

**COUNCIL MEETING 18-04
FEBRUARY 26, 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 February 12, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending February 17, 2018 in the amount of \$193,456.95, reports from Bock, Inc. and Finance & Administration. The consent agenda was 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.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$246,694.58 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Council Member Yaklich questioned the purchases from Core & Main. Operations Manager Johnson explained that the majority of the purchases were for setting up the new equipment for the AMI. Council Member Yaklich also questioned the trash pump purchase. Operations Manager Johnson reported that a trash pump was used to remove water from a hole. The trash pump allows rocks and debris to go through the pump without damage to the pump. 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

Ordinance #3919 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Dark Phases Designs for their automatic fire sprinkler installation project was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley explained that the TIF advisors had reviewed the project and confirmed that it was TIF eligible, however was not anticipated to generate much increment. The recommendation of the TIF advisor was to offer a forgivable loan similar to those offered previously to Johnsons Theater and the Carrington Building, as this project would generate additional traffic to the City. Nancy Patterson of Dark Phases Designs stated they anticipate eight to ten thousand people to visit the attraction during a regular season. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3920, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Jackson Peck Financial Group for their parking lot repaving project was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. City Manager Bradley noted that the same general idea was followed regarding this TIF application. However, this project is not expected to bring additional traffic to the City it would serve to beautify the area in question, providing for a more professional appearance of the business. It fits into the retention and expansion of existing businesses program, as well. Council Member Colomer expressed his support of the project. Council Member Yaklich stated that he did not see the benefit to the community and requested that the TIF advisor visit with the Council to give direction about what is a TIF eligible project. Mayor Looney noted his agreement with the project. Council Member Faber questioned the balance of the fund and the ability to fund a larger project in the future. Roll call showed 3 ayes, 2 nays, with Council Members Yaklich and Faber casting the dissenting votes. The motion passed.

Resolution #5094 for maintenance of streets and highways for the City of Kewanee for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley stated this was the Motor Fuel Tax program as discussed at the previous meeting. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5095 establishing the Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2023 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5096 awarding the ambulance billing agreement to Professional Billing Services (PBS) was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. At the request of Council Member Yaklich, Tim Moen of PBS explained the basics of the agreement including the 4% charge of any monies collected on behalf of the city and the workflow process. Fire Chief Shook reported that the city was currently paying 5% of any monies collected in behalf of the city. Mr. Moen gave some background information regarding his company. Council Member Colomer noted that the reports were currently being driven to the billing company. Chief Shook reported that he is currently looking for new software that would allow the transfer of information electronically. Mayor Looney noted that they are located in Orion and used by Moline, Rock Island, and Galesburg Hospital. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5097 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to purchase a mini excavator and trailer was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Colomer asked about a learning process for the equipment that has not been used during a demonstration. Facilities Manager Newton reported that the controls are pretty similar so there would not really be a learning curve. Newton also noted that any service would be provided by Birkeys in Annawan. Mr. Newton also stated that the recommendation for the Bobcat was due to a more robust boom and any attachments needed would be available for purchase, including the use of after-market attachments. The mini excavator would be primarily used in the Water Department for service line repairs. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3921 updating the Plumbing Code adopted by the City perpetually to the current edition was passed on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

After a brief recess, Resolution #5098 authorizing the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney to acquire the rights to land, purchase a building, and contract for services or arrange for volunteers that are necessary and proper for establishing a new city pound was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley explained that staff has spoken at length and the decision was that a purpose built building better than rehabilitation of a building. The building would be a 30x30 building with a 12 foot carport enclosed. He had met with the Humane Society requesting an amendment to the lease to allow the building of the pound adjacent to the shelter. Customers go to the shelter when they are attempting to retrieve their animals, so this location is ideal, and noise would not be a concern. The entire project would not exceed the cost of \$75,000. Humane Society President Lee Eisenbarth noted that they would be having a special meeting to make that happen. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Colomer thanked Dale, Kevin, Justin and anyone with work on the pound.

Council Member Koehler wished Wethersfield good luck in their upcoming post season games. He also echoed Council Member Koehler's comments regarding the animal facility.

Council Member Yaklich echoed the thank you from Council Member Colomer and thanked Lee and her group, as well.

Council Member Faber also echoed the thank you, noting the great location.

Mayor Looney thanked the Council and City staff for all the work done on the Council items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that landscape waste collection would resume on March 19.

There being no further business, Council Member Faber moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.


MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK


DATE APPROVED