

**COUNCIL MEETING 17-15  
AUGUST 14, 2017**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM with the City Clerk calling the meeting to order and the following answering to roll call:

Andy Koehler	Council Member
Deann Schweitzer	Council Member
Mike Yaklich	Council Member
Steve Faber	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

News media present was as follows:

Will Buss	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 July 24, 2017 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending July 22, and August 5 2017 in the amount of \$398,028.40, and reports from Community Development, Chloride Report, Water Audit, Police Department and ESDA, a request from Sunshine Community Center to conduct tag days on Friday and Saturday, September 1 & 2 from 10 am to 2 pm, and a request from Relay for Life to conduct a tag day on Saturday, August 26 from 9 am to 12 noon. The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$409,966.47 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Faber received verification from Fire Chief Shook that the invoice from D&D for 1K12 was for repair of the ambulance. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Looney asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. Terri Warner, Dog Adoption Coordinator of the Henry County Humane Society Kewanee Chapter addressed the Council regarding unity and education of the community in regards to animal care. She requested a meeting with the Police Chief, City Manager, City Pound officials and the Human Society. Laura Buss Cat Adoption Coordinator of the Henry County Humane Society Kewanee Chapter reviewed recent statistics of animals placed at the pound that were euthanized versus claimed or adopted.

Kellie Wallace-McKenna Director of the Henry County Humane Society Kewanee Chapter addressed the Council regarding some proposed changes and discussed Thor's fund, which was established as a result of fund raising efforts surrounding a recent animal abuse case. City officials will be in contact with the Humane Society to coordinate a meeting. There being no other such requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

City Clerk Edwards read a proclamation declaring August 21<sup>st</sup> – August 26<sup>th</sup> as Relay for Life Days.

Resolution #5065 approving the use of incentives under the small business interest payment program by Midwest Trailer Manufacturing was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Council Member Faber had made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley gave the background on the application, noting it was the first application under this program. Council had some questions for a representative from Midwest Trailer Manufacturing. The motions were withdrawn so that the resolution could be tabled until the next meeting, and a request would be made for a representative to attend that meeting. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5066 authorizing the honorary naming of the 600 – 1100 block of Madison Avenue "PFC Walter George Richards Way" was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Council Member Yaklich complimented the family for all of the background information included with the application. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A Request from Boiler Room, Friends of the Animals, and the Henry County Humane Society to use the City sidewalk and street immediately adjacent to the Boiler Room in conjunction with their Raise the Woof event on Thursday, August 17 from 4 to 11 pm was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley explained that he had received the request verbally and did not request anything in writing. Council Member Schweitzer noted that the area would be used for animals only, there would not be any alcoholic beverages allowed in the area. Council Member Yaklich noted that he thought it was a great idea for an event. However, he would not vote to approve a function at the Boiler Room, while the zoning of the location was in question. Mayor Looney noted his disagreement with the idea that the zoning was in question, stating that there are many who don't always follow the ordinances. Council Members Faber and Schweitzer agreed with Mayor Looney. Roll call showed 4 ayes, 1 nay, with Council Member Yaklich casting the dissenting vote. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3896 vacating a portion of an alley running north and south adjacent to 913 & 930 Harbour Street was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley explained that one section was landlocked and of no use to the City, with the other section having no city infrastructure. Council Member Faber

and Mayor Looney reported that they had each driven by to review the area and saw no issues with the vacation. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3897 amending Section 115.117(B)(2) of the City Code as it pertains to the height of screening around beer gardens/outdoor eating areas was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Faber made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to state six feet for new construction. Council Member Schweitzer disagreed with the proposed ordinance, stating it was not clear enough. Council Member Yaklich agreed with Council Member Schweitzer. City Attorney Raver, agreed that this amendment did not completely clarify the ordinance. City Manager Bradley noted that this request was made by Council at the previous meeting and that the entire ordinance would be reviewed by staff with any proposed changes presented to the Council at a later date. City Manager Bradley noted that an administrative delay would be an option that would delay any action on a proposed beer garden until such time as the ordinance had been reviewed and clarified. Council Member Faber's motion to amend died for lack of a second. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5067 to award demolition work at 511 West Fifth Street (house), 522 East Seventh Street (house), 315 Elliott Street (garage), and 521 Cambridge Road (garage) to Dana Construction was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5068 to authorize the City Manager to execute a right-of-way agreement with Geneseo Communications was tabled on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Faber noted his disapproval of the monetary aspect of the proposed agreement. Council Member Schweitzer stated that she would like verification from Geneseo Communications regarding the infrastructure currently in place and working with the City to move their fiber for any repairs needed. Council Member Faber had made a motion to approve the resolution, with Council Member Yaklich seconding the motion. Those motions were withdrawn after Council Member Schweitzer's concerns were raised. A representative from Geneseo Communications would be invited to attend the next meeting. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5069 to authorize the bidding on used ambulances from the Byron Ambulance Service was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Fire Chief Shook and Facilities and Maintenance Manager Newton fielded questions and reported on the condition of the vehicles in question. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Yaklich noted that Hog Days would be right around the corner and school would be back in session soon.

Council Member Faber asked about the status of Prospect Street. City Engineer Faber reported that the concrete work would be completed in the next two days with surface restoration being completed with the street program.

Council Member Schweitzer noted the Concert in the Park series continued that week and the next. She also reminded residents of the benefit being held on Thursday from 4-11 pm, with the outside portion ending at 9 pm.

Council Member Koehler asked about the sale of properties that the city had demolished houses. City Manager Bradley reported that in most cases the City does not take ownership of the property. Anyone who would be interested in purchasing one of the lots could find out who the owner is and negotiate with them for the purchase of the property. City Manager Bradley noted there would be a lien on the property for the cost of the demolition, but the Council had approved the waiving of liens in the past to get the property back on the tax rolls. He also suggested the use of the infill development grant for the erection of a house on the property.

Mayor Looney noted that the Relay for Life event would take place on September 26.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no further business, Council Member Yaklich moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Schweitzer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.



MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK



DATE APPROVED