

**COUNCIL MEETING 18-18**  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 6:00 PM with the Mayor calling the meeting to order and the following answering to roll call:

Andy Koehler	Council Member
Steve Faber	Council Member
Chris Colomer	Council Member
Michael Yaklich	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Faber made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel and Section 2 (c) (2) to discuss collective bargaining. Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The executive session was adjourned at 6:15 PM on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Mayor Looney called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7 PM, stating that the Council was reconvening following a closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel and Section 2(c)(2) to discuss collective bargaining.

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal	Star Courier
Shawn Kernan	WKEI

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 September 10, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending September 15, 2018 in the amount of \$217,174.07, reports from Bock, Inc., Finance & Administration, and the Police Department. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$524,890.39 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Council Member Faber information regarding the vbox leg stand purchased from Bonnell for \$4,300. Operations Manager Johnson

reported that it was stainless steel and self-loading. Council Member Yaklich noted the many bills we pay monthly, further noting an invoice for a tire pressure gauge. Maintenance Manager Newton reported that the tire pressure gauge is a common item found on most squad cars. 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. Steve Herrick with the Boy Scouts noted that they were attending the meeting as a requirement of their citizenship badge. He questioned some trees that had been marked at Francis Park. Maintenance Manager Newton reported that there had been no decision to thin an area of the forest, but that a company had been contacted to discuss potential thinning. There was still much research to be done. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion of a proposed ordinance authorizing a cable franchise agreement by and between the City of Kewanee and Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio LLC was held. City Manager Bradley stated that the contract was fairly standard as a non-exclusive franchise agreement. The agreement would last for ten years and was heavily regulated by the state statutes. Mr. Bradley further noted that there is a mechanism in the agreement that would allow the City to charge a small fee from each customer to purchase equipment to run videos and other educational programs on the PEG Channel 13. Council Member Colomer agreed that the City was not a big enough market to attract a second company. Council Members provided a consensus to consider the approval of the agreement at the next Council Meeting.

A discussion of a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with Kewanee Community Unit School District 229 for waiver of sewer charges for water used solely for the irrigation of an athletic field was held with City Manager Bradley stating that the school district had recently created a new soccer practice field. The irrigation system for this field would be separately metered. The school district had requested a waiver of the sewer charges, as none of the water would ever enter the sanitary sewer system. At the request of Council Member Yaklich, City Manager Bradley reported that the same type of agreement was currently in place with the Kewanee Park District for the Aquatic Center. Mayor Looney noted that this agreement would be with another taxing district. A consensus was noted to consider approval of the agreement at the next Council Meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Yaklich requested information regarding the use of campers or house trailers as a residence in City limits. Community Development Director Edwards stated there was nothing in the Code book directly regarding this use. However, the zoning on the lot would mean that a single family residence could not also have a camper/house trailer being used as a residence. The trouble comes in the proof needed to say it is actually being used as a residence.

Council Member Faber noted the dog pound grand opening held the prior Saturday and the nine trucks/trailers that turned around at the Transfer Station in an hour while he was in attendance.

Council Member Colomer asked about a neighbor moving a garage and the end structure leaning. Community Development Director Edwards noted that the owner of the garage in question was in the process of applying for a demolition grant.

Council Member Colomer then gave hats off to Chief Ainley for the pizza with police program currently in place at Visitation School. His child participated in the activity and spoke very highly of the program. He encouraged the Chief to reach out to the other schools and pizza places to coordinate further efforts.

Council Member Koehler questioned when Francis Park would close. Maintenance Manager Newton reported that the park had closed over the weekend. Mr. Koehler also requested that the Boiler Shop property was not left a mess when the salvage projects were complete.

Mayor Looney noted that the City-wide cleanup event would be held on October 27, 2018.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Edwards announced that the transfer station would be open on Saturday, October 13 from 8 am to noon. City Hall offices would be closed on Monday, October 8 in observance of Columbus Day. There would be no landscape waste collection that week, with no other changes to the trash collection schedule.

There being no further business, Council Member Colomer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Faber seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

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DATE APPROVED