

COUNCIL MEETING 16-13
JULY 11, 2016

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:

Andy Koehler	Council Member
Mike Yaklich	Council Member
Deann Schweitzer	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

News media present were as follows:

Mike Berry	Star Courier
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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 June 27, 2016 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending June 25, 2016 of \$197,571.82, department head reports from Police Department, Code Enforcement, ESDA, Building & Zoning, and Public Works. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$640,252.37 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Koehler asked about the use of the mini excavator. Public Works Operations Manager Johnson explained the various uses for the excavator. Council Member Koehler also noted his approval of the process of post accident testing to avoid future liabilities. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Looney asked if anyone wished to speak. Council Member Yaklich noted that the Gustafson property was not on the agenda. City Manager Bradley explained that Mr. Gustafson had decided to purchase a lot in an alternate location and was moving ahead with his building project.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #4989 authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the International Firefighters Association Local 513 was approved on a motion

made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Koehler questioned the increase in the number of Kelly days. City Manager Bradley explained that the Kelly days were given to decrease overtime hours and were a cost saving measure for the City. Council Member Yaklich complimented the fire union members and City Manager Bradley for their roles in the negotiation process. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #4990 to establish a post employment health benefit plan for eligible public employees was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. City Manager Bradley confirmed Council Member Schweitzer's comment that this item was a part of the contract that was just approved. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Schweitzer encouraged everyone to attend the Prairie Chicken Festival the following weekend.

Council Member Koehler complimented the Keane baseball tournament. He also noted that Kewanee is a great town when all the people pull together for such a great event.

Council Member Yaklich reported that a group of community volunteers was cleaning up the downtown on Wednesday evening at 5:30, and he encouraged others to volunteer to help. He listed many of the events that would take place during the Prairie Chicken Festival. He also noted the \$570,000 worth of new projects for the previous month.

City Manager Bradley noted the efforts put in by City Attorney Raver and Code Enforcement Officer Edwards to clean up the Costin property. He also noted the effort of Ground Maintenance Manager Newton's crew's cleanup efforts for the various festivities around town, as well as the Public Works crews for their work on sidewalks.

Mayor Looney also thanked all of the volunteers for all of the various festivals and events that had been held in the City over the past couple of months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no further business, Council Member Schweitzer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Koehler seconded the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.



MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK



DATE APPROVED