COUNCIL MEETING 16-24
DECEMBER 12, 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

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 November 28, 2016 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending November 26, 2016 of $210,256.20, and department head reports from Building & Zoning, Code Enforcement, ESDA, Public Works, and Police Department. The consent agenda items were 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.

Bills submitted for approval totaling $1,088,431.14 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Yaklich noted that he was encouraged by the number of people utilizing the sidewalk replacement reimbursement program. 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

Kathy Albert, Executive Director of the Kewanee Economic Development Corporations (KEDC), gave a report of the activity of the KEDC for the past year. She reported that the majority of the work done through the KEDC was for business retention and expansion, as that is the primary source of new jobs.

She reported that four manufacturing facilities and three service organizations were working on expansion projects, or had recently expanded. She explained their role in working with startup businesses, like Midwest Trailer Manufacturing and Broken Chimney; as well as the many committees that she sits on representing the KEDC.

The Neponset Fire Protection District made a presentation to the Council requesting that the Council consider their request for the City of Kewanee Fire Department to provide Emergency Medical Services to their residents and visitors. All of the trustees from Neponset were in attendance of the meeting. Dave Mueller, NFPD Trustee, gave the presentation, explaining that Kewanee was secondary at this time, and was answering a little less than half of the calls already in that position. They are willing to pay their fair share, but would prefer that the patient gets billed first, before the NFPD would have to pay, as a cost savings to their taxpayers. Council agreed to consider the item on the next agenda.

Ordinance #3860 abating the property tax levy for the General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley explained that this and the next several items would be abating the property tax levies because the alternate revenue sources were adequate to the pay the bonds and the property tax levies would not be needed. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3861 abating the property tax levy for the 2011B Alternate Revenue Source General Obligation Refunding Bonds was 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.

Ordinance #3862 abating the property tax levy for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3863 abating the property tax levy for the Series 2013 General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Refunding Bonds, Alternate Revenue Source was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3864 establishing the 2016 property tax levy, payable in 2017 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. City Manager Bradley explained that the levy was established based on the same directives of the previous year, hold the line and do not raise the tax rate, levy for the items that are required to be levied for (*i.e.* Pension Funds) and not enterprise funds. Council Member Yaklich asked where cuts were made to offset increases for the pension funds. City Manager Bradley reported that the cuts were made in levies for the General Corporate, Police Protection and Fire Protection. He further noted that a cut in the levy does not directly mean a cut in services in those areas. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5022 establishing the meeting dates for City Council meetings in 2017 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Koehler noted that any meetings that would have landed on a holiday were moved to the next day. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5023 approving a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the City of Kewanee was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Mayor Looney thanked staff for their work on the plan. Council Member Yaklich noted his delight in the level in detail in the plan. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5024 authorizing the purchase of a multifunction copier/printer/fax machine from Impact Networking was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Mayor Looney noted that the company proposing the second lowest purchase price employed members of the community. City Manager Bradley also noted that difference would include the maintenance costs, with no way to estimate those costs, as this would be the first color copy machine for the City. The difference per copy was around 8 cents per copy. Roll call showed 4 ayes, 1 nay, with Mayor Looney casting the dissenting vote. The motion passed.

Resolution #5025 authorizing the purchase of a ½ ton pickup truck for the Public Works Department from Gustafson Ford was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Council Member Koehler questioned if the vehicle would be four wheel drive. Public Works Operations Manager Johnson reported that yes it would be. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The Plan Commission minutes from its meeting held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 were accepted 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 #3865 granting a special use permit for a beer garden/outdoor eating area to Denise Cook and D&D Lake Street Tap was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer. Chief Dison advised, at the request of Council Member Yaklich, that in general beer gardens have not been an issue. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3866 granting a special use permit for a beer garden/outdoor eating area to Zepha Hutchinson and Woodz's G&Z Inc d/b/a Eighth Street Tap was 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.

Resolution #5026 awarding the demolition of 808 East Fourth Street to Dana Construction was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Yaklich passed on the good comments he had had regarding demolitions taking place.

Council Member Wallace-McKenna thanked the many volunteers for the Windmont Lighting.

Council Member Schweitzer also thanked the volunteers for the Windmont Lighting. She also reminded all motorist to not text and drive.

Council Member Koehler noted that the staff at Irving School had been utilizing the parking lot. He also expressed his desire for the staff at Central to use the new lot by their school.

Mayor Looney wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Looney announced that City Hall offices would be closed in celebration of Christmas on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. There would be no change to the trash collection schedule. Five extra bags of trash would be allowed the week after Christmas, December 27-29.

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 8:05 PM.

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MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK DATE APPROVED