

**COUNCIL MEETING 16-17
AUGUST 22, 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
Kellie Wallace-McKenna	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 August 8 and 15, 2016 Council Meetings, payroll for the pay period ending August 6, 2016 of \$197,245.13, department head reports from Finance and Administrative Services and Bock, Inc. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$193,457.67 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Koehler questioned the number of ballistics vests purchased. Chief Dison reported that the purchase would replace 6 vests, with a grant expected to a portion of the expense. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Looney asked if anyone wished to speak. Duane Gillespie questioned the maintenance of the banks along Mill Creek, noting his thought that Mill Creek is a public utility. Operations Manager Johnson noted that there was no record of the city being obligated to maintain anymore than a portion on the east side of Tenney Street. Tim Hamilton noted that when he worked for the city, the city maintained the area. Steve Faber suggested an alternate ways to maintain the area. The discussion resulted in direction to staff to take care of the area this year, and begin to educate residents of the area on the need for them to maintain it going forward. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #4996 awarding the 2016 annual street maintenance program to Advanced Asphalt Company, Inc was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. City Engineer Nobel reported that he believed the project would be scheduled to begin in mid-September. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A resolution to authorize a communications facilities franchise agreement with Mobilitie, LLC was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Staff had requested some additional information from Mobilitie that had not been received by the meeting time. The franchise agreement would allow for the installation of a tall pole to place equipment on that would boost the network of two major cellular phone services. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3845 to declare certain vehicles and equipment excess and no longer needed by the City of Kewanee was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Chief Dison stated that in an effort to get the best price for the vehicles, it was anticipated that an online auction would be used. If that was the case, the local media would be notified so that residents would have access to the auctions as well. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A discussion of TIF incentives for Johnson Theaters, Inc for their "Wanee Theater Renovation Project" was held. City Manager Bradley gave a brief background of the TIF. He reported that there were two incentive agreements for discussion. The first being a standard agreement that mirrored other agreements with Save-a-Lot, Cerno's and IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union, and the second being an agreement that would give a forgivable loan to Johnson Theaters if certain criteria were met during the term of the agreement. The forgivable loan was suggested by the TIF consultants, as they were concerned that there would not be enough increment created to truly assist the business. Bud Johnson, of Johnson Theaters, explained the improvements being made. Mr. Johnson also noted that in 2015 they had 30,000 people utilize the theater, with 22,000 so far in 2016. Council Members instructed City Manager Bradley to bring the information back to council for consideration as is, at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding Community and Economic Development Incentives programs potentially to be passed by Council for use in the City. City Manager Bradley reported that these programs were recommended by the recently passed Economic and Community Development Plans. He explained each of the suggested programs, which included documentation of the TIF program, Brownfield Assessment Program, Small Business Interest Payment Program, Demolition Grant Program, Distressed Property Reinvestment Program, and a Downtown Redevelopment Program. Council Members again directed City Manager Bradley to bring the information back to council for consideration as is, at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding a proposed Public Service Agreement with Kewanee Chamber of Commerce. City Manager Bradley reported that this too, was a result of the recently passed Economic Development Plan, which recommended a well defined relationship with Economic Development partners. The agreement would define the work and reporting required in

exchange for the funding from the city. City Manager Bradley also noted that he would propose a similar agreement with KEDC. Council Members concurred with the agreement and directed the City Manager to bring the information back to council for consideration at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding a proposed Travel Policy for city employees and officials. City Manager Bradley explained that a new state law required us to review our travel policy, noting the Chief Dison headed up the discussion and review amongst the leadership team. Chief Dison explained the additions in the new policy. Council Members requested that the policy be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for their consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Wallace-McKenna thanked staff for the weeds taken care of by Lyle School and other cleanup around town. She also wished everyone a Happy Hog Days.

Council Member Schweitzer urged residents to trim back any landscaping that would impede the view of motorists at an intersection. She also wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

Council Member Koehler echoed the sentiments of the other Council Members and noted the many great volunteers in Kewanee during Hog Days, and the many good things happening in Kewanee.

Council Member Yaklich noted that staff has responded very well to any request for service that he and other council members had passed on to City Manager Bradley. He thanked Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton and staff for their work in the park. He also noted that the final concert of the season would be held on August 25th.

Mayor Looney also thanked staff for their work. He also noted his appreciation for all of the volunteers with all of the different festivals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Looney announced that the Rebuilding Together projects were postponed until Saturday, August 27, noting that any volunteers could register online at www.rebuildingtogether-hc.org or plan to arrive at Windmont Park between 7 and 8 am on Saturday. He also announced that City Council Member Packets would be available on August 30, 2016 for the two City Council positions up for election.

There being no further business, Council Member Koehler moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Yaklich seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.


MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK


DATE APPROVED