

**COUNCIL MEETING 16-22  
NOVEMBER 14, 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
Deann Schweitzer	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Wallace-McKenna moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:01 PM pursuant to Section 2 (C) (6) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing sale or lease of real estate. Council Member Schweitzer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The executive session was adjourned at 6:26 PM 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.

Council Meeting #16-22 reconvened at 7:00 PM with Mayor Looney stating the Council is reconvening following an executive session discussion concerning sale or lease of real estate.

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 October 24, 2016 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending October 29, 2016 of \$193,096.10, and department head reports from Police Department, Code Enforcement, ESDA, Building & Zoning, Bock, Inc., and Public Works, and a request from the Kewanee YMCA to use the Council Chambers to conduct their charity auction on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 2016. The consent agenda items were approved 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.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$2,163,678.02 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Koehler

questioned the payment to Collection Professionals. City Manager Bradley reported that the payment was for ambulance collection fees. City Manger Bradley also explained, at the request of Council Member Yaklich, that the amount was larger than normal due to several bond payments and road improvements. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Looney asked if anyone wished to speak. There being no such requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended on the plans to issue General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$298,000 was opened on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Mayor Looney called the public hearing to order, and read the following notice: *Let the record reflect that this is a public hearing being held pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. Notice of this hearing was published on October 28, 2016, in the Star Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in the City. This is a hearing regarding a plan to issue not to exceed \$298,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) pay debt service on the City's outstanding alternate revenue source bonds payable from non-referendum bond proceeds and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds.*

*The Bonds will be issued by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and shall constitute a general obligation of the City, payable from (i) ad valorem taxes of the City for which its full faith and credit have been irrevocably pledged, unlimited as to rate or amount., and (ii) such other funds of the City lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose.*

*This public hearing is required by Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing, the issuance of the Bonds and the purpose of the issuance of the Bonds.*

Mayor Looney asked anyone who wished to submit written comments to take them to City Hall. Mayor Looney then asked anyone desiring an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed Bonds, to please stand so that they may have an opportunity to make those comments or statements. There being no such requests, Mayor Looney requested a motion to adjourn the public hearing. The public hearing was adjourned on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 PM.

Resolution #5015 committing funds from the Revolving Loan Fund to Broken Chimney was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Council Member Koehler expressed his reservations with the loan. City Manager Bradley explained that the applicants have created 50 jobs, with the requirement to create 4-5 jobs for the level of requested funding. The KEDC Loan Committee and the KEDC Board voted unanimously to recommend the loan. Andrew Speck, from the Broken Chimney, addressed the Council, explaining that the request was for operating capital during the training and startup period. The proposed security for the loan was a third position on a building owned by Mr. Speck in Peoria. City Manager Bradley explained that although it was a third position, that there was sufficient equity in the building to make the collateral secure. Roll call showed 3 ayes, 2 nays, with Council Members Koehler and Wallace-McKenna casting the dissenting votes. The motion passed.

The Plan Commission minutes from its meeting held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 were accepted on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3853 approving a special use permit to Glenna Scott at Cookies 222 North Burr Blvd. for a beer garden was approved 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.

Ordinance #3854 approving the rezoning of 315 West Second Street from B-3 Business and Wholesale to B-4 Business District was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Council Member Yaklich explained the change being made to the business. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A brief discussion of TIF Incentives for the Carrington Building TIF Project was held with City Manager Bradley explaining the nature of the project, including that the project was necessary to avoid a hole in the downtown area and to protect the adjoining buildings. Council Member Schweitzer questioned the clause where the developer agrees to commercial operations located on the property, noting that the developer should not lose their incentive if a tenant closes a business and leaves the building. Council Members agreed by consensus, with the matter to be considered at the next meeting.

A brief discussion of redevelopment incentives with Haven Park Capital Partners in regards to Southwind Mobile Estates was held with City Manager Bradley explaining the request. Haven Park Capital Partners has expressed interest in purchasing Southwind Mobile Estates and removing the dilapidated structures replacing them with new homes. The Developer has requested assistance from the City with improving the private streets located within the mobile home park. The agreement would provide for the City to be an equal partner in the improvement of the streets located within the park. Council Member Schweitzer questioned the City contributing to the repair of private roads and Advel Court. City Manager Bradley noted that he is not sure he shares the same view as was previously held regarding Advel Court and other private drives. The Council agreed by consensus that a minimum number of homes should be installed prior to receiving any incentives, and to consider the request for approval at the next meeting.

Resolution #5012 awarding the demolition of 118 S. Burr Blvd to Kirk Dana was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Members concurred that this demolition would be beneficial to the area and the school children that attend the area schools. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5013 awarding the demolition of 924 North East Street to Hayes Excavating was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Koehler noted that it was nice to see a new company involved in the demolitions. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5014 awarding the demolition of 715 Willow Street to Novak's Custom Resources was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Koehler again noted the new company involved in the demolition process. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

An Ordinance declaring 4.4 acres of land at 850 East Division Street was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Mayor Looney stated that the Council was seeking further information and the item would hopefully be considered at the next meeting. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5016 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Payment Services Network Inc for processing payments with credit/debit cards was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5017 authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the State Bank of Toulon and IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. City Manager Bradley explained the process undertaken to come to a staff recommendation. Council Member Yaklich received confirmation from City Manager Bradley that the same process should be repeated every three years. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5018 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a public services agreement with Kewanee Economic Development Corporation was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Koehler expressed his disappointment with the results from KEDC in the past. Council Member Schweitzer stated the many benefits of the KEDC, with City Manager Gary Bradley explaining the Kathy Albert of the KEDC had been an integral part of gathering information from businesses for the upcoming Enterprise Zone application. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3856 establishing no turn on red restrictions at Prospect and Main Streets was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Council Member Yaklich asked if the property owner with the hedge was requested to trim or remove the hedge. City Engineer Nobel noted that even without the hedge the line of sight would still be obstructed due to the curvature of the road. Operations Manager

Johnson reported that he had been advised that the hedges had been planted when the road was widened to dampen the traffic noise. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3857 establishing an Enterprise Zone in the City of Kewanee, Illinois, the City of Galva, Illinois, the City of Geneseo, Illinois, the Village of Atkinson, Illinois, the Village of Annawan, Illinois the Village of Cambridge, Illinois, the Village of Orion, Illinois, the Village of Woodhull, Illinois, and Henry County, Illinois was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. City Manager Bradley explained that the ordinance mirrors the ordinances adopted by each of the other communities, with the same incentives that are currently offered, while extending the enterprise zone to the other communities. The Enterprise Zone has resulted in nearly \$1 billion in improvements, with another \$780 million projected should the Zone be awarded by the states. The proposed improvements would include the creation of approximately 2000 jobs in the area. Mr. Bradley continued to say that the Enterprise Zone was a huge piece of the Economic Development puzzle, with no opportunity to apply for a zone in 2017. Mayor Looney noted the many hours that had Mr. Bradley had invested in the preparation of the Enterprise Zone documents, including the assistance offered to the other communities. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Schweitzer noted the great attendance of the Veteran's Day events held in Kewanee. She congratulated the A/W Titans on their journey to the semifinal football game. She thanked the many volunteers throughout the community. She also thanked City Manager Bradley and staff for their work on the Enterprise Zone application.

Council Member Koehler thanked the Police Department and volunteers for their work on Halloween night. He also wished the Titans good luck in the upcoming playoff game.

Council Member Yaklich wished the Titans good luck in their playoff game. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and urged everyone to give to the Goodfellow's Basket Club if they were able.

Council Member Wallace-McKenna reported that she and Council Member Schweitzer attended a Girl Scout Career day event. She also noted that it was nice to see the election polls busy. She noted the closure of Prospect Street for Halloween trick-or-treating, which assisted with the safety of the children. City Manager Bradley reported that Mark Mikenas of the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce suggested the idea. He then met with Chief Dison and Operations Manager Johnson who were able to execute the idea rather quickly. Council Member Wallace-McKenna also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Looney wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He noted the great turn out for Veteran's Day, thanking all the Veteran's for their service. He thanked City Manager Bradley for his work on the Enterprise Zone application, and thanked staff for their assistance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Looney announced that City Hall offices would be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. Trash collection would be moved up one day with Tuesday to Wednesday, Wednesday to Thursday, Thursday to Wednesday. There would be no landscape waste collection. Saturday, November 19 would not be a burn day due to the football playoff game scheduled at Wethersfield High School. Any loads being taken to the transfer station should be tarped to prevent debris from falling out along the roadways. Any loads not tarped can be assessed an additional \$50 fee, as described in the Kewanee City code section 50.10(B)(2). He also announced that Senator Weaver would be hosting a town hall meeting at Kewanee School District Administration Bldg., 1001 North Main Street on Thursday, November 17 from 7-8 PM.

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

  
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MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

  
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DATE APPROVED