

**COUNCIL MEETING 19-06**  
**MARCH 25, 2019**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 6:30 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

The Council adjourned to closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss collective bargaining on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. The closed session was adjourned at 6:44 pm on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal	Star Courier
Sean 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 March 11, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending March 16, 2019 in the amount of \$194,409.07, reports from Finance and Administration and the budget report.. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$241,043.59 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Colomer questioned the UPS Battery. Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton reported that the batteries are for the uninterrupted battery supply for the 911 room. They are tested twice a year and needed to be replaced. Council Member Yaklich questioned the process for purchasing the bike rack. Mr. Newton explained that the funds were budgeted for fiscal year 2019 and the purchase was made to continue the theme to match the downtown planters and benches. Council Member Colomer asked about the replacement door at the transfer station. Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton explained that the springs had broken and the door became a safety hazard. Mr. Newton also explained, at the request of Council Member Yaklich that the mulch purchased was for Veteran's Park and the downtown area, purchased at the end of the year to get a good start for the spring

season. Council Member Yaklich also asked about the salt purchase. Operations Manager Johnson explained that it was for a salt purchase and the salt shed was currently full. Council Member Koehler commented on the current contract with Bock, Inc. 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**

Resolution #5142 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways for the City of Kewanee for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Mayor Looney noted that the map included in the packet did not include everything planned for road improvements. City Manager Bradley explained that the Motor Fuel Tax dollars brings in around \$350,000 a year. The proposed program would cost around \$455,000 to spend some surplus funds from prior years. Mr. Bradley also noted that the Federal Aid Urban route project would improve East Street from Second Street to South Street. It had not been awarded, but had been let. To also supplement the programs, Non-home rule sales tax dollars are used to improve the sidewalks at intersections, as well as having Tax Increment Financing funds available to assist in road improvements. Mr. Bradley also noted that an ADA Compliance Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. Council Member Yaklich expressed his compliments to the staff that participated in drafting the document. The motion passed.

A discussion regarding the municipal mowing of unmaintained private properties followed. Community Development Director Edwards and Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton explained the documents included in the packet to show the potential costs for contracting the mowing versus hiring an employee for mowing. Mr. Edwards also explained the vision of how the program would work. Council Member Yaklich questioned the fixed cost savings for the equipment and gasoline. Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton explained that the equipment was not used for only the weed mowing properties. Council Member Yaklich questioned the invoice and lien process. Community Development Director explained that the process would continue as is, with a minor change to the current ordinance.

City Clerk Edwards read a proclamation declaring April 1 – 7, 2019 as National Public Health Week.

City Clerk Edwards also read a proclamation declaring April 4, 2019 as JA Day.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Yaklich noted that spring was coming.

Council Member Faber thanked all the participants at the recent Quarter Madness, as well as the businesses for their donations. Council Member Faber also asked Fire Chief Shook about the donations received for the CO detectors. Chief Shook noted that we had received an additional

\$400 in donations after the donation of detectors received from Menards. Council Member Colomer echoed the sentiments of Council Member Yaklich regarding spring coming. He urged residents to be cautious of the kids out at play.

Council Member Koehler noted his appreciation of the businesses with Junior Achievement. He also noted the Vet program at Black Hawk College.

Mayor Looney reminded residents of the candidate's forum scheduled for the next evening. He wished all of the candidates good luck.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Edwards announced that the transfer station would be closed for repairs on Thursday and Friday that week. She also announced that burning of dried landscape waste would begin on Wednesday, April 3, weather permitting. She urged residents to call City Hall choosing option 6 or checking the city website after 8 am to verify burn day information on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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 7:38 PM.

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MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

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DATE APPROVED