

COUNCIL MEETING 18-08
APRIL 23, 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
Steve Faber	Council Member
Michael Yaklich	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 April 9, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending April 14, 2018 in the amount of \$201,954.13, reports from Water Loss and Finance & Administration. The consent agenda 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.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$507,934.46 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Yaklich questioned the purchase of the baby changing stations. Facilities Manager Newton explained that one would replace the damaged station at the depot and the other two would be installed at City Hall. Mr. Yaklich also requested information regarding the payment to Hein Construction. Mr. Newton reported that Hein had performed several repairs on municipal buildings and the total amount reflected invoices for each of those repairs. Facilities Manager Newton also reminded Council Member Yaklich that the trailer for the Mini excavator had been approved with the purchase of the mini excavator and all the attachments would be maintained with the equipment on the trailer. 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. Elmer Eilts noted the inclusion of enforcement of inoperable cars around town, further noting the inoperable cars parked across the street at the car repair shop. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

A Discussion of implementing a dual purpose liquor license was briefly considered. Elmer Eilts noted his opposition to the idea. Tammy Taylor addressed the Council as a terminal operator familiar with convenience store gaming. Council Members each expressed their disapproval of the idea.

A Discussion of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Incentives for Gustafson Ford followed. City Manager Bradley explained the Gustafson Ford project to replace the roof on the dealership with a cost of \$98,000. The TIF Attorney had reviewed the project and confirmed that the project meets the requirements to be eligible. At the request of Council Member Yaklich, City Manager Bradley reminded Council of the incentives afforded to the movie theater. Council Member Yaklich recommended treating everyone the same and suggested a \$20,000 incentive. Council Member Koehler expressed his desire to keep the dealership in Kewanee. City Manager Bradley noted that Mr. Gustafson had been receiving pressure from Ford to move, so the incentive would be great to maintain the presence in this location for the next five years.

City Clerk Edwards read a proclamation declaring May 6 – 12, 2018 as National Hospital Week.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Colomer expressed his gratitude that all had agreed on the liquor license item. He also noted the arrival of spring.

Council Member Koehler reminded residents of the upcoming city wide cleanup and the new tire collection event on May 12.

Council Member Yaklich cautioned motorists to be careful, as there were a lot of kids on bicycles. He also reported on his visit to Springfield with Henry County, stating that he was very encouraged by the dialogue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that the transfer station will be open every Saturday in May and June from 8 am to noon, except May 28 for Memorial Day. The City Wide Cleanup Event would be held on May 12, 7 am – noon. We were still looking for volunteers. The transfer station would be open that morning for paying customers or those wishing to use their free dump coupon. Francis Park would be open for the season Friday, April 27.

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 7:35 PM.

MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

DATE APPROVED