

**COUNCIL MEETING 18-01
JANUARY 8, 2018**

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
Steve Faber	Council Member
Chris Colomer	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal	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 December 26, 2017 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending January 6, 2018 in the amount of \$221,992.54, reports from Community Development, ESDA, Police Department, and Public Works. The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$184,744.18 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Yaklich asked about the radios from Core & Main, LP. Public Works Operations Manager Johnson explained that there were 150 radios which were split between the water and sewer departments. These radios were the first for the smart meters. Council Member Koehler asked about the cost of the drug screens for CDL testing. City Clerk Edwards explained that there were multiple employees screened for that cost. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Looney then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. There being no such requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

A resolution authorizing the construction of a memorial in Veteran's Park to the service members of the Vietnam War was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Council Member Yaklich made a motion to approve, which was followed by a second from Council Member Colomer. That motion and second were rescinded to allow the item to be tabled so that the Kewanee Veteran's Council could be consulted as suggested by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Koehler thanked Chief Ainley and staff for their assistance with checking on the light displays at Windmont Park.

Council Member Yaklich thanked staff that worked through the storms and cold weather. They made sure everything got done and it got done well.

Council Member Faber suggested checking on elderly neighbors in the brutal cold.

Council Member Colomer noted the recent visit of Representative Cheri Bustos at the Kewanee Public Library to pay tribute to Etta La Flora. He was honored and humbled to attend the presentation of a Congressional Record to celebrate the many things Etta has done for the community youth.

Council Member Koehler suggested the allowance of parked vehicles on the right-of-way during snow events to allow for easier parking.

Mayor Looney thanked City staff for their work in the harsh weather conditions.

Council Member Koehler also mentioned an upcoming AMTRAK meeting in Princeton. He questioned the discussion about a new rail line from Chicago to the Quad Cities. City Manager Bradley reported that they discuss that at each meeting ending with the lack of funding for that project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that on Wednesday, January 17th at 1 pm, the Memorial Overpass honoring Stark County Deputy Adam Streicher and Michigan State Trooper Chad Wolf would take place at the Annawan Community Center, Howe's Park, 314 N. State Street, Annawan. Senator Weaver and Representative Swanson would present a replica of the sign to the families. Adam and Chad were both graduates of Annawan High School. City Hall offices would be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. There would be no planned changes to the trash collection schedule.

There being no further business, Council Member Faber moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.


MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK


DATE APPROVED