

**COUNCIL MEETING 18-02
JANUARY 22, 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 January 8, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending January 20, 2018 in the amount of \$205,058.01, reports from Bock, Inc., Year End Water Audit, Finance & Administration Services, and Building & Zoning. As well as a request from the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce for use of green spaces and street closures in relation to the Kewanee Hog Capital BBQ Challenge to be held on June 15 & 16, 2018. The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$457,471.57 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. 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

Resolution #5090 authorizing the construction of a memorial in Veteran's Park to the service members of the Vietnam War was declined on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and

seconded by Council Member Faber. After a lengthy discussion regarding the desires of veterans that spoke with the Council Members and Mayor, the motion failed. Roll call showed 0 ayes, 5 nays. The motion passed.

Discussion of an Ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater by the installation or use of water supply wells ended with a consensus to have the Ordinance regarding potable water placed on the next agenda for consideration, so as not to impede any manufacturing process that might need a well.

Discussion of an Ordinance creating Contractor Registration requirements met with many objections from Council Member Yaklich, followed by objections from Council Member Colomer. After a lengthy discussion, City Manager Bradley noted that Council had given some direction.

The Mayor then moved on to the discussion of an Ordinance amending Chapter 151 Electrical Regulations which also met with many objections from Council Member Yaklich. City Manager Bradley noted that the ordinance was already in place and referred to an Electrical Commission that had not been in place since the 1990s. Council Member Yaklich recommended that if there was no Electrical Commission to remove it from the ordinance. Following another lengthy discussion, City Manager Bradley noted that he had some direction.

A discussion of an Ordinance amending Chapter 150 in regards to construction permit fees was introduced by City Manager Bradley noting that the changes recommended were based on input from the Council. The draft ordinance recommended consequences to not following the process including the doubling of permit fees if a permit is not obtained prior to beginning construction or demolition. Council Members demonstrated a general consensus to consider this ordinance at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Faber noted the recent streak of nice weather and encouraged bigger heavier trucks to utilize the truck route.

Council Member Koehler complimented City Manager Gary Bradley for his specific comments on some of the bills.

Mayor Looney thanked City staff for their work for the last snow removal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no further business, Council Member Yaklich moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.


MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK


DATE APPROVED