

COUNCIL MEETING 18-17
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 6:00 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
Michael Yaklich	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Faber made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel. Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The executive session was adjourned at 6:23 PM on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Mayor Looney called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7 PM, stating that the Council was reconvening following a closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel.

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal	Star Courier
Shawn Kernan	WKEI

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 August 27, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending September 1, 2018 in the amount of \$216,880.81, reports from Community Development, Water Loss, Building & Zoning and Incentive Programs, a request from Kewanee School District #229 to use city streets for their annual Homecoming Parade on October 5, 2018 beginning at 2:15 pm and placement of barricades on Third Street the evening of October 4th during the annual homecoming bonfire. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$79,511.79 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Faber requested that the Pest Doctor add the Animal Control Facility to their rotation. Council Member Koehler questioned the Sensus Analytical Fees payment. City Manager Bradley reported that the payment was for the annual maintenance of software split between water and sewer departments. Council Member Yaklich questioned the status of the audit. City Manager Bradley noted that the auditors would be presenting to the Council in October. Council Member Colomer asked about the payment to DeReu Construction for a Targeted Minor Home Repair. City Clerk Edwards noted that some of the payment for that project was paid directly to Menards for supplies. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Looney then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. There being no such requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #3941 providing for a STOP Sign on First Street at its intersection with Park Street was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Members noted their approval of the STOP sign for the safety of the school children. Mayor Looney noted that a tree would need to be trimmed. Council Member Colomer requested that a school crossing sign also be placed in the area. City Manager Bradley noted the request and would have City Engineer Nobel determine the appropriateness as per the guidelines for the uniform placement of signs. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Koehler noted his attendance at the annual Stearman FlyIn the previous week.

Council Member Yaklich noted a structure being built in the parking strip near at Visitation School. City Manager Bradley noted that when he was asked about the structure he did not realize the size of the structure and considered the improvement to be like landscaping, a small aesthetic improvement. He did not see the issue with the improvement, as the school was removing an item from the right of way and replacing it with an alternate item. He had consulted the City Engineer and the structure would not be in the site triangle. He further noted that restricted religious institutions had the potential of violating the First and Fourteenth Amendments. The Church wanted to make the improvement in a short time. With any religious institution, restriction needs to be based on a compelling governmental reason. Council Member Yaklich noted that other religious institutions, Faith Lutheran with geothermal water use and First Christian with a new parking lot, were required to follow city zoning guidelines. Council Member Yaklich further stated that no City Manager has the authority to approve such a use. Council Member Yaklich suggested that the church remove the structure until the Zoning Board had the opportunity to hear the request. Council Members Faber and Colomer did not want the church to remove the structure. City Attorney Raver did note that churches do have special

protections. City Manager Bradley would request that the church cease their building activities and complete the appropriate paperwork for the ZBOA.

Council Member Faber noted the success of Hog Days; suggesting he would like to hear the outcome of the move of the flea market.

Council Member Colomer thanked all the volunteers. The City looked great.

Mayor Looney thanked the Hog Festival Committee and City staff for their parts in preparing and cleaning up for Hog Days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that effective Wednesday, September 12, the City was planning a street closure in the 700 block of East Prospect Street to through traffic from Ridyard to South East Street for the removal of City trees on the block. Work was scheduled to begin Wednesday morning and continue through Thursday, weather permitting. Residents were asked to avoid the area if possible and to take caution if driving near the work zone area. The transfer station would be open on Saturday, September 22 and October 13 from 8 am until noon. Burning of dried landscape waste would continue, weather permitting, on Wednesdays and Saturdays through November. To confirm burn day designation, residents could check the city website or call city hall and choose option 6. The TIF Joint Review Board would meet on Thursday, September 13 at 11:00 am.

There being no further business, Council Member Colomer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Faber seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED