

**COUNCIL MEETING 16-21
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 6:01 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 Looney	Mayor

Council Member Koehler moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:02 PM pursuant to Section 2 (C) (6) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing sale or lease of real estate. Council Member Yaklich seconded the motion. Roll call showed 3 ayes, no nays. The motion passed. Council Member Schweitzer arrived at 6:05 PM.

The executive session was adjourned at 6:37 PM on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 4 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Council Member Wallace-McKenna answered the roll call for the open meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

Council Meeting #16-21 reconvened at 7:00 PM with Mayor Looney stating the Council is reconvening following an executive session discussion concerning sale or lease of real estate.

News media present were as follows:

Mike Berry	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 October 11, 2016 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending October 15, 2016 of \$208,047.93, and department head reports from Police Department, Building & Zoning and Finance & Administration. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$390,146.10 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Koehler questioned the removal of trees in West Park. City Manager Bradley reported that we had partnered with the Park District to remove several big trees from the park prior to Hog Days. Council Member Yaklich questioned the email hosting payment. City Manager Bradley explained that the

continuation of the email hosting by Pour House was the most economical option at this time. 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 #5006 granting a continuance of non-conforming use to Gaming Goat at 249 W Division Street was approved on a motion made by Council Member Schweitzer and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Yaklich recused himself from discussion as his wife was involved in the real estate transaction. City Manager Bradley gave a brief background of the use of the property. Owners of the Gaming Goat, Jeffrey Bergren and John Taylor, explained that the store would offer table top gaming and tradable card games. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5007 authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc, Missman, Inc. and Chamlin & Associates, Inc for on-call engineering services was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Koehler. City Manager Bradley explained that this was the opportunity to proactively establish relationships with engineering firms. City Engineer Nobel explained the process that was used to determine which firms would be recommended, while further advising that the engineering costs would be a part of any planned projects. Eric Hansen from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc explained that benefit to his company having this on-call engineering agreement. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3851 repealing Section 37.03 Depository of Funds of the Kewanee City Code was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. City Manager Bradley explained that the naming of a specific bank for depository of funds was in direct conflict with the Government Finance Officers of America best practice of periodically requesting competitive bids for banking services. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5008 authorizing the City Manager to execute documents for the renewal of the self insured insurance plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. City Manager Bradley advised that the renewal would be for a one-year term. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3852 amending sections 153.06, 153.22 and 150.016 (C)(5) of the City Code in relation to portable signs was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Director of Community Development Edwards explained the changes to the Council, explaining that the change was a more lenient approach to allowing the temporary signs to be used, by having the applicant apply to him rather than the council and the fee would be an annual fee rather than an every time fee. Council

Member Schweitzer stated that she felt the regulations should remain the same. Roll call showed 4 ayes, 1 nay, with Council Member Schweitzer casting the dissenting vote. The motion passed.

Resolution #5009 amending guidelines for the use of incentives for Community and Economic Development was approved on a motion made by Council Member Wallace-McKenna and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. The programs added were the Façade Improvement Program and an updated Sidewalk Reimbursement Program that were presented at the previous meeting. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5010 amending the employment contract with City Manager Gary Bradley was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Wallace-McKenna. Council Member Koehler noted his original dissent in hiring Mr. Bradley, but was please to report that he was delighted with his performance and in favor of the amendment. Council Members all complimented Mr. Bradley on his performance. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5011 authorizing the purchase of three Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillators was approved on a motion made by Council Member Koehler and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Council Member Schweitzer noted her pleasure with improving the services we provide to our customers. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

A Proclamation declaring October 23-30, 2016 as Mental Health Awareness week was read.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Wallace-McKenna stated her hope that the cleanup day had assisted several residents with cleaning up their properties. Director of Community Development Edwards noted that it was already in next month's report. Council Member Wallace-McKenna thanked everyone who participated in the cleanup efforts.

Council Member Schweitzer noted the Henry County Mental Health Alliance Walk held the previous day, thanking all those in attendance.

Council Member Koehler requested the final date to file papers to run for City Council. City Clerk Edwards advised that the last date to file would be November 28, 2016. Council Member Koehler then asked if the police department still conducted drive-thru checks at Francis Park. Police Chief Dison advised that as staffing allows the checks were made.

Council Member Koehler wished both schools good luck in their playoff games. He also invited the public to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11.

Council Member Yaklich urged motorists to be extra careful during trick-or-treat hours on Monday. He also urged residents to be responsible pet owners. He agreed that the cleanup day was a great event and thanked everyone involved.

Mayor Looney passed on condolences to the family of Bill Gordon. He also commented on the attendance at the Mental Health Alliance walk held the previous day. He wished all of the area

teams good luck going down the state trail. He also thanked everyone involved in the cleanup day efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Edwards announced that the annual fall clean-up by cemetery staff was complete. Saturday, October 29, 2016 would not be a burn day due to the football game scheduled at Wethersfield High School. The City of Kewanee trick-or-treat hours would be held on Monday, October 31 from 5 to 7 PM. As always, residents choosing to participate in trick-or-treating were urged to turn on their porch lights. She also announced that early voting was available at City Hall through November 4.

There being no further business, Council Member Schweitzer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Koehler seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK



DATE APPROVED