

**COUNCIL MEETING 16-15
AUGUST 8, 2016**

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
Deann Schweitzer	Council Member
Kellie Wallace-McKenna	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

News media present were as follows:

Mike Berry	Star Courier
Bob McKee	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 July 25, 2016 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending July 23, 2016 and Fire Department Back Pay of \$207,128.97, department head reports from Revolving Loan Fund, Police Department, Code Enforcement, ESDA, Building & Zoning, Public Works and Bock, Inc. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$665,944.40 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Looney asked if anyone wished to speak. There being no such requests Mayor Looney moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #4992 authorizing the rescission of a sales contract with Kurt and Carrie Gustafson for Lot 6 of Block 1 of Mill Creek Station Subdivision and repayment of the \$1500 purchase price was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by

Council Member Koehler. Council Member Yaklich made the case for repaying the \$282.93 that the City actually received. City Manager Bradley acknowledged the merits of that point of view and the alternate view for repaying the entire amount, stating it was a political choice. Mayor Looney advised that he would abstain because the realtor in question was his sister-in-law Jodi Looney. The discussion included the need for the lot to be leveled and reseeded prior to the city accepting possession. Roll call showed 3 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstain, with Council Member Yaklich casting the dissenting vote. The motion passed.

Resolution #4993 to appoint a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals as chairman 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 #4994 to establish the City of Kewanee Economic Development Plan was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. The Council Members and Mayor all thanked the respective committee members for their work on the plan. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #4995 to establish the City of Kewanee Community Development/Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Yaklich questioned the structure of the map depicting the houses targeted for demolition or rehabilitation. City Manager Bradley reported that the map would remain fluid to account for progress in the implementation of the plan. He also noted that the houses reflected on the map were subjective. One of the recommendations of the plan was to conduct a housing analysis which would result in an unbiased opinion on the houses that should be targeted. A brief discussion occurred regarding the process to facilitate the demolition or rehabilitation of the houses in question. Mayor Looney again thanked the committee members for their work on the plan. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Yaklich noted the \$435,000 in improvements through the permit process for the month of July.

Council Member Wallace-McKenna acknowledged that she had received some complaints regarding the cemetery. She reported that the cemetery had been short staffed due to injuries and thanked the staff for their work in getting caught up. She also noted that several trees were down in West Park. Council Member Wallace-McKenna then passed on a complaint that she had received regarding long weeds in the city right-of-way at the bottom of the hill out behind the boiler shop.

Council Member Schweitzer announced a derby car race being promoted by the Henry County Housing Authority for their youth program. The derby would be held on Tuesday, August 9 at 6 pm at Goods Gymnasium at the Kewanee High School.

Council Member Koehler announced that Council Member Schweitzer had joined Dan Swanson as his campaign manager. He also noted two instances in the past couple of weeks that showed there would be no favoritism shown in Kewanee. He explained that he had thought he had

someone caring for one of his properties, but the property had not been mowed, so he was told to get it mowed. He also noted that the sign at the Senior Citizen Center did not conform to the new sign regulations, and so they were taking steps to get that into compliance.

City Manager Bradley announced that the Rebuilding Together Henry County work day would take place on August 20 with registration at Windmont Park or online.

Mayor Looney also thanked the cemetery staff for their extra work to get the mowing and trimming caught up. He also noted the thousands of pounds of waste that the sanitation workers had collected. He thanked City workers and volunteers for making Kewanee a great place to live.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no further business, Council Member Wallace-McKenna moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Schweitzer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.


MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK


DATE APPROVED