

**COUNCIL MEETING 19-04
FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

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
Andrew Koehler	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

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 February 11, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending February 16 2019 in the amount of \$196,168.80, reports from Finance and Administrative Services and Ambulance Billing. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$461,009.65 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Yaklich noted that the garbage trucks had been purchased. 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. Brian Rowlinson retired pilot and safety matter expert noted the current condition of the East Street Viaduct and requested that it be addressed. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved back to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Zoning Board of Appeals minutes from its meeting held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019

were accepted on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Colomer requested that Council Members receive reminders for these meetings, as well. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3954 granting a variance to Lisa Rashid at 214 Regina Court was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Council Members Faber and Koehler noted that they saw no problems with the variance. Council Member Yaklich received confirmation that there were no easements that would be affected by the variance. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A brief discussion regarding the Health Insurance Fund was held. Sara Dickinson of Cottingham & Butler introduced herself and gave a brief background of her company to the Council. Council Member Yaklich expressed his reluctance to change from the conservative safety net. Ms. Dickinson noted that the most recent year was a bad year for the City's health insurance, however those tend to take place every 7 – 10 years. She recommended the resurgence of the Health Care Committee to work toward initiatives to lower costs in the future. The Council concurred with her suggestion for the committee and stated the desire to continue to follow the current ordinance until further review had been conducted and presented to the Council for consideration.

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 Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5145 appointing James Dison to the Police Pension Board was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3955 removing the parking restrictions in the 200block of South Franklin Street was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. The discussion included the use of the alley by the land owners to the North. Staff would send a letter to the owners regarding the hours of operation of the Food Pantry and the ability to park on both sides of the street. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Colomer commended Etta LaFlora and Anita Blanks for their great work on the Black History Extravaganza.

Council Member Koehler noted Marshall Jones, Henry County Board President, did a great job as the emcee of the Black History Extravaganza.

Council Member Yaklich reported that there is a lot to do in Kewanee, noting a recent band & chorale program held at Kewanee High School. He noted that the Minimum Fund Balance Ordinance requires a report of investment transactions to be submitted monthly to the City Manager and the City Council, he requested that information be reviewed. He also noted the snow fence around the old Lappins grocery store. Community Development Director Edwards reported that the school district would be purchasing the lot for parking use. The contractor will

remove the debris and fill the hole temporarily by the end of the week.

Council Member Yaklich also passed on a complaint from a resident regarding the snow plow left piles to close to Lyle School. Operations Manager Johnson reported that the snow piles are a result of the efforts of the snow plows and sidewalk clearing, as well as the large amounts of snow received this year.

Council Member Faber thanked the Kewanee Fire Department for their assistance. He also urged residents to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday.

Mayor Looney wished all of the mayoral candidates good luck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that daylight savings time would begin on Sunday, March 10. Residents were reminded to move their clocks ahead and change their batteries in their 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 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED