

**COUNCIL MEETING 17-23  
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

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
Steve Looney	Mayor

Mayor Looney called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7 PM, stating that the Council was reconvening following a work session to discuss street maintenance.

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 November 27, 2017 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending December 9, 2017 in the amount of \$180,713.36, reports from Community Development, Water Loss Audit, Police Department, and ESDA. The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$196,805.86 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Faber questioned the invoice for repairs from Altorfer. Facilities and Maintenance Manager Newton explained the invoice was for multiple parts for a machine that has seen several operating hours. Council Member Yaklich asked about the difference in the invoices for the north and south water treatment plants. City Manager Bradley noted he would request verification. Public Works Operations Manager Johnson explained, at the request of Council Member Yaklich, that the City does not own a vector truck, so when needed attempts to utilize the services of Frank Holton when he is available. Roll call showed 4 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 #3909 appointing Chris Colomer as Council Member to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

City Clerk Edwards administered the Official Oath of Office to Chris Colomer.

Ordinance #3910 abating the property tax levy for the General Obligation Waterworks and Sewerage Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2015 was approved on a motion by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley noted that with sufficient revenues in the alternate revenue source the property tax is not needed; he additionally noted that without the abatement there would be an increase in property tax. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3911 abating the property tax levy for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3912 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 Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3913 establishing the 2017 property tax levy, payable in 2018 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. City Manager Bradley reported that the actual numbers came in slightly lower. He advised the Council that they had the ability to raise the levy by 4.99% and would still be in compliance with the Truth in Taxation laws. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5083 appointing Matthew Douglas to the Kewanee Municipal Airport Authority was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5084 establishing the meeting dates for City Council meetings in 2018 was amended to change the last meeting in December 2018 to Friday, December 21, 2018 on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5084 establishing the meeting dates for the City Council meetings in 2018 as amended 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.

Resolution #5085 authorizing the purchase of a medium duty dump truck for use in the Street Department from Gustafson Ford was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Facilities and Grounds Maintenance Manager explained the specifications of the trucks. Public Works Operations Manager explained that this truck is a four wheel drive model with the snow plow. Roll call showed 5 Ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5086 authorizing the purchase of a utility truck for use in the water department from Gustafson Ford was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5087 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with AEP for the purchase of electrical energy for municipal use was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Mayor Looney noted that the cost for the third year of the agreement is lower than the first year proposal from the other entities. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Faber congratulated Chris on his appointment. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Colomer thanked Mayor Looney and the Council Members for choosing him to fill the vacant seat, stating that he was humbled and honored to have been chosen.

Council Member Koehler welcomed Chris aboard. He also complimented the group of residents that lit up Northeast Park, noting retired City employees Mike Rapczak and Jerry VanDeVelde assisted in the efforts.

Council Member Yaklich thanked all of the folks interested in filling the vacant council position. He welcomed Chris to the Council. He also reported that the work on the City pound was continuing.

Mayor Looney welcomed Chris to the Council. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also thanked Bob and Sharon Kuntz for their donation of a wreath for the train depot.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Edwards announced that City Hall offices would be closed on Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There would be no change to the regular trash collection schedule. Residents would be allowed five extra bgs

of trash the week of Christmas. Christmas trees – void of any decorations, tree stands, or plastic bags would be picked up on December 29 and January 5.

There being no further business, Council Member Faber moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Yaklich seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Melinda K Edwards  
MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

December 26, 2017  
DATE APPROVED