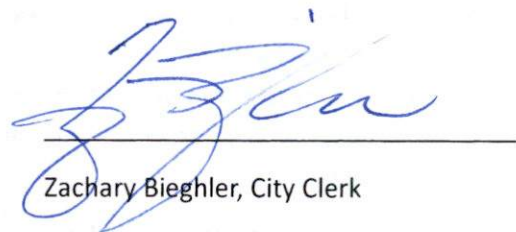
Commissioner Comments: [WINSOR] Noted the positive progress on a previously discussed property on west D Ave as well as the old Sonic building. [WOLLEN] A constituent spoke to him about the walking path, and they had recommended having soft lighting for future lighting along the walking path instead of the bright lighting. Commissioner Wollen noted that should be an important thing to consider as the city moves forward with replacing the walking path lights. He noted that the constituent also commended Gregg Thimesch for keeping the park bathrooms clean. [HARREL] It will be important to consider other towns and communities in the county as possible partners moving forward with economic development even if the county is no longer funding the department, which might be an opportunity for funding to recoup the lost revenue from the county. He expressed appreciation for Director Schrag’s work as the Economic Development Director and looks forward to her continued full-time work for the city. He also pointed out the performances that the Kingman Historic Theatre was able to bring in 2023 and was disappointed that the City could not provide as much funding to the theatre in 2024 but hopes that funding can improve for 2025. [WALLACE] Despite failed attempts in the past, he would like to see the city figure out a way to provide the citizens with a dump site for tree limbs and yard waste. [MCFARLAND] Audio problems with his Zoom connection prevented comment and prevented his ability to vote on a few topics this meeting.

Adjournment: Motion made by Wollen, seconded by Harrel to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Sean Wallace, Mayor



Zachary Bieghler, City Clerk