

The February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Councilmembers Colomer, Faber, and Komnick were present along with Mayor Moore, City Manager Gary Bradley, City Attorney Justin Raver, and City Clerk Kasey Mitchell. Councilmember Baker was absent.

**A motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Section 2(c)(2), Litigation 2(c)(11), and Discussion of Closed Meeting Minutes Section 2(c)(21) was made by Councilmember Colomer and seconded by Councilmember Faber. Motion passed 4-0.**

**A motion to adjourn to regular session was made by Councilmember Colomer and seconded by Councilmember Komnick. Motion passed 4-0 and Closed Session adjourned at 6:52pm.**

The February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Councilmembers Colomer, Faber, and Komnick were present along with Mayor Moore, City Manager Gary Bradley, City Attorney Justin Raver, and City Clerk Kasey Mitchell. Councilmember Baker was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

**The Consent Agenda was presented with the following items:**

- A. Minutes from the Council Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>
- B. Payroll for the pay period ending February 10<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$218,175.64.
- C. Staff Reports

**A motion to approve the consent agenda items was made by Councilmember Colomer and seconded by Councilmember Komnick. Motion passed 4-0.**

Bills for February 26<sup>th</sup> were presented in the amount of \$269,598.25. **A motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Councilmember Komnick and seconded by Councilmember Colomer. Discussion: Councilmember Komnick asked what the payment for Pollution Control Systems was for. It is listed as “power cord” but he would like more information. Public Works Operations Manager Kevin Newton stated that he did not have the invoice in front of him but knew it was for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and he would investigate the specifics and let him know.**

**Public Comments:** *None*

**New Business:**

- A. Consideration of Bill 24-12 Ordinance granting a request for variance to Marvin & Janet Stevenson of 242 Grier St. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Faber and seconded by Councilmember Komnick. Discussion: None. Motion passed 4-0.**
- B. Consideration of Bill 24-13 Ordinance granting a request for variance to Colby & Caitlin Hathaway of [REDACTED] (garage). A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Faber and seconded by Councilmember Colomer. Discussion: There is a larger right of way there so it really shouldn't be a problem. Motion passed 4-0.**

- C. Consideration of Bill 24-14** Ordinances granting a request for variance to Colby & Caitlin Hathaway of [REDACTED] (room). **A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Colomer and seconded by Councilmember Komnick. Discussion: None Motion approved 4-0.**
- D. Consideration Bill 24-15** Resolution approving an agreement with Lakeshore Recycling Systems for curbside solid waste collection and disposal services. **A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Faber and seconded by Councilmember Komnick. Discussion: Mr. Newton stated that he wanted to give a simplistic approach to the complex situation before the Council. He went back and looked at the proposals and questioned if they could provide a high level of service like what our employees offer. Is the change cost effective? Does the change fall under our goals as an organization? Does it allow us to prioritize streets and sidewalks. He felt that all these answers were yes. The Mayor asked if LRS would be able to provide valet service. They would be able to, based off the list we provide, and would be policed as it is currently. Public Works staff in the audience shared some concerns regarding how LRS would handle situations like late set outs, missed trash, and equipment issues. They would be handled the same as they are currently. We would remain in control of the Transfer Station as well. After more discussion, Councilmembers determined that they would like to speak directly with an LRS representative to get some questions answered so that they would feel more comfortable deciding. They would also prefer to have the full Council vote as one Councilmember was not in attendance. Councilmember Komnick rescinded his second to the motion and Councilmember Faber rescinded his motion to approve. Councilmember Colomer made a motion to table the Consideration until the next meeting that a representative from LRS would be available to answer questions. Councilmember Komnick seconded that motion. Motion to table was passed 4-0.**
- E. Consideration Bill 24-16** Resolution to award the Kewanee Transfer Station Trash chute repairs to Grain Equipment Group, Inc. **A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Colomer and seconded by Councilmember Faber. Discussion: Councilmember Colomer asked why there was such a difference in bids. Mr. Newton said that Valley had proposed tearing out the whole apparatus and replacing it. That is not the route we are looking to go. The bid from Grain Equipment is for repairing what is there, which is more feasible. Motion passed 4-0.**
- F. Consideration Bill 24-17** Resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager or his designee to execute a K9 vehicle upfit agreement and other documents that are necessary and proper in the procurement of K9 vehicle equipment and installation. **A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Komnick and seconded by Councilmember Faber. Discussion: Councilmember Colomer asked Chief Kijanowski to describe what this is. The Chief explained that we are taking a regular vehicle and making it a police vehicle with lights, radios, etc. This one will be for the K9 so it will also have a cage. He also shared insight about the vendors who placed bids. Motion passed 4-0.**
- G. Consideration Bill 24-18** Resolution authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement and other documents that are necessary and proper in the procurement of Motorola Body Worn Cameras, Squad Car Cameras, and the related software and hardware to be used by the City of Kewanee. **A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Faber and seconded by Councilmember Komnick. Discussion: Councilmember Faber asked**

how long these radios would be supported for. The Chief stated that it is a 5-year contract. The body cameras would be refreshed after three years. We would own the radios and the contract would be for the purchase and support of the cameras and software and hardware. He is also hoping to obtain a grant that would repay the City for the purchase, if obtained. Councilmember Colomer asked about our current server. There had been issues with it and needs to be replaced. He also asked about the quality of the cameras and the footage. The Chief said he has seen the cameras and the footage because Geneseo has the same cameras. The quality is better than what we currently have. Motion passed 4-0.

#### **H. Discussion Only: Liquor Public Event Licenses**

At the previous meeting, a resident and business owner requested that the City consider changing the costs of Public Event Licenses. Often the event is a fundraiser, and the cost of the license hinders the overall funding for the event. Staff are unaware why the current prices were set as they were and are recommending changes to the current classification and changes. There could be a One-Day license and a Multi-Day license. The One-Day would be \$100 for the day and the Multi-Day would be \$150 for the entire event. There would be a limit of four consecutive days for the Multi-Day event and there is already language as to how many can be obtained in a year. The Council liked the changes and asked to have something brought up for a vote at the next meeting.

#### **Council Communications:**

**Komnick:** He has been approached by many people who have questions regarding the proposed Sales Tax increase. He wondered if there was more information somewhere that he could direct people to. Residents are interested in getting the streets repaired but would like more detail. The Mayor replied that a "fact sheet" is in the works and will be available soon.

**Colomer:** He had the same request as Councilmember Colomer.

**Faber:** He also had the same request. He did attend the meeting and many great questions were asked and answered well.

#### **Mayor's Communications:**

He offered condolences to the family of Wayne Becker. Mr. Becker was a Councilmember from 1993-1997.

Cooper Bates from KHS attended the State competition for an original comedy that he wrote and performed. While he did not place, we are still very proud of his success.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Quarter Madness is scheduled for Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 10:30pm. The event will be held at Elk's Lodge and proceeds will go towards the Prairie Chicken Festival as well as other Rotary events held throughout the year.

Two KHS wrestlers made it to the State competition this year, Alex Duarte and Jamal Lasenby. Alex placed fifth in his weight division.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Colomer and seconded by Councilmember Faber. Motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.**

Prepared by:                     *Kasey Mitchell*                      
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