

**COUNCIL MEETING 19-10
MAY 28, 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
Michael Yaklich	Council Member
Michael Komnick	Council Member
Gary Moore	Mayor

Council Member Chris Colomer was absent.

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal Star Courier
Sean Kernan WKEI

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Moore asked for a moment of silence for our troops still fighting overseas.

Mayor Moore 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 Moore 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 May 13, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay periods ending May 11 & 15, 2019 in the amount of \$217,492.41, reports from Community Development and the Police Department, request from Kewanee Area Church Fellowship to host a bake sale on August 3, 2019, a Tag Day on September 21, 2019, and the 41st annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 6, 2019, all in support of local food pantries, and a request from Cerno's for the use of the parking lot at 213 W. Second St. on June 16, 2019 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm for the Hog City BBQ Challenge. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$740,005.59 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. There were no questions or discussion regarding the bills. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Moore then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. Kathy Pugh spoke on behalf of the Shell Station asking the council to reconsider a combination liquor license that would allow selling liquor both on and off premises. She explained that Shell wished to build an addition and allow drinking in the gaming room only. She stated that they had not had any

problems in any of their other locations with the same services. Mayor Moore requested drawings of the proposed addition, locations of other Shell stations with gaming rooms, and the history from these locations for the council to review.

Carl Tanzillo spoke on behalf of the residents of Advel Court requesting that the City take over Advel Court and maintain the street. He produced a 1949 document that showed that the street was private and not a City street. Council Member Faber asked about the discussion in the past at previous council meetings. It was explained that the residents of Advel Court were given information regarding bringing the street up to standards before it could be turned over to the City. Council Member Faber stated that his street was sub-standard as well and asked how many private streets there were in the City. City Manager Bradley responded that there were 8 or 9 others. City Attorney Raver pointed out that the width of the street was a problem also and may affect property owners land. City Manager Bradley explained that a petition would need to be signed by all property owners and that the street upgrades could possibly be done by a special tax assessment before turning the street over to the City. Council Member Yaklich stated that he thought cost estimates should be given to all of the property owners. Mayor Moore agreed that the City should not take on the full burden. He advised the residents to form a committee and to bring forward what they can do to bring the street up to standards.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Moore opened a public hearing on the Appropriations Ordinance for the municipal fiscal year from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 at 7:24 PM. City Manager Bradley explained the appropriation ordinance was a statutory requirement. The City would continue to use the previously passed budget and the procurement policy to guide spending. Mayor Moore asked if anyone from the Council or audience had any comments. There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:25 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Bixby from Chamlin & Associates gave a report on capital improvements needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for future EPA compliance. He explained that there was an urgent problem with sludge disposal at the plant. We have about a month to a month and a half left before the lagoon is full. At this time, the only apparent solution is to secure the services of a contract hauler to remove the sludge. IEPA regulations have tightened to the point that little farm land is available to spread the sludge on as we have done in the past. Long term options include planning annually to use contract haulers or install our own sludge press and landfill the sludge. Discussion followed regarding the design and ways that the \$1,000,000 press project could be paid for. Possible solutions to the chlorides issue were discussed as well, along with a new phosphorus limit to be imposed by the state.

Ordinance #3963 fixing appropriations for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Komnick. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals were accepted on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3964 granting a variance to Dean Olson at 629 W Prospect St was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Komnick.

Community Development Director Edwards noted that the full Zoning Board of Appeals were in attendance at the meeting and voted unanimously. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5163 establishing premiums for eligible participants in the City of Kewanee self- insured health care program was approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Faber. It was noted that the premiums were calculated to match estimated expenses in the FY19-20 budget by the former City Clerk working with our insurance consultants. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5164 authorizing an agreement to provide janitorial services for Kewanee City Hall and the Amtrak Depot with Peart Properties of Kewanee, IL was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. It was noted that only 2 bids were received with an approximate \$5,000 difference between the bids. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3965 amending Chapters 95 and 113 of the Kewanee City Code increasing the minimum age for the sale, purchase, and use of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes and alternative nicotine products from 18 to 21 years old was approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Faber stated that he personally had a problem with 18 year olds being able to vote and/or serve in the military but not smoke. City Manager Bradley explained that the State of Illinois had passed a new law that takes effect July 1, 2019 regarding the increase in the minimum age. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5165 authorizing the use of the public alley and parking area in the 200 block of West Second Street by Hype, Inc d/b/a Cerno's Bar & Grill in conjunction with Hog Days was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Police Chief Ainley noted that there had been no serious problems in the last several years with Cerno's request. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Yaklich asked if citizens could clean plugged storm water inlets near their homes. Operations Manager Johnson explained that citizens could do this themselves if they were able to do so safely and away from traffic. He noted that they could also call City Hall and report the plugged inlet and city staff would be sent out.

Council Member Yaklich also asked about the status of the audit. City Manager Bradley reported that the engagement letter has been signed but fieldwork has not been scheduled yet.

Council Member Faber asked how the new weed mowing contract was working out. Community Development Director Edwards reported that the quality has been excellent, reporting timely and that there have been no issues. Council Member Faber stated that he would have liked to have seen the yard mowed at a house close to the Cemetery where the owner had recently passed away before the recent Memorial Day service.


Council Member Komnick reported that he had received a lot of good feedback regarding the City-wide Clean-up Day. He also commented on the good turnout at the Memorial Day service.

Mayor Moore also commented on the Memorial Day service. He stated that the Kewanee Band and Choir did an excellent job. He asked City Manager Bradley to give an update on the viaduct. City Manager Bradley reported that he had nothing new to report. Mayor Moore stated that the City-wide Clean-up was a success. He invited anyone who wanted to improve the process to come volunteer and help at the next clean-up day. The mayor also asked if the time frame for ordinance violations, such as tall weeds, could be shortened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy City Clerk Johnson reminded everyone that the transfer station would be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month April through September.

There being no further business, Council Member Faber moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Komnick seconded the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



DEBORAH JOHNSON, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

6-10-19

DATE APPROVED