

**The August 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2021, Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. 5 members of the City Council were present in Chambers.**

*The Consent Agenda included the following items:*

- a. Approval of Minutes of the August 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
- b. Payroll for the pay period ending August 14<sup>th</sup> , 2021, in the amount of **\$191,991.49.**
- c. Reports from Police, Community Development
- d. Kiwanis Peanut Day
- e. Wethersfield High School Homecoming Parade
- f. Kewanee High School Homecoming Parade and Bonfire
- g. Cerno's Beer Garden Request
- h. Timeout Pub & Grub Beer Garden Request

**Motion made by Councilmember Colomer to approve consent agenda. A Seconded was made by Councilmember Faber. No Discussion . Motion Passed 5-0**

**Bills were presented in the amount of \$1,687,122.52.**

**Councilmember Colomer moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilmember Komnick seconded the motion. Discussion:** Colomer asked about the lawnmower purchase. K Newton stated there was a catastrophic failure and this purchase was necessary. This may hinder the purchase of a backhoe, but they are working through that process. **The motion was approved 5-0.**

- **Public Comments:**
- A resident Wanda stepped to ask when we will be getting Fiber Internet to her town. G Bradley stated that the city if not responsible for the install, but the city has been instructed to let residents know that they need to call and request the Fiber. Geneseo Communications at this time has not seen an overwhelming need or talk to get it here. G Bradley stated that there are funds available from the ARPA so this may be part of that improvement. G Bradley reiterated that the residents need to call daily and often to let them know that there is a need and interest.
- Jerry Huber stepped to ask about grading that his mother's property is butted next too. He feels that the neighbor and his improvement have caused his mothers back yard to flood. He wants to know if the city can do anything about it. G Bradley stated he feels this is a civil issue and the City would not be involved. K Newton stated we do not issue permits for culverts, but he would be happy to investigate it.
- Jim Ensley wanted to talk about the golf carts in town. The issue that was brought forward were the streets that golf carts are on. Jim would like them regulated more. Colomer explained the process is very regulated and stated if he sees this occurring to call the non-emergency number in and report the golf cart.
- Laura Stoner spoke to the council about declaring September 11<sup>th</sup> Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Laura and her family will be hosting a lemonade

stand on September 4<sup>th</sup> to help raise awareness and funds. I packet was given to the council with some very important facts and information about this disease.

**New Business:**

- a) **Consideration of Ordinance # 4068** approving the First Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Projects for the Kewanee Downtown Tax Increment Financing District. **Councilmember Colomer moved to approve. Councilmember Komnick seconded.** Discussion: None **Motion passed 5-0**
- b) **Consideration of Ordinance # 4069** designating the Redevelopment Project Area for the First Amended Kewanee Downtown Tax Increment Financing District. **Councilmember Komnick moved to approve. Councilmember Faber seconded.** Discussion: None **Motion passed 5-0**
- c) **Consideration of Ordinance # 4070** adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the First Amended Kewanee Downtown Tax Increment Financing District. **Councilmember Colomer moved to approve. Councilmember Faber seconded.** Discussion: None **Motion passed 5-0**
- d) **Use of an Alley for a Drive Through (discussion)** Owner of Ebony Beauty Supply Laticia Jones stepped up to ask to use the alley behind her business for a small carry out food service. Has been in business since December of 2019. This will be a chicken and BBQ small town restaurant. Discussion on traffic and alley conditions were asked to get more information on. There are multiple ways to get out of there is a car blocking the way. A resident stepped up those lives in that area and stated there would no hinderance if this were to be passed.
- e) **Consideration of Ordinance # 4071** Consideration an Ordinance creating and incorporating a recreation prioritization addendum as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. **Councilmember Komnick moved to approve. Councilmember Faber seconded.** Discussion: None **Motion passed 5-0**
- f) **Presentation** from Chief Welgat for a police vehicle lease program. **Tabled**
- g) **Consideration of Ordinance # 4072** amending Section 150.017 (b) depth of footings for accessory buildings established in the City of Kewanee Code of Ordinances. **Councilmember Baker moved to approve. Councilmember Colomer seconded.** Discussion: None **Motion passed 5-0**
- h) **Consideration of Resolution # 5290** authorizing the City Manager to execute an IGA with the Kewanee Park District. **Councilmember Colomer moved to approve. Councilmember Faber seconded.** Discussion: No one from the park was present. G Bradley stated that we have a woodchipper that we do not use. Needs to be repaired and the park district is willing to rep[air the woodchipper and maintain it and the city can use it whenever they need. Also, would like the sewer rates waived when they drain the pool. **Motion passed 5-0**
- i) **Consideration of Resolution # 5291** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Zen City for Professional Services. **Councilmember moved to approve. Councilmember Komnick seconded.** Discussion: The price came into question by the council. G Bradley started the discussion that this would grab ideas and comments out on the web that are being said. It gathers the information without directly asking the public. Algorithms are used and to help the city to see what the needs, concerns and wants are of the community. Colomer stated it was to justify the fee of 20k. More information is needed before we as a council can buy this product. It was suggested that maybe they come to do a presentation. Motion was made to table this until more information is

gathered. **Motion was made by Faber to Table and seconded by Komnick. Motion passed 5-0**

- j) **Consideration of Resolution # 5292** authorizing and directing staff to execute documents and initiate the required processes that are necessary to accept a grant for a new Ambulance. **Colomer moved to approve. Councilmember Komnick seconded.** Discussion: Chief Shook spoke about the Grant and how there will be another RFP. We cannot use the current ones that we have. He suggested that we try and get the same Ambulance that we just ordered for numerous reasons. Colomer agreed and stated for logistics that would be best. **Motion passed 5-0**

- k) **Consideration of Resolution # 5293** authorizing the City Manager to execute and agreement with CMT for engineering services. **Colomer moved to approve. Councilmember Komnick seconded.** Discussion: Colomer confirmed that this was for the WWP **Motion passed 5-0**

• **Mayor's Communications:**

- **Mayor Moore:** Asked about an update on the sludge situation. G Bradley stated he would send out an email with numbers. Got word from the EPA regarding the Boiler Project. G Bradley stated we are nowhere in the ownership chain, and we would have no cost or responsibility to pay for any clean up. Wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Relay for Life and East Park. Thank you to the Miss World festival for lighting over 700 luminaries. Wanted to also thank the Trivia Night crew and for putting on a great event. Downtown is looking so much better with the cleanup process. Thank you to the businesses that provided lunches.

**Council Communications:**

- **Councilmember Colomer:** School is back in session...please watch for children. Wanted to ask about the RFP for the City Atty. Colomer asked when and if we are going to be sending out a City Atty RFP. Mayor Moore stated that most generally that would be taken care of at election time. Mayor Moore stated he makes that decision. At the time of the next election that RFP will be out.
- **Councilmember Baker:** Had a question about the alley and how we can get some work done. G Bradley stated that he had already called the county to have that added to the list.
- **Councilmember Faber:** nothing tonight
- **Councilmember Komnick:** The presentation from Bridgeway was very informative. He attended a ROSC meeting, and he would like to see more participation. Anyone wanting to help with Hog Days let him know. It a great way to get involved in the community.
- **Announcements: None**
- **Councilmember moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Faber seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM**