

The August 8th 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 July 30th, in the amount of **\$214,475.90**
- b. Reports from Police, Community Development
- c. Minutes from the July 25th Council Meeting

Motion made by Councilmember Colomer to approve consent agenda. A Seconded was made by Councilmember Komnick. Discussion: NONE Motion Passed 5-0

Bills were presented in the amount of \$132,187.08

Councilmember Faber moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. Discussion: Faber questioned the contract payment for the Access phones. Also was curious on a reimbursement for Tony Seguro and his half of the demo reimbursement. Komnick questioned the 2 exact bills for Pearson on towing and it was clarified that yes, the vehicle was towed twice but we may get one of those bills reimbursed. **The motion was approved 5-0.**

- **Public Comments: None**
- **New Business:**

- A. **Request from Courtyard Estates** to close portions of Dewey, Dodge, Division, and Junior on August 28th from 2-5 pm. **Councilmember Colomer made the motion, Councilmember Faber seconded. Discussion:** Colomer had a concern about closing division and asked to use the alternative route that was provided. Chief Welgat (fire) got up and expressed his concern also and asked that we use the alternate route. Colomer rescinded his vote and so did Faber. New Motion was made by Colomer to use alternate route and seconded by Faber. **Motion passed 5-0**
- B. **Consideration of an Ordinance #4103** to vacate the north 135 feet of Cottage Street running North-South between IL Hwy 81/6th street and 5th street **Councilmember Komnick made the motion, Councilmember Colomer seconded. Discussion:** Faber stated he kind of was the one blocking this and since no one contacted him or came to the meeting they musty not be concerned about this closing. Mayor Moore stated we have to trust the PW director and Emergency staff and move forward to close. **Motion passed 5-0**
- C. **Consideration of an Ordinance #4105** granting a rezoning request, for land located at the Southeast corner of West Church Street and Bronson Street parcel number 25-05-285-005, Kewanee. **Councilmember Faber made the motion, Councilmember Baker seconded. Discussion:** Mayor Moore has received over the years complaints about the grass overgrown and neighbors seem to be on board to improve this neighborhood. **Motion passed 5-0**
- D. **Consideration of a Resolution #5354** authorizing the City Manager to accept a proposal from and execute an agreement with Harn R/O for cleaning of the R/O trains at the south water treatment plant. **Councilmember Baker made the motion, Councilmember Komnick seconded. Discussion:** Mayor spoke to Gary Bradley that the wording was a bit incorrect, and the Bock statement was just a cost statement and not a bid in. More like an estimate to give the City an idea on cost. Mayor liked that

Harn will also be training our guys to help maintain and save monies later. Newton stated the initial cost was a bit higher than budgeted...but there are funds in there and we should be good to proceed. **Motion passed 5-0**

- E. **Consideration of a Resolution #5355** authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc for the engineering of a hydraulic model and watermain replacement priority project. **Councilmember Faber made the motion, Councilmember Colomer seconded. Discussion:** Komnick stated this looks like a great idea and Mayor agreed. This will help identify any problems and improvements that can help the City and our system. Komnick was surprised it was not higher and pleased with the estimate. **Motion passed 5-0**
- F. **Consideration of a Resolution #5356** authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Kewanee Community School District 229. **Councilmember Baker made the motion, Councilmember Komnick seconded. Discussion:** N Welgat stepped up to give just a brief outline on what this would entail. The school board and the City worked on the IGA together. The school board approved the IGA at their meeting earlier that night. Mayor Moore would like to stay proactive and not reactive. **Motion passed 5-0**
- G. **Consideration of a Resolution #5357** authorizing a cellular phone reimbursement/allowance policy for appropriate personnel. **Councilmember Baker made the motion, Councilmember Faber seconded. Discussion:** Colomer asked who all this was for. N Welgat explained that this would reimburse the employees that use their personal phones to download an app to be used for City information. Motion was rescinded and new Motion made by Colomer and seconded by Komnick to table until better clarification on who would get this reimbursement. **Motion passed 5-0**
- H. **Consideration of a Resolution #5358** authorizing a reciprocal reporting agreement between Kewanee School District 229 and the Kewanee Police Department. **Councilmember Baker made the motion, Councilmember Faber seconded. Discussion:** This is much needed to keep both the school and police dept informed and stay informed. N Welgat stated this is just an update to what is already in place and follows the state statute. **Motion passed 5-0**

Mayor's Communications: The World Festival Pageant was held this past Saturday at Petersen Auditorium in Kewanee High School. There were two shows, Mini and Little contestants competed at 2 pm, and Junior and Miss Contestants were held at 6 pm. Mitrese Smith from Kewanee was the winner in the Miss division, and Kewanee had at least one local girl place in the top three in 3 of the 4 division. There was a total of 65 girls that competed in the 4 divisions. These young ladies came from a 10-county area. The pageant brought a lot of people to Kewanee, and I saw many of those people dining at our local restaurants. Pageant Directors Jeanna Moore and Stephanie Smith once again did a fantastic job putting this program together.

There has been concerns over the past couple months of the possibility of scheduled, controlled power outages to deal with the high electricity demand, and to alleviate pressure on the power grid. According to information I received this morning from Ameren, they believe the risk for power outages in our area is very low. As a safety measure, they are taking measures to

ensure private residents are not affected. They have industrial users that will voluntarily reduce their demand which will most likely cover any reduction request from MISO, the federal company that operate the power grid. Ameren shared a short informational video that we are hoping to have available on the city webpage.

Council Communications:

- **Councilmember Colomer:** Wanted to say thank you for the St Jude's run and what they stand for and support.
- **Councilmember Baker:** Baker received an email stating his service on the board is useless and they feel he doesn't do anything. But Baker explained there are a lot of behind-the-scenes things that he does...or asks other department heads about and listened to the experience already sitting on the board.
- **Councilmember Faber:** Remind to be on the look out for the kids heading back to school. The Queen Pageant was a big success, and everyone did a great job. Faber asked the Chief if there is anything the Council could do to help the uprise of crime in the community and Chief Welgat looks forward to meeting with them to see what we can come up with.
- **Councilmember Komnick:** Wanted to say congrats to the St Jude's run from here to Peoria and the 35k will be used for such a great cause.

- **Announcements: None**

- **Councilmember Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Komnick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM**