

**COUNCIL MEETING 19-16**  
**Aug 26, 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
Michael Komnick	Council Member
Gary Moore	Mayor

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 August 12, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending August 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the amount of \$201,011.91, discussion of the road closure in front of #25 Edgewood Drive for a small block party, 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 \$152,897.28 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Faber had a question for Rod Johnson in regards to the clean out of grease in a storm drain. Rod explained that was 2 separate situations. Council Member Faber question Kevin Newton on a Lacky Monument bill from a damaged monument. Kevin Newton explained that we do have insurance for these types of damages but that the deductible was more than the repair. Another question was for a bill for Frank Mannin. Debbie Johnson explained is it was for an insurance claim of one of our trucks damaging his personal vehicle. Council Member Komnick questioned the 3 entries of a statement from Comcast. City Clerk Jones explained that we had not received a bill for 3 months and that she and Debbie Johnson were working on getting the rectified and there were no late charges and no service disruption. Council Member Yaklich questioned the State Bank of Toulon Visa CC. His concern was that the descriptions listed on the warrant sheet. City Clerk Jones

reassured that the receipts were being looked over to match the line items and then signed off by City Manager Bradley. Council Member Colomer needed clarification on Peats Properties which City Clerk Jones explained this was our janitorial services. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion with Friends of the Animals stepped forward to ask the Council to consider helping build a room for the cats. This room would keep the cats and dogs separated. There was an incident where a dog was not secured in his cage and was able to run free in the pound and torment the cats. There were no deaths that resulted from this accident however there needs to be a separation room. The state has been working with the pound but they do require separate rooms for dogs and cats and also an isolation room which the Friends of the Animals are fundraising for currently. Kathy enlisted help from Kevin Newton to gather some prices on what it would take to make this room enclosure. Kevin Newton stated that the room would be approx \$400.00 to complete. The walls would be 8ft tall and would take up a corner in the already existing pound. Council Member Faber stated that he had left material at the pound that they may be able to use for the wall. Council Member Yaklich did have a question about this isolation room. Wanted to make sure it was clear that the structure that they are considering would be a permanent structure and would be a donation to the pound. After discussion of the council members there was no vote at this time and that this would be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

Resolution #5183 authorizing the Police Department to purchase a 2019 Dodge Charger Pursuit from Crowe Auto Group for use as a patrol vehicle. Motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Komnick. Council Member Colomer verified the cost was at or about 29k. The budget was for 44k and that was to include the outfitting cost of the car. The only change was the squad will be black in color. Due to longevity and wear and tear Chief Ainley feels the black would be a better fit to his department. Concerns by Council Member Colomer was keeping the black car clean and his experience is that a black vehicles are harder to keep clean. Chief Ainley was looking not so much at the cleanliness of the car but the rust that will eventually show through due to keeping our cars a long time. Council Member Faber wanted to know why we were not going with the lower bid of all three. Chief Ainley stated there was not a huge difference in the bids and that keeping the purchase local was a better choice. We do not currently have a car in our fleet that does not have less then 100k miles. They are all currently out of warranty. Council Member Colomer verified that there may be some savings with already having the computer to install in the new car. Chief Ainley stated that we would have a savings of approx \$1500.00. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Komnick wanted to start with thanking Rod Johnson and Gary for taking care of the bulge ~~in his~~ on Tenney St. over the weekend. Komnick wanted to express the gratitude for all the people that helped with the Relay for Life and all their hard work. Thanks to the police department for securing the drop off lanes at the schools to keep the morning flow moving along. Council Member Komnick was happy to see the 900k gal of sludge that had been removed but would still like to have a representative from Bock Inc attend a meeting. Thanks to all that have anything to do with Hog Days and making the festival a great experience for all of our residents and visitors.

Council Member Yaklich concurred with Council Member Komnick that Hog Days is a great event and anyone willing to donate their time please do so. The contract with Neponset is the only thing on his agenda. After thinking about this contract and doing some math, he is stating based on his numbers and research the people of Neponset are paying approx \$85.00 per household and Kewanee is paying \$250.00 per household. He feels the real cost of this contract should be approx \$79,500.00. Mayor Moore stated that there are many ways to look at this and we are in a yearlong contract and there are no changes that can be done until we renegotiated in one year. Council Member Faber stated that sales tax and general fund are what help support this program and that we cannot go just by property tax.

Council Member Faber wanted everyone to be safe during Hog Days and to watch for the kids in the busy traffic. Faber wanted to get some clarification on why we were stuck with ALL the cats from the recent events. He stated that we should have not been stuck with all of them. City Manager Bradley stated that if there was no pound the Humane Society would have stepped in. Chief Ainley stated we can request assistance from another agency but we cannot make them take the cats. The Humane Society helped with transportation.

Council Member Colomer recommended everyone to watch on our morning commutes for children on bikes and walking to school. Do we have any updates on the Prison expansion? City Manager Bradley responded that at this time there was no updates but Great Dane is looking to expand and those discussion would include the prison and the City.

Mayor Moore was happy that this recent rain would help with dilution at the waste water plant. Received a few phone calls in regards to the E street project, and we are still working on it and actively trying to resolve their concerns.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monday September the 2<sup>nd</sup> City Hall will be closed in Observance of Labor Day.

There will be no landscape waste pick-up on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> but trash will remain unchanged.

Public Works staff will return to normal hours on September 9th

Fall burn days for landscape waste will resume for the months of September, October, and November on Wednesdays and Saturdays as long as weather conditions are appropriate. The Fire Department determines whether it is a burn day at 8am and updates the web site and contacts the local media and city hall at that time. Always call City Hall at 852-2611 and choose option 6 or check the City web site to determine if it is a burn day or not.

There being no further business, Council Member Komnick moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Faber seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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RABECKA JONES, CITY CLERK

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