

**COUNCIL MEETING 18-05
MARCH 12, 2018**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM with the Mayor calling the meeting to order and the following answering to roll call:

Andy Koehler	Council Member
Steve Faber	Council Member
Chris Colomer	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Yaklich was absent with regrets.

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal	Star Courier
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The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Looney asked for a moment of silence for our troops still fighting overseas.

Mayor Looney explained that the next items were placed on the consent agenda and were considered to be routine in nature to be passed as a whole with one vote of the Council. Mayor Looney requested that any member of the Council or the audience wishing to have an item removed from the consent agenda for individual consideration to make the request and the item would be removed and considered following the approval of the remaining consent items. The consent agenda included minutes from the February 26, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending March 3, 2018 in the amount of \$198,714.81, reports from Water Loss, Community Development, ESDA, and Police Department, request from Sunshine Community Center to conduct tag days on March 30 from 10 am to 2 pm and 4 pm and 6 pm and on March 31 from 10 am to 2 pm, and a request from the Veterans Council to hold Poppy Day Sales on May 18 from 9 am to 9 pm and May 19 from 9 am to 5 pm and declaring May 13-19 as Poppy Week in the City of Kewanee. The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$341,290.00 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Council Member Koehler questioned the payment to KEDC for the Kentville TIF land. City Attorney Raver explained that he had not found any proof that the City had ever been an owner of the property in question. City Manager Bradley and Mayor Looney both noted that the payment in question was approved by resolution in December. Council Member Colomer questioned the payment for sidewalk work to County Line. City Manager Bradley reported that this was in correlation with the street program. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Looney then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. Jennifer Russell noted the condition of the property located at 1105 Roseview, City Manager Bradley reported that the Code Enforcement had an active case against the property. Ms. Francis Petty noted the many comments on Facebook about the property, as well as her property as her son is living with her, and her displeasure with the comments directed at her. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals for its meeting held on February 28, 2018 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3922 granting a request for variance to George and Lois Gibson, 518 West Mill Street, to allow construction of a 12 feet by 40 feet light steel construction building upon a floating slab foundation was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Council Member Koehler chose to abstain from the vote as he had been friends with the Gibsons for many years. Roll call showed 3 ayes, no nays, 1 abstain. The motion passed.

Resolution #5098 to authorize an amendment to an existing agreement between the City of Kewanee and Saint John Paul II Parish for care of burial grounds was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Koehler received confirmation from Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton that there are three cemeteries included in the agreement. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5099 awarding the demolition of 813 West Fourth Street to Dana Construction was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5100 awarding the demolition of 128 East Sixth Street to Ratliff Bros. was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5101 awarding the demolition of 721 North Vine Street to Dana Construction was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5102 authorizing the City Manager to execute a temporary lease agreement with Townsedge Properties LLC for the provision of the animal pound was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5103 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Friends of the Animals for the interim operation of the animal pound was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. City Manager Bradley noted, at the request of Council Member Koehler, that the agreement was an interim agreement, just until our new building was complete. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

City Manager Bradley explained that there are four entities with current packaged liquor licenses that have requested the ability to also have a pour license. We have a limit to the number of licenses available. This would be similar to the gas stations in Annawan and Cambridge with gaming. The entities would pay a higher fee than those with just packaged sale. Council Members commented on the potential concerns of underage drinking and youth exposure to gaming. Council Member Colomer noted that the youth are already exposed to it in the Boiler Room and Cenex. Council Member Koehler noted the \$130,000 in revenue the previous year from gaming and his support of the continued revenue stream. Council Members requested that staff research and present an ordinance to allow the dual license.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Koehler noted that Johnny Easley should have been acknowledged during Black History Month for his past contributions to Kewanee.

Council Member Faber thanked the Street Department for patching holes in the roads that day.

Council Member Colomer stated his excitement for the short term solution for the animals. He thanked the Kuffels for their extension of the lease. He offered praise to all who had a hand in the resolution.

Mayor Looney thanked everyone involved in the solution to the dog pound.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that landscape waste collection would resume on March 19. Six extra bags of garbage on regular collection days would be allowed the week of March 19. City Hall offices would be closed on Friday, March 30 in observance of Good Friday. There were no planned changes to the trash collection schedule. In conjunction with the American Red Cross Soun the Alarm program, we would be installing free smoke alarms by appointment in the Kewanee area on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Residents were encouraged to make an appointment by visiting getasmokealarm.org or calling 844.319.6560, option 9. Residents were also reminded to check their batteries in the smoke and CO detectors.

There being no further business, Council Member Colomer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Faber seconded the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED