

**The August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. 5 members of the City Council were present in Chambers.**

*The Consent Agenda included the following items:*

- A. Payroll for the pay period ending August 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of **\$206,028.45**
- B. Reports from Community Development
- C. Bock Inc.
- D. Minutes from the Council Meeting on and Aug 8<sup>th</sup>
- E. Cerno's Alley Closure

**Motion made by Councilmember Komnick to approve consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Faber. Discussion: NONE Motion Passed 5-0**

**Bills were presented in the amount of **\$654,576.17****

**Councilmember Faber moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. Discussion: NONE Motion Passed 5-0**

- **Public Comments: Janice Boswell made Pillows for everyone for Hog Days. Dianne Demay voiced her concerns bumps in the road in front of her house. One was fixed, two others were not. She would like to know when the other two will be fixed. Jessica Quagliano inquired about an alley adjacent to her property. Sarah Hughes spoke in favor of having fowl in the area.**
- **Police Officers Carpenter and Lang were sworn in.**

**New Business:**

- A. Consideration of Resolution #5359 to award demolition work at 514 N. Lexington Ave. to Todd Boers. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Faber, seconded by Councilmember Baker. No Discussion. Motion Passed 5-0.**
- B. Consideration of Resolution #5360 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Hutchison Engineering for professional services related to the completion of a grant application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember Komnick. City Manager Bradley explained multiple options and the strategic benefit of having an application build off of previously approved applications. Consensus was that ITEP would be best suited for expanding downtown improvements, with a future Safe Routs to School application being considered for extension of the Lake Street improvements. Motion Passed 5-0.**
- C. Consideration of an Ordinance #4106 authorizing the City Manager to execute a TIF agreement with JKL Enterprises. Motion to approve made by Councilmember Faber, seconded by Councilmember Baker. Discussion: total amount was left blank. Councilmember Colomer moved to limit the incentives to \$25,000, seconded by Councilmember Komnick. Motion to approve amendment passed 5-0. Motion to approve passed 5-0.**
- D. Discussion of items to be included or excluded from a potential ordinance regarding the keeping, maintaining, and use of fowl within the limits of the City of Kewanee. The City Council had discussion and welcomed participation from the audience regarding the amount of an annual license, annual and as needed inspections, the appropriate amount of time to**

correct violations of the proposed ordinance, fine structure for violations, a limit on the number of licenses allowed and the number of birds allowed under a license, the appropriate zoning, setbacks, and enclosure requirements for the keeping of hens.

- E. **Discussion** of potential changes to gaming license applications and fees within the limits of the City of Kewanee. The City Council had discussion regarding the applicability of licensing fees for video poker machines and asked that benchmarking be conducted to determine what comparable cities charge before undertaking any further consideration of the matter.

**Mayor's Communications:** Schools are back in session. Mayor wished all students good luck. He noted the installation of the turf at Kewanee High School. He noted that several people have inquired about a City gas tax and noted that we do not charge one and indicated that the distributors are responsible for setting the prices, not the City or the Gas Stations. He also noted that the grant for Downtown can only be spent on downtown improvements.

**Council Communications:** Council Member Colomer discussed the idea that investment in downtown helps to generate additional revenues to provide for services. Asked for patience of motorists because of kids going to school. Council Member Faber is trying to put together a meeting on crime and will put out information when a date is identified. He indicated that we need to focus on crime, drugs, streets, sidewalks, water lines, business attraction and retention rather than chickens. Council Member Baker thanked Public Works for their work in fixing a major water main break. Council Member Kornick expressed his hopefulness with regard to the potential establishment of an in-patient drug and alcohol treatment facility in the community and support for the private sector bringing in fiber for residential use. He reiterated the need for caution with kids walking to school, thanked participants in the discussion about chickens and Janice Boswell for the pillows she made and donated.

**There were no announcements:**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Colomer, Seconded by Councilmember Faber. Motion Passed 5-0.**