

**COUNCIL MEETING 19-15**  
**Aug 12, 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 July 22, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending August 3rd, 2019 in the amount of \$204,218.04, Tag day for the Relay for Life made by the Presbyterian Youth Group, and Relay for Life Fireworks at Windmont Park. Council Member Faber double checked with Mayor Moore that they were still good to use Windmont and were not going to move it. Mayor Moore stated he had been in contact and that they looked at options and will still proceed with Windmont. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$392,543.10 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Faber asked about the reason for the two internet providers. City Manager Bradley responded with by law we are required to have them on two separate servers. Council Member Colomer was curious if we have followed up with Countyline on the sidewalk project. City Manager Bradley responded with yes they have gone back through and checked the work and made sure the grading was correct. Council Member Yaklich asked about Con'e and the Targeted Minor Home repair. Council Member Yaklich also questioned a check to Pat Dooley where Mayor Moore responded that was an error and

has been corrected. Council Member Yaklich asked about J&L Septic Service? Rod Johnson stepped up to answer. This was the company that we used to fix storm inlets. These were all part of the road program. Mayor Moore asked if this was part of the 80/20 split and Rod responded this was not. Yaklich asked about the R.A. Oldeen sheet metal work on the clearwell WWTP building. This was a project approved by Dale and budgeted for. Council Member Yaklich asked about check to Steve Patterson. City Manager Bradley explained he received reimbursement for the grant for Façade repair. Mayor Moore asked about Southwestern Education reimbursement. Troy Ainley clarified it was schooling for the part time officers. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Moore then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. No participation

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of Ordinance # 3957 authorizing the execution of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District development agreement with Dale Mathews D.B.A Broken Chimney with a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, and no nays. The motion passed

Consideration of Resolution #5179 authorizing the Kewanee Police Department to charge \$20.00 title processing fee plus required postage for each title processed for local businesses with a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Komnick. Council Member Yaklich wanted to verify this would be for all businesses that request title work. This is a process that we have done for years but haven't charged for. We broke down the fees and feel since we do close to 60 per year its time and resources that need to be reimbursed. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Consideration of Resolution #5180 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the State Bank of Toulon and IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union IHMVCU for the City of Kewanee was made with a motion by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Faber verified that no change in rates. City Manager Bradley confirmed that this would be just an extension of the current contract and yes the potential for rates to change is there if they go up. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed

Consideration of Resolution #5181 awarding additional work under the 2019 annual street maintenance program to Advanced Asphalt Company Inc. was made with a motion by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Council Member Faber verified that

this work uptown. City Manager Bradley verified that was correct. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Consideration of Resolution #5182 authorizing the City Manager, Mayor and City Clerk to execute a roadway surfacing agreement between the City of Kewanee and BNSF Railway Company was made with a motion by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Yaklich questioned the cost listed. City Manager explained that the cost listed was for the permit insurance and was not the cost to fix the Viaduct. Council Member Faber also was concerned about the time of the viaduct to be closed. But the project will be started this year and finished. Mayor Moore asked what was in the budget for this and we are at \$58k. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Faber started with when do we feel the turn lanes will be finished. City Manager Bradley responded with these will be finished when the same company working currently will do it all at once. Council Member Faber wanted to check on the anti bullying in the school. Chief Ainley stated they do have some of the training complete and they are actively working on this. It is moving forward. Council Member Faber needed an update on Advel Ct. City Manager Bradley stated he has just recently had communication with Justin and they are looking at what the next steps will be to move forward.

Council Member Colomer received a complaint about a dip in the road on Elliot and just needs to be looked at. Colomer wanted to reiterate that with school starting...please take time..Leave a bit early and be hyper aware.

Council Member Komnick thanked the KFD for the CPR class his daughter attended and let them know that she stated it was the best one she had been too. He was a bit concerned that there were only 2 in the class and felt it was our responsibility to help get the word out to the community. Council Member Komnick also has a few questioned about the packet from the WWTP. Were some of the projects done or is it all on standby? City Manager Bradley stated that some of the work has been done and he would have to check with Stan to see where they stand. Council Member Komnick did state was still feels that Stan should be at the meeting to answer in public forum to answer questions but he does appreciate the individual meetings that were offered. The people at home and watching live would also be able to have the answers first hand. Council Member Komnick received an email right before the meeting in regards to a buckle in the road on Tenney Street. He stated in the email that this may have been active for awhile. More information is needed to go forward and see where the issue is.

Council Member Yaklich asked about the status of the old Boiler Shop. A few have received phone calls and is curious who has the liability and are we aware of the next step. City Manager Bradley responded with there was a valid demolition permit and that was not followed. Bradley, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Johnson met with the owners and the meeting was not productive. Bradley left the meeting and contacted the City Attorney to

have him contact the appropriate state offices. He was also asked to verify ownership. Henry County Health Department and IEPA are aware and we have “thrown up the flags” to the agencies responsible for environmental control. We have no liability in this at this point. We do have concerns about the water and contamination. Justin responded with there is nothing at this point to do. The right people are aware and on it. We have no ownership and we could file an injunction but that will not solve the problem. Faber asked Justin to stay on it. Keith stepped up to say on this issue there was a learning curve and going forward maybe we could require a larger bond for work of this size to help reimburse fees that the city may incur. Council Member Yaklich then asked what else they do not know about the water and sewer treatment plants. Are there any issues with discharge? City Manager Bradley stated that up until this month we have been in compliance but due to lack of rainfall this drought we are not within compliance. There was a notice of violation issued for documents either not submitted or not logged as received, but those have been submitted and accepted. We have asked them to consider different options, including to declassify the ditch that runs in front of the sewer treatment plant. It’s just a creek that is not navigable and in our opinion and other staff it doesn’t meet the intent of the law that is in place. We are awaiting a response from the state. Council member Yaklich said he had a few questions for Chief Shook but that he would wait until the Chief was present. They were more nuts and bolts type questions.

Mayor Moore wanted to make sure that the community is aware that the Census will be around and how important it is for the City of Kewanee to participate. Police Department is aware and if there are any questions or concerns they can call them. Mayor Moore is also concerned that Murphy’s Container will have a hard time on this schedule to get the back balance paid off. We need to look at getting this paid off quicker and larger payments. Last, but not least a Congratulations to Council Member Colomer on his new daughter.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS N/A**

There being no further business, Council Member Colomer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Komnick seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.



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RABECKA JONES, CITY CLERK

08/26/2019

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