

**COUNCIL MEETING 17-24
DECEMBER 26, 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
Chris Colomer	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 December 11, 2017 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending December 23, 2017 in the amount of \$192,240.32, reports from Finance & Administrative Services, Bock, Inc., and the Health Insurance Fund. 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 \$423,934.63 were 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.

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

Resolution #5088 authorizing the City Manager, Mayor, Attorney, and Clerk to execute the appropriate documents to obtain ownership of the remaining land in the Kentville Industrial Park from the KEDC and amending the budget was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. After some discussion regarding the parcel genealogy and the proposed use of the land by the Department of Corrections, Council Member Koehler expressed some reservations. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays, with Council Member Koehler voting present. The motion passed.

Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals from its meeting held on December 20, 2017 were accepted on a motion by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3914 granting a request for variance to Calvin and Diane Peart, 1009 N Burr Street to allow an addition on the east side of the current house 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.

Minutes of the Plan Commission from its meeting held on December 21, 2017 were accepted on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3914 granting a rezoning request to Jon DeBord, 110 E Tenth Street from R-2, One-Family Dwelling to B-3, Business and Wholesale was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Community Development Director Edwards confirmed at the request of Council Member Yaklich that any additional buildings placed on the lot would need a building permit. Mr. DeBord reported that he plans to purchase the parking lot across the street to the south. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5089 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Michlig Energy for the purchase of automotive fuel for Calendar Year 2018 was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Facilities Manager Newton reported that of the total gallons of fuel approximately 35,000 gallons would be gasoline. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3915 amending Ordinance #3436 to amend the Sexual Harassment Policy of the City of Kewanee as required by Public Act #100-0554 on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Colomer stated that he was excited to buy the land and the potential benefits to the City with the expansion of the Life Skills Reentry Center. He thanked the KEDC and IDOC for their partnership in the project. He also wished everyone a safe new year.

Council Member Koehler asked about the excess ambulances. Fire Chief Shook reported that the ambulances had not yet been sold. He did report the he had reached out to Neponset and they had not responded to the offer. Chief Shook also noted that the percentage of assist calls to Neponset had declined.

Council Member Yaklich asked Chief Shook how the new ambulances were working out. Chief Shook reported favorably. Council Member Yaklich noted his shared enthusiasm over the IDOC project and land acquisition. He also noted the road race that would be held on Sunday, December 31, 2017 and their need for some assistance. Council Member Yaklich then reminded residents to park off the street following the accumulation of snow.

Council Member Faber echoed the sentiments of Council Members Colomer and Yaklich in regard to the KEDC and IDOC partnership with the City for the land acquisition. He also reminded residents not to throw snow in the street while clearing sidewalks and driveways.

Council Member Koehler thanked the trash route guys for their assistance when he was unable to get his garbage to the curb.

Mayor Looney reported that the heat had been repaired at the train depot. He acknowledged the final meeting of the year and thanked Council and staff for all their efforts through the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that the City had some difficulty with the recycling truck that morning, and recycling would be collected the following day. City Hall offices would be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018, in observance of New Year’s Day. There would be no change to the regular trash collection schedule. Christmas Trees – void of any decorations, tree stands, or plastic bags would be picked up on December 29 and January 5th.

There being no further business, Council Member Yaklich moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Faber seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.


MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK


DATE APPROVED