

COUNCIL MEETING 19-08
APRIL 22, 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
Andrew Koehler	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

News media present was as follows:

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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 April 8, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending April 13th, 2019 in the amount of \$197,422.16, reports from Finance and Administration. 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 \$278,525.85 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Faber asked about an accident with our 2015 Taurus. Chief Ainley reported that the plain, unmarked car was damaged on Prospect. Council Member Faber indicated that if insurance was taking care of it, we shouldn't have a bill. Finance Director Debbie Johnson reported that we had received a reimbursement check from the insurance carrier. Council Member Yaklich inquired as to the safety of the officer and Chief Ainley reported that the officer was fine, there were no injuries.

Council Member Yaklich indicated that he had the same question for about five bills; things that are covered in the new budget that we are paying bills for even though the new money budget hasn't been approved. City Manager Bradley explained that there are some things that are purchased in multiple budgets, with funds being spent from this year's budget on certain items, but we will buy

the same or similar items next year and in future years. Chief shook explained that he typically replaces three sets of turnout gear per year as an example. .No funds from the future budget have been spent to date. Council Member Yaklich questioned what the balance is in the Public Property Fund. Council Member Yaklich asked what our policies are for travel/training with regard how employees are compensated or reimbursed. It was explained that each department has different information contained in their collective bargaining units, in addition to the city's adopted travel policy. The City Manager reported that the balance in the public Property Fund is approximately \$177,000 dollars. Finance Director Johnson indicated that the money originally came from the turbines and ethanol plants. Council Member Colomer questioned a bill for ice from JoJo's. The City Manager clarified that we are billed a couple of times per year for the ice used by various departments, typically on hot days. Council Member Colomer questioned a bill to the "international Institute of" and it was explained that the accounting program limits the number of characters in a field. The missing word in this instance was Municipal Clerks. Council Member Yaklich questioned how much we pay to Azavar. Council Member Faber questioned why we pay so many electric bills. Who owns what infrastructure and our process for obtaining electrical service to our various buildings, street lights, etc. was provided. Council Member Yaklich then noted that on a demolition bill for a property located at 724 Madison Avenue, the City is paying \$2,700 for replacement of sidewalks and wonders why we don't pay a different contractor to do the work because it seems a bit high and we might be able to save money if w had a different way of doing things. Council Member Colomer then inquired about uniform rental and who that was for. Kevin Newton indicated that the rental was for the Fleet Technician. Bills were approved. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays.

Council Member Koehler indicated it had been a privilege to serve with the people who helped make the last administration so successful and thanked everyone for their many years of support.

Mayor Looney noted his pride in the accomplishments that have occurred in the past four years, thanking the many organizations and people, including his wife and family, for the support they provided during his tenure, his campaign supporters and work colleagues, the media for their coverage of the community, the staff members who served during his tenure for their leadership and hard work, and the Council Members for all that they do for the City. He congratulated and wished good luck to the newly elected Mayor and City Councilman.

OATH OF OFFICE

The City Attorney administered the oaths of offices to Mayor Gary Moore, Council Member Chris Colomer, and Council Member Mike Komnick. The three were seated at the dais.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Moore then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. There being no such requests Mayor Moore moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #5151 declaring as excess the name plaques of former Mayor Steve Looney and former Councilman Koehler was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays.

Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement with Neponset Fire Protection District for the provision of ambulance service was moved for adoption by Council Member Yaklich and Seconded by Council Member Faber. After discussion, the motions were withdrawn. Motion to table the resolution was made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Motion to table was approved. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays.

Resolution #5152 appropriating matching funds for the FAU East Street Project was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays.

Resolution #5153 appointing a City Attorney was approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays.

Resolution #5154 appointing a City Treasurer was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays.

Item F. was withdrawn from the agenda.

Ordinance #3958 to amend Sections 50.04-(A-M) Residential Refuse and Garbage Pickup and 50.07-(D-E) Residential Bulk Brush Pickup and 50.09-(D) Rates and Rules for Solid Waste Pickup of Chapter 50 Solid Waste Management, of Title V Public Works of the Kewanee City Code. Motion to Approve was made by Council Member Yaklich Seconded by Council Member Faber. After discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Yaklich to make the rate for a second cart the same as for the first cart, seconded by Council Member Faber. The motion to amend was approved. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The Ordinance was approved as amended. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays.

Resolution #5155 awarding the mowing of nuisance properties for FY 20 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. 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.

Resolution re-appointing Matthew Douglas to the Airport Authority Board was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Faber, seconded by Council Member Yaklich.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Colomer thanked Steve and Any for their efforts and expressed his confidence that their replacements will do well.

Council Member Komnick noted the amount of support he had gotten from the community and looks forward to learning and doing his best and thanked the Fire Department for a recent presentation at Kiwanis

Council Member Yaklich asked Chief Ainley about the results of his recent meeting with officials from Kewanee about safety and Central school and asked if the same group can discuss safety of the other schools. Chief Ainley indicated that he was unable to attend the meeting, but mentioned some of the methods that are being implemented to address the concerns. Councilmember Yaklich asked about the use of stop signs in the area and inquired about ticketing within the area as a deterrent.

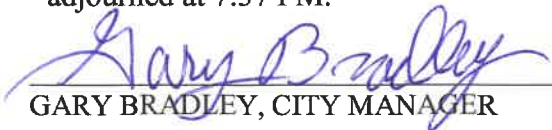
Council Member Faber said that he attended an anti-bullying class that was good and encouraged the City to assist in helping to stop bullying. He also reminded viewers of the May 4th Sound the Alarm event. He concluded by noting his lack of satisfaction with the limited number of characters allowed for descriptions in our accounting software, suggesting a note or something be attached so that things like the accident with the police car don't come as a surprise to them.

Mayor Moore commended the outgoing City Council Member and Mayor for their service, Commended Sergeant Kijanowski for his quick and professional actions that saved the life of the offender who attempted to pull a gun on him. Reminded residents that on burn days, fires must be extinguished by sunset. Questioned whether or not we have had any new communication regarding the viaduct and an update was given, Attended Firemen's Ball and was pleased with the attendance by first responders

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Transfer station will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays April through September. Automated trash collection scheduled to begin the week of May 21st (carts delivered the week of May 13th). No changes in landscape waste collection or recycling when the switch to automation is made.

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 7:37 PM.


GARY BRADLEY, CITY MANAGER


DATE APPROVED