

**COUNCIL MEETING 18-22
NOVEMBER 26, 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:

Steve Faber	Council Member
Chris Colomer	Council Member
Michael Yaklich	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Koehler was absent with regrets.

Council Member Faber made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Section 2(C)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss collective bargaining. Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The executive session adjourned at 6:52 pm on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Mayor Looney called the open meeting to order at 7:00 pm stating that the Council is reconvening following a closed session pursuant to Section 2(C) (2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss collective bargaining.

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 November 13, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending November 24, 2018 in the amount of \$215,392.49, reports from Bock, Inc. The consent agenda items were 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 \$176,880.14 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Council Member Yaklich requested an update on the money spent on the pound. City Manager Bradley stated that he would get the report for the Council. Council Member Yaklich then questioned the payment to Synchronist. City

Manager Bradley noted that the program was meant to be used by all of the business retention and expansion partners. Mr. Bradley noted that the other partners, KEDC and Chamber of Commerce, have not embraced the program, and the program was not utilized to its fullest extent due to time constraints. Council Member Yaklich rescinded his motion, with Council Member Colomer rescinding his second. Council Member Yaklich then made a motion to approve the bills without payment to Synchronist, with a second from Council Member Colomer. Council Member Faber asked about the two separate invoices from Michlig. Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton reported that it was for two separate deliveries of fuel from Michlig. 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. David Williams noted that he had recently purchased the lot on the corner of Oak and Vine Street, which was prone to flooding due to a collapsed drain. Mr. Williams gave permission for the City to enter on to his property to fix the problem. He will be landscaping the lot in approximately two years and the permission was good until the improvements were made. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Albert, Executive Director of the Kewanee Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation regarding the activities of the KEDC over the past six months.

Resolution #5131 authorizing the City Manager to execute two side letters of agreement to the existing collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Council 31, Local 764 was 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.

Resolution #5132 authorizing the City Manager to execute a authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A Request from the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce for a fireworks display permit in conjunction with the Windmont Park lighting on December 9, 2018 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Mayor Looney noted that the date had changed by a week. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A discussion of an Internal Control Policy was held. The Council requested that the policy be brought back for discussion at the next Council Meeting. They also requested that the policy be reviewed by the auditors to verify all of the points they suggested are included.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Yaklich asked about the plans for landscape waste bags after the blizzard.

Operations Manager Johnson noted that the plans are fluid based on the weather and the cleanup of the snow. Council Member Yaklich asked about a rule regarding clearing sidewalks. He urged residents to clear a path for postal workers. He also noted that a lot of comments were made about a snow event, which was a momentous thing. He noted that the effort was made to clear the snow. However, the side streets were full of a slushy mess and dangerous and he hoped staff learned some things for the next event.

Council Member Faber noted that the problem with the snow removal was that people needed to stay home when there was wet snow. Staff did a good job, when the city could have been paralyzed after the 14 inches of snow. He asked where the warming centers are located. City Manager Bradley noted that the locations would be listed in the Emergency Operations Procedure Manual.

Council Member Faber also noted that he found an American Flag in a trash receptacle. He was distraught by the discovery and urged residents to contact a veteran or find the American Flag receptacle for the proper disposal of a flag.

Council Member Colomer urged residents to clear the sidewalks for the kids walking to school. He also reported that he had received mixed reviews regarding the plowing.

Mayor Looney thanked the police, fire and public works staff on their work during the blizzard. He also thanked internal staff for their extra patience during the cleanup period. He also noted that the change in date for the fireworks applied to the lighted parade, Windmont Park, and Northeast Park lightings only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that the last day for this season's landscape waste collection would be Monday, December 3, 2018.

There being no further business, Council Member Colomer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Yaklich seconded the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED