

**COUNCIL MEETING 17-18  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

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

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| Andy Koehler     | Council Member |
| Mike Yaklich     | Council Member |
| Steve Faber      | Council Member |
| Deann Schweitzer | Council Member |
| Steve Looney     | Mayor          |

Council Member Schweitzer made a motion at 6:01 PM 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 Faber seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The executive session adjourned at 6:49 PM on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Mayor Looney called the regular session to order at 7:00 PM, stating that Council was reconvening following an 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.

News media present was as follows:

Will Buss

Star Courier

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 11, 2017 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending September 16, 2017 in the amount of \$213,519.02, reports from Finance & Administrative Services, Health Insurance Fund, Public Works, and Bock. Inc. The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Schweitzer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$686,039.07 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Looney 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 #5076 to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement and awarding the 2017 Sidewalk Project to County Line Service, Inc. was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Faber. City Engineer Nobel assured the council that this new contractor had experience with the type of work and prevailing wage, while he was walking the contractor through some of the other needed documents, like an irrevocable letter of credit. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5077 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County and other communities in Henry County regarding the establishment and funding of a county-wide Economic Development position. City Manager Bradley and Mayor Looney explained the two year process that had resulted in this recommendation and agreement across the region. Bradley noted that regional development assists the City of Kewanee by increasing revenue to the County, which in turn reduces the burden on our residents. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

City Engineer Nobel gave a report on the status of Well 4, noting that it is back in service with the chlorides cut from 700 to 500 while maintaining good capacity from the well.

Council Member Koehler congratulated both area high schools on their homecomings. He noted that there would be several upcoming fall events, and it was good to see everyone working together.

Council Member Yaklich congratulated City Manager Bradley on his recent two-year anniversary with the City. He appreciated the job he was doing and asked him to keep up the good work.

Council Member Faber echoed Council Member Yaklich. He also noted the street program was in full swing and requested an update. City Engineer Nobel reported the progress with oil and chip work happening later that week, and the sidewalk work required in addition to the street program would begin soon with the entire project wrapping up by the end of October.

Council Member Schweitzer noted that she was glad to have Bradley on board. She also noted her recent attendance at the Illinois Municipal League Conference and the networking opportunities afforded there. She reported that she came back with some information regarding grants and free training for the Chiefs.

Mayor Looney echoed the congratulations to City Manager Bradley for just over two years of service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Edwards announced that City Hall offices would be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day. There would be no landscape waste collection that week, with no other planned changes to the trash collection schedule.

There being no further business, Council Member Yaklich moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Schweitzer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Melinda K Edwards  
MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

October 10, 2017  
DATE APPROVED