

**COUNCIL MEETING 19-03
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 6:29 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
Andrew Koehler	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

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 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The executive session adjourned at 6:42 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 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 January 28, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending February 2 2019 in the amount of \$197,512.95, reports from Community Development and the Fire Department Annual Report. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$393,005.98 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Yaklich noted that the power bill seemed high at the animal control facility. Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton noted that the facility was powered by all electric. Council Member Colomer also noted that the ceilings

are vaulted. Mr. Newton also reported that the account would be moved to the contracted electric provider after there is six months of usage. Council Member Yaklich then asked about the difference in the Frontier local phone bills. City Clerk Edwards explained that the bills were dependent of the number of lines under each account. 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 back to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion regarding the Health Insurance Fund balance was held with City Manager Bradley explaining the comparison of the current plan to the government benchmark. The insurance consultant was once again unable to attend due to the weather. The discussion included the minimum fund balance policy, enterprise funds performing as a business, and the need to communicate with staff regarding better consumerism within the plan. Council Member Yaklich stated his desire to transfer the funds needed and then meet with staff. Council Members requested the information that was used when the fund balance policy was passed. Council Member Faber requested staff to check into a change in the stop loss policy from \$60,000 down to \$40,000. The discussion would continue at the next council meeting in the hopes that the consultant could attend.

Resolution #5141 adopting an Internal Controls policy for the City of Kewanee was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Mayor Looney asked if the City Treasurer and clerks had reviewed the document. As those individuals had not reviewed the document. The original motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer was rescinded to allow the review by those individuals. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5142 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Big River Resources Galva, LLC regarding the enterprise zone was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. City Manager Bradley reported that the original agreement with Big River contained an error regarding the end date of the enterprise zone. The agreement would fix that error, with Big River willing to perform all responsibilities of the agreement and the City agreeing that no additional payments are due unless allowable under the current statute. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5143 authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 513 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Koehler congratulated the City Manager on the negotiations. However, he wanted additional information on the collection rate of ambulance billing. Fire Chief Shook explained that the collection rate is skewed based on what Medicare and Medicaid will pay versus private insurance. City Manager Bradley agreed to put further information regarding ambulance billing in the next packet. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays, one abstain, with Council Member Koehler

abstaining due to the lack of information regarding the collection rate. The motion passed.

Resolution #5144 awarding the demolition of 724 Madison Avenue to Dana Construction was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Council Member Yaklich noted the bid for sidewalk replacement, and questioned if the sidewalk replacement program would be a better use for the funding. City Manager Bradley noted that both expenses were from the General Fund so the net effect would be a wash. Mr. Yaklich also questioned if bidding out the sidewalk separately would be cheaper. Council Member Colomer noted that the separate bidding could slow down the process. City Manager Bradley would include the information regarding the last bid received for sidewalk replacement in the next packet. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Faber asked about filling potholes on East Street. Operations Manager Johnson reported that his staff had been out filling potholes, but the freeze/thaw cycle was not conducive to the patches.

Council Member Colomer noted that he too had received complaints about pot holes. He also invited residents to attend the Black History Extravaganza that would be held the following Sunday.

Council Member Koehler commented on Black History month.

Council Member Yaklich asked about budget plans. City Manager Bradley stated that the budget process would follow the same plan as it had in prior years.

Mayor Looney thanked Chief Shook for his annual report. He congratulated Community Development Director Edwards on his recent certification. He also thanked staff for their work in the inclement weather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that City Hall would be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of President's Day. There were no scheduled changes to the trash collection schedule. The Black History Extravaganza would be held on Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 pm at the First Congregational Church at 224 West Prospect Street.

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 7:47 PM.

MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED