

**COUNCIL MEETING 16-18  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 6:00 PM with the Mayor calling the meeting to order and the following answering to roll call:

Andy Koehler	Council Member
Mike Yaklich	Council Member
Kellie Wallace-McKenna	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Koehler moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:01 PM pursuant to Section 2 (C) (1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing personnel and Section 2(C)(11) to discuss pending litigation. Council Member Yaklich seconded the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed. Council Member Schweitzer arrived at 6:25 PM.

The executive session was adjourned at 6:52 PM on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Council Meeting #16-18 reconvened at 7:00 PM with Mayor Looney stating the Council is reconvening following an executive session discussion concerning personnel and pending litigation.

News media present were as follows:

Mike Berry	Star Courier
Bob McKee	WKEI

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 22, 2016 Council Meetings, payroll for the pay period ending August 20 and September 3, 2016 of \$398,129.66, department head reports from Police Department, Community Development, ESDA, and Public Works, requests from Kewanee High School for use of city streets during their homecoming parade and bonfire on October 7 and 6, a request from Wethersfield High School for use of city streets on October 7 for their homecoming parade, and a request from Goodfellow's Christmas Basket Club to conduct tag days on Friday and Saturday, October 21 & 22, 2016. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$757,813.80 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Koehler questioned the purchase of laptops from the school. City Manager Bradley reported that the school got a lower price than we could, but the laptops were for the use at the City. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Looney asked if anyone wished to speak. Steve Faber noted that he had watched city employees filling potholes without a backup person. City Manager Bradley noted that he would take a look at the situation. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #4997 releasing certain liens filed by the City of Kewanee against property sold by Henry County to registered tax buyers was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Tim Wells, Henry County Treasurer and his staff Kellie Vincent explained the thought process behind the request, with a brief discussion with Council Members. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #4998 authorizing the Mayor to execute Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreements with Johnson Theaters, Inc for their "Wanee Theater Renovation Project" was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Council Member Wallace-McKenna received confirmation that other businesses could apply for the same benefits as well. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #4999 to authorize the City Manager to execute a Public Service Agreement with Kewanee Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development Services was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley explained that a more formalized agreement with our partners was recommended by the Economic Development Plan. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3846 amending Chapter 37 Finance and Revenue, Title III Administration, of the Kewanee City Code regarding Economic Development Incentives was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. City Manager Bradley explained that the previous ordinance was a very broad overview of incentives. The amendments simplify and clarify the requirements, as well as simplifying the ability to amend the incentives. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5000 to establish Economic and Community Development Incentive Policies was passed on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3847 amending the City of Kewanee Administrative Code in regards to the Travel Policy for City employees and officials was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3848 amending Chapter 95.02(S) of the City Code which establishes standards for declaring weeds and tall grass a nuisance in regards to right-of-way maintenance was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Henry County and Economic Development Resources, LLC for economic development consulting services was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. City Manager Bradley would work to get additional information regarding the payment of the fee. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Schweitzer noted the great turnout for Hog Days and thanked the City employees for the wonderful job with cleanup.

Council Member Koehler offered his congratulations to the Hog Capital Committee. He also noted that Veterans Park would be used for the POW/MIA vigil on Sunday evening. He also received confirmation from Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton that Francis Park would close for the season on September 25.

Council Member Yaklich noted that the most recent report from the building department shows permits issued for \$2 million the previous month. He also commented on a property just south of Edgewood Drive and horse weeds.

Council Member Wallace-McKenna commented on the beautiful hog days. She thanked the City workers, Ameren, and Star Courier.

Mayor Looney also thanked the committee volunteers, Chamber of Commerce, media, radio and paper, police, fire, and city staff. He also noted that staff collected 18,720 lbs of trash over the weekend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Looney announced that residents would be allowed six extra bags of trash the week of September 19, on their usual trash collection day. Public Works staff would return to regular hours the week of September 26. Also, residents were reminded of the change in burning regulations banning the burning of grass clippings.

There being no further business, Council Member Schweitzer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Yaklich seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

  
MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

  
DATE APPROVED