

CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2017 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Good evening I'd like to call the meeting to order. I am sorry I am losing my voice. We have restructured the agenda of the public comments to the beginning of the meeting. So I'll just read the rules regarding public comments.

Public Comments – Please give your name and direct your comments to the Mayor. Comments are limited to five minutes. No personal attacks upon City Council members, staff or other persons in attendance or absent will be permitted. In addition, discussion of matters which are currently under legal review will not be permitted.

At this time, we will call Tim Neals.

TIM NEALS:

Good afternoon Mayor we are here on the behalf of our neighborhood we have a flooding issue that has went on the past several years and has progressively gotten worse. I know for us we have had to have our septic tank pumped. We had plumbers come out and inspect our basement and we were told there is nothing we can do. We have had our septic tank pump, two hours after we had our septic pumped it was full again. It's all because of the standing water behind our property. And we have for years. 235 E. 2740 South Road Kankakee. Our subdivision is county but the property behind Wal-Mart is City. The property south to us is Kankakee district. (Inaudible) The mosquitoes are so bad we cannot go outside. It has gotten to the point that our family cannot use our water in the last week and a half because all of that standing water has ruined our septic. It has gotten so bad my family cannot use the water. All that standing water has ruined out septic. And where we live smells disgusting like straight up sewer. Our kids cannot even go outside to play. We had the health department come out. There is spot in the ditch behind Wal-Mart that they never finished. You can actually drive a semi through it. What happens is when the retention pond fills up the ditch fills up.

This is drowning our neighborhood out. This problem is making it unbearable to live in our subdivision

I do have pictures.

We have met with Dave Tyson and he has come back a couple of times, we have met with Skimmerhorn who is a part of the County. (INAUDIBLE) and that is as far as it has gone.

This issue has been brought up here at least 2 or 3 times. This is the first time we have been here but this is not a new issue.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Ok, this is the first time this has been brought to me I will follow up with the legal department and the engineer and I will follow up with you.

ROBERT ELLINGTON SNIPES: This is the first time I am addressing the new Mayor of the City of Kankakee. (Inaudible) Thank you for moving the public comments to the beginning. Because with when it is at the end many times people are not concerned with the people's opinions. But when it is at the top you can hear what the people say before you take votes.

Second thing I know that I wanted to mention was the clause that there are no personal attacks. But not only do I challenge that on behalf of the people. (inaudible) So I will probably have attorney Pat look into that. So you don't have an open meetings violation. Lastly I wanted you to know that we are having the stop the violence; increase the peace rally this year. Generally, we have it in August or last of July. (Inaudible) June 7, 8, and the 9th. I do believe the 9th is the day we will be feeding the community as we always have. So if you are available we would like to see you out there. The first two days will be at the Jordan Center 1432 South 4th Ave. The last day we will be having a ribbon cutting at the Safe Haven out there at the old Aroma Park School. So they will be having a lot of festivities. A lot of our children are from the inner city of Kankakee we hope to see you out there showing your support.
Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

At this time, we will have a prayer from Reverend Ed Kannapel from the Gift of God Street Church.

PASTOR ED KANNAPEL:

Lord Jesus, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business for the City of Kankakee. We are grateful for the new Mayor and new City Council members, as well as the faithful members who have served us in the past.

Members that guide our hearts and our minds in your spirit of fairness

Impart your holy supreme wisdom upon this meeting, so that the City of Kankakee affairs may reach a successful conclusion.

Thank you for being our source of guidance today.

Amen.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Next we have the Pledge of Allegiance. The Speech and Language Graduates of Kankakee School District 111 Speech Therapy Program will lead us. Please come forward.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Department heads

CLERK DUMAS:

Passwater; Schuldt; Kubal; Power; Simms; Tyson; Cross; Bertrand; Nelson; Schmitz (11)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

We need a motion to approve the City Council meeting minutes of May 1, 2017.

ALDERMAN OSENGA: So moved

ALDERMAN CRAWFORD: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion passed Does anyone have any corrections, comments or amendments.

ALDERMAN BARON:

Mayor, earlier today I called your office there are a couple of things on the minutes that need to be addressed and I talked to Carolyn about it. (Inaudible) And in the middle of the page where we had a motion to table the KRMA board appointments. What I believe that the 6 Aye's, 5 Nays, and 2 abstentions are correct. All the of the Alderman are listed as voting I and that is not correct. As I know I abstained and I know Alderman Brown abstained. Because of a direct conflict of interest. I'm not sure how all the other votes shook out. But the votes should be clear. But I think for me it is important to show I was an abstention. So those are to suggestions I would like to make.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Thank you Alderman Baron.

Are there any other comments or concerns? All in favor to approve the minutes as amended.

Aye same sign. Minutes are approved.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

We have no petitions under communications. At this time, I am going to turn over to Acting Chief Damon Schuldt giving an update regarding the Medal of Honor Ceremony

CAPTIAIN SCHULDT:

Thank you Mayor. Just want to let everyone know that we had the 24th annual Medal of Honor Ceremony last week that took place in Springfield. It was very well attended by several people from Kankakee including our Mayor. I would like to publically thank her for showing up and showing that type of support. I do believe she was the first Mayor from the City of Kankakee in 24 years to show up. And we were very grateful to have her there. Just briefly this meeting takes place at 10:00 in the morning at the capitol building in Springfield. Where we have a brief ceremony there. This year the Governor, Secretary and LT. Governor all spoke and gave a brief uplifting message. Then after that the ceremony then usually goes to the capital convention center. They give awards out for four different categories. There is a firefighter excellence award, the citation award, medal of honor, and then the medal of Valor award. Which is the highest honor I am happy to announce that we had two of our members receive honors. LT. David Cruz that receive a firefighter excellence award for residence house fire in December 2015. Also Chris Salazaar received the highest award of Valor a medal of honor for

his action in a residential/commercial fire that took place in the middle of last year on Station street. We are very proud of those individuals, and we do thank them for their great jobs. Those individuals did receive honors here last year at some point of time. So this is just a continuation of that. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Thank you. If there are no objections I would like to combine items B, C, and D they are:
B.) RIVERSIDE HEALTHCARE AT 350 NORTH WALL STREET IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO BLOCK OFF BUTTERFIELD TRAIL TO HOST THE RIVERSIDE 5K WALK/RUN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017, FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M., FROM THE AREA OF THE RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL PARKING LOT TO RIVERSIDE BUTTERFIELD PROPERTY

C) TROY CLARK, OWNER OF 5 STAR WINGS, LOCATED AT 559 EAST COURT STREET, IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO BLOCK OFF THE ALLEY AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH HARRISON AVENUE AND EAST COURT STREET FOR A GRAND OPENING EVENT TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017, FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 6:30 P.M.

D) DR. GENEVRA WALTERS AND KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 111 ARE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOST THE ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AT THE FESTIVAL SQUARE BY THE DEPOT PARKING LOT AT MERCHANT STREET ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017, FROM 1:00 P.M. (SET-UP TIME) UNTIL 7:00 P.M.
Do I have a motion to approve?

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: So moved

ALDERMAN O'BRIEN: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion by Alderwoman Kennedy Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. All in favor, opposed same sign motion carries.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS PUBLIC SAFETY

ALDERMAN BROWN:

Mayor, Police department reports submitted by Acting Chief Robin Passwater:
When it pertains to overtime the first part of the month was not bad but the second half required more detective overtime due to an incident on Jeffery street and Washington Ave, there was a home invasion at Sherwood Forest and a burglary on the 600 block of South Dearborn. Traffic: Wrote 49 citations: there will be additional DUI training provided. Budget: Budgeted 5.4 million for personnel and spent all except for \$11,000.00. Overtime budgeted for \$225,000 and spent \$213,000. We are under. Supplies/Miscellaneous is budgeted for \$50,000.00 and spent \$37,000.00 Fuel is budgeted at \$160,000.00 we spent 103,000.00. Clothing is budgeted at \$5,000.00 and we spent \$12,000.00 but we will be reimbursed for 50% of the cost of the vests

from the federal government. Equipment and Maintenance is for vehicle repairs. We are over. Budgeted \$90,000 and spent approximately \$100,000.00. We are at the 95% point of the budget through year end. Training is budgeted at \$33,000.00 as of today we have only spent \$6,000.00 of it. Joint dispatch is budgeted at \$843,000.00 and we are right at \$840,000.00 and it will go over the next two years. Accreditation is budgeted at \$8,400.00 and we spent \$4,700.00. We received \$118,000.00 in credit from KAMEG which is a grant from the department of justice. Total budget for police is \$9.9 million and we spent \$9.5 million. Fire department reports submitted by Captain Michael Casagrande: April fire calls total 504 and ambulance calls total 403. Up considerably compared to last year. Medical billing continues to be very successful. Fire prevention office completed 8 different public programs, Hilton Gardens for career days, started initiatives to get more information in the schools. Conducted CPR training for Langlois roofing and the YWCA. Truck displays and other things planned for the future. Installed 8900 smoke alarms through the FEMA grant. Participated in Chanel 7 Safe a Life program in Chicago and going forward we will provide carbon monoxide detectors. There will be upcoming events for schools and assisted living. Inspections: A total of 86 inspections and 67 re-inspections have been completed. Liquor license are almost complete. There is only one business that has not completed liquor license and that is the Kohl Center. FEED Arts Center asked for a class 2 liquor license and five new business licenses. Please note: On April 25th a certified letter was sent to owners regarding a property at 941 River Dr. They have been notified for neglect of the roof on this 36-unit apartment building. Presently, receiving a \$1000.00 fine daily. Owners have not responded. Legal department will continue to make contact. Also, continuing to work on graffiti at the Station Street Bridge and walk away at Birds Park.

Mayor WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Thank you for that very thorough report.

ALDERMAN BROWN:

I would like to add that this would not be possible without Alderman Osenga.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Team work makes the dream work! Thank you. Next we have license and franchise report.

ALDERWOMAN GALL:

We had a representation from Nicor and Aqua at our last meeting. I will start with Nicor. Nicor is seeking a rate increase from the ICC which can take up to 11 months to make the change. The increase of 8% from 6% will allow us to see an average of \$4.79 on the monthly bill. That will help them improve their systems to smart meters. I think they are the last to go to smart meters. They only get a rate increase about every 10 years. So not so bad. The ICC has 10 months to come back with a decision They filed in April. They have 11 months to come back with a decision. As for Aqua they are also requesting a rate increase and filed May 1st like Aqua is a 11-month process. It has been 3 years since they have last requested a rate increase. They have Water main improvements and water plant expansions which was for reliability and advantage on economic development. And allows them to keep up with their smart meters.

Which they are required to change every 10 years. On average water usage has went down due to everything being smarter but of course the rates have stayed the same if not went up. An average monthly bill will see an increase of an average of \$8.00 a month. It has been 3 years since the last request. Aqua implements (inaudible) budget billing and payment arrangements. The ICC for both of these cases only affords a fair return. So neither of these increases are guaranteed. The plant expansion is expected to be done in 2017 with the goal of October. Our next meeting will be June 8th at 5:30 and will actually be at the plant on Cobb we will be having a little tour. Melissa gave me some fashion advice and said no open toed shoes and no high heels. That's all I have.

MAYOR WELLS-WELLS ARMSTRONG:

Thank you Alderwoman Gall. Next we have budget committee report Alderman Baron.

ALDERMAN BARON:

First I'd like to mention that we the City are operating under a continuing study resolution. Which expires the first week of June our next council meeting. As we all know the budget year is from May 1st to May 1st. So we are on to the continuing study from last fiscal year. (inaudible) The goal is to have a budget to present to you all at the next meeting. Fast track. At the meeting aside from discussing the typical (Inaudible) As well as following the revenue expenditures. We had a draft of budget changes. (Inaudible) As of Monday we were in the red for the budget. In the amount of \$396,895.00.00. Which was better than we may have thought. A special meeting of the budget committee. Which everyone is welcomed and encouraged to come as it is all of our budget. So housekeeping next Monday at 5:30 at the same place City hall second floor. Starting next month, we will be here. Every year we encounter this. We have an upward creep of 100's of thousands of dollars a year. (Inaudible) We have to come up with money. As an example we are getting a break this year. (INAUDIABLE) Retirement buyouts. These are the challenges that we have trying to collect enough money to pay the bills. (INAUDIABLE)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Thank you Alderman Baron. At this time, I would like a motion to approve payment of the bills.

ALDERMAN FAFORD:

(INAUDIABLE) Place the money in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$200,062.08

ALDERMAN FAFORD: So moved

ALDERMAN TALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSRTONG:

Motion by Alderman Faford and seconded by Alderman Tall. Any questions or comments on any of the bills.

ALDERMAN OSENGA:

Yes, I look at the bills and see another bill come across for almost \$4,300 and we have heard this before for fire personal going to school. It is in their contract. But it is something we need to look at. This year we have spent almost \$19,000 dollars of tax payers hard earned dollars for fire personal to go to school. And next contract we have to absolutely look at this. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Thank you. Any other comments?
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien (although I abstain on check number # 71896); Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

There is no unfinished business. We will move onto new business. If there are no objections I would like to combine items A, B, and C. Those are all ordinances establishing handicapped parking.

A) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 ESTABLISHING HANDICAPPED PARKING AT 1154 SOUTH SEVENTH AVENUE

B) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 ESTABLISHING TWO (2) HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AT 909 SOUTH FOURTH AVENUE

C) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 ESTABLISHING HANDICAPPED PARKING AT 1143 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Tetter, Seconded by ALDERMAN FAFORD. Do we have any other questions or comments?

Roll Call

ALDERMAN TETTER: So moved

ALDERMAN FAFORD: Second

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion to put the ordinances on final passage. Motions made by ALDERMAN Tetter; Seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy Do we have any questions or comments?

ALDERMAN FAFORD:

You all know my eyes my hearing must be bad as well by this 1154 not 64 South 7th

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

The correction should be 1154 south 7th. Thank you for the correction. Correction Noted. Any other discussion?

Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

I would like to make a motion to combine items D and E. They are motions to rescind an ordinance.

D) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-09: HANDICAPPED PARKING AT 274 SOUTH FOURTH AVENUE

E) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 06-67: HANDICAPPED PARKING AT 342 NORTH FIFTH

May I have a motion to suspend the rules?

ALDERMAN TALL: So Moved

ALDERWOMAN LEWIS: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Tall, seconded by Alderwoman Lewis

Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion to place the ordinances on final passage.

ALDERMAN TALL: So Moved

ALDERWOMAN LEWIS: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Motion made by Alderman Tall, seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion?

Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Next item is

F) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 238 ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND LOCUST STREET
Do I have a motion to suspend the rules?

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: so moved

ALDERWOMAN MALONE-MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderwoman Kennedy, seconded by Alderwoman Malone-Marshall
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion to place the ordinance on final passage.

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: so moved

ALDERWOMAN MALONE –MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderwoman Kennedy, seconded by Alderwoman Malone-Marshall. Any discussion?
(INAUDIABLE)
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Next ordinance is

G) ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS OF THE CITY OF

KANKAKEE – KANKAKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT – AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF

Motion to suspend the rules?

ALDERMAN BROWN: So moved

ALDERMAN TETTER: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Brown, Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion?

Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion to place the ordinance on final passage.

ALDERMAN BROWN: So moved

ALDERMAN TETTER: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion by Alderman Brown, Seconded by Alderman Tetter

Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

H) CITY OF KANKAKEE 2017 MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, SECTION 17-00000-00-GM – GROUP 1 – GROUP 7 – MATERIALS PORTION

I would like Mr. Tyson to speak to that please.

MR. TYSON:

(INAUDIABLE) \$336,000 to approve

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Any Questions? Thank you Mr. Tyson

ALDERMAN CURTIS: So moved

ALDERMAN BARON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Baron. Any discussion?
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien;
Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion for final passage

ALDERMAN CURTIS: So moved

ALDERMAN BARON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Baron. Any discussion?
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien;
Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)
Motion Carries

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Next I would like to move on to the appointments
DAMON W. SCHULDT – ACTING FIRE CHIEF FOR THE KANKAKEE FIRE
DEPARTMENT
I need a motion to approve the appointment.

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: So moved

ALDERWOMAN MALONE-MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderwoman Kennedy, seconded by Alderman Baron. Any discussion?

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien;
Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion carries the next appointment is:

ROBIN PASSWATER – ACTING POLICE CHIEF FOR THE KANKAKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Do I have a motion to approve?

ALDERMAN OSENGA: So moved

ALDERWOMAN SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Osenga and seconded by Alderwoman Swanson

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

I NEED A MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN AGENCY COMMITTEE (KRMA) PLACED ON THE TABLE ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

ALDERMAN TETTER: So moved

ALDERWOMAN SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Tetter, Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Any Discussion?
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter(AYE); Brown(AYE); Curtis(AYE); Baron (ABSTAIN Conflict of interest); Lewis(AYE); Tall (NAYE); Faford(AYE); Swanson(AYE); Crawford(NAYE); Osenga (NAYE); O'Brien(AYE); Gall(AYE); Malone-Marshall(AYE), Kennedy(AYE) (10 AYE-3 NAYE-1 ABSTAIN)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion carries. The next set of nominations I just want to make a clarify that we are voting on the person not the board. So with that I hear by nominate myself.

CHASITY WELLS-ARMSTRONG – CHAIRMAN OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER

METROPOLITAN AGENCY COMMITTEE (KRMA)

Do I have a motion to approve?

ALDERMAN BROWN: So moved

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. Any discussion?
Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien;
Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (14)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion carries. Next nomination is:

DENNIS BARON – VICE-CHAIR OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN
AGENCY COMMITTEE (KRMA)

Do I have a motion to approve?

ALDERMAN CURTIS: So moved.

ALDERWOMAN SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion by Alderman Curtis, seconded by Alderman Swanson. Any discussion?
Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron(ABSTAIN); Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga;
O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (13 AYE-0 NAYE- 1 ABSTAIN)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion carries. Next I would like to nominate

P. CARL BROWN – MEMBER OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN
AGENCY COMMITTEE (KRMA)

Do I have a motion?

ALDERMAN TETTER: So moved

ALDERMAN CRAWFORD: Second

MAYOR WELLS-AMSTRONG:

Motion made by Alderman Tetter, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any discussion?
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter; Brown(ABSTAIN); Curtis; Baron; Lewis; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Malone-Marshall, Kennedy (13 AYE-0 NAYE- 1 ABSTAIN)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion carries. Next I would like to nominate

MARC WAKAT – MEMBER OF THE KANKAKEE RIVER METROPOLITAN AGENCY COMMITTEE (KRMA)

May I have a motion to approve

ALDERMAN TETTER: So moved

ALDERMAN O'Brien: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion by Alderman Tetter, Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Any discussion.

ALDERMAN CURTIS:

Why it is not a rule in ordinance that a non-city resident be a part of a board. I do have an opinion that whether it is KRMA BOARD, Pension, Public library board, planning commission. We have 23, 000 residents of this city that those boards should be filled with a resident that are capable. It is nothing personal against Marc he does some great things for the city. But he does not live in the city and he would be making decisions for our residents. This is our source system. This is one of our largest asset of the city. It is the biggest assets of the City. This is a paid position I just feel that this position should be filled by a city resident.

ALDERMAN TALL:

I would like to echo Alderman Curtis I do agree that it should be an Alderman. (Inaudible)

ALDERMAN TETTER:

I understand that there is not written policy that prohibits this nominee from being appointed by our Mayor. But I believe we are headed down a very slippery slope of making instant policies. I believe that the Mayor has given this appointment very careful consideration to this appointment. (Inaudible) Thank you.

ALDERMAN OSENGA:

Mayor, the KRMA board services Kankakee Bradley Aroma Park and Bourbonnais. They do not serve Limestone in anyway shape or form. This is one of the most important committees anyone can sit on. And there are 12 experienced Alderman sitting here that are fully capable of sitting on this board. This to me is nothing but political payback and I cannot support that. There are a large number of members of this community and a number of business owners that

would love to sit on this board and glad to sit on this board. Anyone that lives on this board must live in Kankakee

ALDERMAN O'BRIEN:

I support Marc I know him fairly well. I know him to be diligent, thoughtful and passionate. (inaudible) Regarding the issue of if a council member should fill the position. One of the things I think Marc brings to this role is the ability to focus on this board. I find myself pulled in many directions by various committees and commitments. And Marc will not have those issues. In some ways I believe that in some ways that is an asset. So with that I support Marc. Thank you

ALDERMAN KENNEDY:

I support Marc but my constituents do not. Initially I thought I would vote for Marc because that he would do a good job. However, I represent my constituents and they are telling me no. I am a representative of my constituents so I will not be voting for him.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

For the record let me say there are no political favors. I think that the City of Kankakee was tired of that kind of behavior and which is why we have a change in leadership. So I wanted to correct you on that. Next I asked Marc to serve for this position based on some of the reasons that Alderman O'Brien touched on. He is extremely diligent, he is probably at more committee meetings and public hearings than some of the people that serve in Kankakee. His address is in Kankakee. Yes, he lives in Limestone township. I have done my due diligence to check the by-laws with the KRMA board. There are no restrictions in regards to residency. He is more than capable of doing and filling this role. He will do a good job. He fought against the landfill for years to protect the citizens of Kankakee. That is why I selected him. And I believe he will do a good job. With that selection I also kept Alderman Baron and Alderman Brown. Who both are our senior Alderman no offense our seasoned Alderman. Sitting on our City Council who have vital knowledge of the KRMA Board. And at any time I have the ability to appoint and remove an appointment. So at this time I would like to move to a roll call vote.
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tetter(AYE); Brown(AYE); Curtis(NAYE); Baron(AYE); Lewis(AYE); Tall(NAYE); Faford(AYE); Swanson(NAYE); Crawford(NAYE); Osenga(NAYE); O'Brien(AYE); Gall(AYE); Malone-Marshall(AYE), Kennedy(NAYE) (8-6-0)
Motion Carries

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Next we have the appointment of
CITY ENGINEER – NEIL PIGGUSH, PIGGUSH ENGINEERING, INC.
May I have a motion to approve the appointment?

ALDERMAN TETTER: So moved

ALDERWOMAN MALONE-MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion by Alderman Tetter, seconded by Alderwoman Malone-Marshall. Any discussion?
Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS:

Tall(NAYE); Faford(AYE); Swanson(AYE); Crawford(NAYE); Osenga(AYE) (originally NAYE changed vote to AYE); O'Brien(NAYE); Gall(ABSTAIN); Malone-Marshall(AYE), Kennedy(NAYE) (8-4-2)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion Carries
There are no motions and resolutions
There is not an executive session
Are there any Alderman comments?

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY:

The Code meeting for Thursday has been cancelled. No code meeting this Thursday.

ALDERMAN BROWN:

I just felt like we need to thank Dave Tyson for his years of service. There is no one that has been more loyal to this City than Dave Tyson. You have helped me out so many times. I'll tell you this has been the toughest vote in all my 17 years of I've been this City Council.
(Inaudible) Thank you for your service. (Standing ovation)

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Are there any other comments? May I have a motion to adjourn

ALDERWOMAN SWANSON: So moved

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Motion by Alderwoman Swanson, Seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. All in favor, opposed same sign
We are adjourned