

**COUNCIL MEETING 16-11**  
**JUNE 13, 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
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Wallace-McKenna moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:01 PM pursuant to Section 2 (C) (1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing personnel. Council Member Koehler seconded the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Council Member Schweitzer arrived at 6:19 PM.

The executive session was adjourned at 6:40 PM 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.

Council Meeting #16-11 reconvened at 7:00 PM with Mayor Looney stating the Council is reconvening following an executive session discussion concerning personnel.

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 noted that our thoughts were with the families of the victims of the terrible Orlando incident.

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 May 23, 2016 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending May 28, 2016 of \$194,255.30, department head reports from Police Department, Code Enforcement, ESDA and Building & Zoning. The consent agenda items were approved 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.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$546,576.61 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Council Member Koehler asked about the invoice from Cambridge Telecom. City Manager Bradley noted that it was for fiber optic internet at City Hall and that it was installed and in use. Council Member Yaklich questioned the invoice from CliftonLarsenAllen. City Manager Bradley reported that the invoice was from the new auditing firm, which started their field work earlier that day. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

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## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Looney asked if anyone wished to speak. Steve Faber requested that the Council consider a STOP sign instead of a Yield sign at the intersection of Mill and Dwight Streets.

Larry Hampton commented on the unmarked intersection at See and June Streets, as well as Birch Place and Page Street.

Council Member Yaklich asked Chief Dison for an explanation of the process for placement of signs. Chief Dison explained that a traffic study would be completed with advice and recommendation from himself and City Engineer Nobel following the study.

Linda Carey complained of a constant rust issue on East Division Street. She brought in some of the clothes that had been in her laundry on Friday that had rust stains on them. She was advised that we would check into the issue.

Donald Wilson asked when the grass would be mowed by the Park District. City Manager Bradley and Mayor Looney noted that they had visited the area and that it had been mowed. They would revisit the area. Mr. Wilson also asked about Phase Two of the sewer issue in his area. City Manager Bradley reported that the project did not have a plan at this time, but should some of the other projects that are planned come in under budget the project would be reviewed.

Tim Hamilton commented on Mr. Wilson's issue, stating that it was an ongoing issue for the past 15 years. He felt the budget should be reviewed more than in one session. He commented on the water usage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He also noted his disagreement with the new burning ordinance. City Manager Bradley noted the change in aeration at the Waste Water Treatment Plant took care of the water usage issue at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Council Member Yaklich reported the \$700,000+ spent on Madison Avenue in the past year to address Mr. Wilson's problem.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance # 3831 providing for a Stop sign on East Mill Street at its intersection with Edwards Street 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.

An ordinance providing for a Yield sign on Mill Street at its intersection with Dwight Street was amended from a Yield sign to a Stop sign 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 #3832 providing for a Stop sign on Mill Street at its intersection with Dwight Street was approved as amended 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.

A Proposed ordinance directing the sale of excess real estate at 517 Roosevelt Avenue was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. ~~Council Member Yaklich asked for the cost of the demolition and the property taxes,~~ questioning if there was a minimum bid required. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A Proposed ordinance directing the sale of excess real estate at 603 E Third Street was also tabled 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 #3833 ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics employed on Public Works for the City of Kewanee was approved 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.

Resolution #4987 to authorize the temporary closure of Second & Main Street, US Route 34, and Highway 78 for the annual Hog Days Parade was approved 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.

Resolution #4988 setting a municipal budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. City Manager Bradley reported that the Council had participated in an extensive workshop regarding the budget. The budget reflects the ongoing work from the direction given by the Mayor and City Council to the City Manager and staff. The spending was in line with the established goals. Council Member Schweitzer noted her approval of all of the documentation she received. Council Member Koehler commended the City Manager for the elimination of the deficit. Mayor Looney noted that the budget followed the survey results. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A discussion regarding the section 50.09-(A) Rates and Rule for Solid Waste Pickup of Chapter 50 Solid Waste Management as it pertains to the bi-monthly rate was opened with comments from City Manager Bradley explaining the budget included the decreased tax levy that was passed in December for Sanitation. With the decrease in the tax levy, as well as the need for a new sanitation truck, the fund was showing a deficit of \$130,000. The discussion continued regarding many options. The council was given a recap of the fees charged by the comparison cities and the demographics of each. Council Members requested further information regarding all of the options available, including continuation of the current practice, automation and privatization of the trash collection.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Koehler wished former City Council Member Jerry Shinkevich a happy birthday. He also noted a flag disposal ceremony taking place at the American Legion the following day.

Council Member Yaklich questioned the status of the tree cleanup at West Park. Grounds Maintenance Manager Newton reported that the tree would be cleaned up by the end of the week. Mr. Yaklich also asked for the time frame of the road program. City Manager Bradley noted that he work would probably start in late summer, as it was awaiting approval from IDOT. Council Member Yaklich then noted that the Concerts in the Park series would begin in June 23.

Council Member Wallace-McKenna commented that Mill Creek needs mowed. Public Works Operations Manager Johnson reported that the creek would be mowed once a year. Council Member Wallace-McKenna also asked about 811 N Walnut Street. City Manager Bradley noted that a weed notice had been issued for the property, but the property was not on the demolition list at that time. She urged everyone to check on their neighbors in the heat, and to not leave their pets outside.

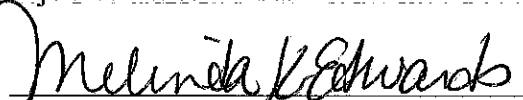
Council Member Schweitzer congratulated the Seguras on the planned opening of The Boiler Room on Thursday, June 16. She also offered her condolences to the families of the victims in Orlando.

Mayor Looney thanked the public for their comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor then announced public meetings regarding the Economic Development and Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization plans would be held on June 28, 2016 at 6 PM at City Hall. The Transfer Station would continue to be open on Saturdays from 7 am – 12 noon to assist people with their efforts to clean-up their neighborhoods.

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 8:34 PM.

  
MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

  
DATE APPROVED