

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 16TH, 2018  
7:30 P.M.**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would like to call the regular Council meeting to order. We will start with prayer by Pastor Vincent E. Clark of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

**PASTOR VINCENT CLARK:** Let us pray. Father You who knows everything, sees everything, even those things hidden in our hearts and minds. I pray God on this day in all sincerity, expose what's in our hearts, open up our souls. If no one else matters, You matter. Father I am thankful personally that You did not leave it up to man to appoint Christ as my Savior. God I thank you that You have given us boldness to stand. You have given us boldness to speak. Now God I pray that Your Holy Spirit will touch this Council and this City. Forgive me God for my short comings and forgive us for missing the mark. Have Your way God. Move in this City. Move in this Council. Revive us to do what is right for the people. I will be careful Lord to give You the praise for Your Son Jesus came to reconcile us not divide us. I Jesus Name. Amen.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** The Council will lead us in the Pledge?

**IN UNISON:** "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to Public Comments. Again, I ask that you be respectful. Please give your name and direct your comments to the Mayor. Comments are limited to five minutes and we will start with Mr. Arthur Lax.

**ARTHUR LAX:** Good Afternoon, I am Arthur Lax. The last group of people stated how long they have been in Kankakee. I have been on Kankakee 28 years now, 29 in August. I came to share some words about the last meeting. There were two clip boards out there and the last line was taken so I went to the next clip board. So, I really missed out on the

opportunity to talk on behalf of what I thought about the City and this Administration as we move forward in 2018. But I will still get a chance to say this to move this into our thought the next time we have a vote. Attorney Power is correct...I would like to say...Alderman Baron said a lot about what I wanted to say. The first thing I wanted to talk about is relationships. If you don't create relationships with one another you will never get anything done. I suspect that if you give Price Dumas a conversation, dialogue and get to understanding you will come to know him as a very intelligent man. He can make good decisions. I have been his friend for many years and I I know him to be a person that is passionate about what...he has a lot of drive and he is very competitive and that makes people work harder to reach their goals. I would also like to say that I have worked in Corporate America. I was the employment Supervisor...and everybody that was hired in our plant came through me. The reason why I am telling you that is the person who makes the decision is the person at the top in Corporate America. In the case of the plant, we could bring in people at the department level and ...those people at the partner level the plant manager made that decision. Only the person...I believe the Mayor, has the right to assign as it was indicated, to assign to a position. You can support it or you don't have to support it but it is her right to do that and if you want to change her mind, have a conversation with her. If you want to have a relationship with her spend some time learning what she wants because she has to make that decision and she has to live with the consequences. If she doesn't make the right decision in a couple years vote her out; same thing with your constituents in the various wards. If you don't make the right decisions next time around somebody may vote you out. So spend some time creating relationships and respect the process. She's in charge it's a department head she should have absolute power to decide who she wants in there. I definitely believe the role of Police Chief can be accomplished by Price Dumas. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Mr. Lax.

**MAJOR NICKEY YATES:** Good Evening Mayor and Council. My name is Major Nickey Yates, Unites States Marine Corp Retiree. Everywhere else I have been around this world that meant something until I came back here. It seems to me that if you are fortunate enough to send your kids off to college

you ...their faith because they will never get paid...their level of education or their expertise because words like qualification and experience mean something different here. The Chief did 13 years here at the City and another 14 years with the State Police, was a part of the Governors Security detachment but that doesn't qualify him here. Most recently, I had a pretty interesting event myself. Again, 23 years in the Marine Corp Infantry Officer but yet told I lack the qualifications to lead Veterans Administration Assistance Commissions here because I am not qualified. I don't know how you all do business here but you are killing yourself. Alderman Brown made a statement, "We set ourselves back 100 years". And that's exactly what this was. I beat y chest about being from Kankakee. I have heard all kind of names...about this place. But the mean spirits...right now I am amazed. I won't say look at yourself in the mirrors because I am sure you have done that but I beg you...not beg. I encourage you and challenge you to think about what you are doing because this is flat out mean and nasty. It comes at a time when the entire nation is being mean and nasty so this is actually quite consistent but it is consistent with other mean spirited concepts that flow throughout this country. But... it...liberty, democracy, and freedom...Marines... not supply...add in Marines but the infantry Marines who sole work is to locate...and destroy. So I didn't lead choir boys, I led warriors who were committed to what we were there to do and to come back here and be led by individuals who seem to be committed to everything except leading us the citizens of this community. I will just say satisfactory...maybe I will take my talents somewhere else not Kankakee.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Angela Shay. Carolyn Mitchell...

**CAROLYN MITCHELL:**

Good afternoon Council and Mayor. I come today as a resident and not as the Executive Assistant. However, I am going to speak on what I know for a fact and I know for a fact that in our City and community right now there is a lot of mistruth in information given to our residents and our citizens from our Council members and others who think they know what's going on... are not taking the time to sit down and engage and have healthy conversation. I have spent quite a bit of time with Chief Dumas. He is so patient and kind and sacrificial. To uproot your life to come to

move here to provide safety and risk your life for our citizens says volumes. I am a 6<sup>th</sup> Ward resident I am very...in the community and I love our community and our children. I do ask you Alderman Curtis to reconsider. I understand that you are very conservative and very bright and I respect that. But there is more, we have heard so much from so many other people and citizens and residents of our community that wants him. So what is the majority? Is the majority in your private circle or is the majority of what we really know. I also want to say when we talk about the Mayor and the Mayor's office I answer the phones every day 40 hours a week. It's not an overwhelming call as a matter a fact we have not had one call from one citizen from one resident to reconsider this appointment. I make all the appointments; I schedule all her meetings and there hasn't. I take all the calls from the Alderman and the Council Members and emails. We have not sat down and offered constructive healthy conversations. It hasn't happened. The Police overtime, it's not over in abundance. He's bringing programs to our community like DARE that our children need. We have an opiate issue, I have a freshman in high school and she says sometimes she sits in the classroom she gets a headache because the children smell like marijuana so heavy. We have issues, to sit here and fuss and fight and disagree so aggressively calling each other out and we are on Channel 4 for our whole community to see, we are acting like this...it's disgraceful. I respect every single one of you and I have relationships with every one of you. This is embarrassing. Let's talk about this, he's moved here to our city. He's purchasing things and giving back to our community he's giving opportunities to Police Officers, Lieutenants, and Sargeants that wouldn't have opportunity. None of you went to school to be an Alderman...none of you. I did not go to school to be the Mayor's Executive Assistant and I have a Master's Degree but somebody, multiple people in your ward seen something bigger in you to lead them to lead us. The morale of the Police department...has it went down? No. I have officers...lieutenants and patrolman that come into the Mayor's office and say how they love him and use that word...White, Hispanic, Male and Female. That says volumes. It's about relationship, it's about trust. Our younger generation, our children people of my age trust him. So do we choose a police office of higher statue so that we can pay him more money or do we entrust in

someone that's going to give...stop on the street...and talk to that young man and have that engagement and that healthy conversation? You can be me, watch what I can do. I can shoot this shot make a 3 point and then I am gonna go and protect our streets that says volumes. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you

**TRAVIS MILLER:**

Greetings Mayor, City Council. Most of you all know my stance on the Chief of Police. I have been up here several times. I do respect everyone's decision. I just think today got a little out of control. As a city resident and someone who attends frequently the behavior the screaming the shouting was uncalled for. Recently at a funeral service of a Mayor I was approached by a 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Tyler Tall and he asked about my absence from this particular setting and he asked what did the Mayor do to you for you not to be at Council anymore? And it bothered me that he would ask a question like that. And I said she has not done anything to me. He said, well I just thought she may have done something to you because she just pisses off everybody. It bothers me because my absence Mr. Tall is because I am trying to follow the steps of Price Dumas and go to school and get an education. So the reason why I have been absent is because I have been studying and I have been in class. For you to assume my absence from this setting was due to me and the Mayor ...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Direct your comments to me.

**TRAVIS MILLER:**

over a battle or whatever...that, that, that bothered me. Speaking for my Ward I stay in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward and no one in my area knows who our Alderman is. When people have concerns, when people have questions, they will contact me. There is a proven fact and that is for some people that's in here have contacted me to reach out to their elected officials and I have done just that. But I ask that my Alderman in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward would spend more time trying to take care of his assigned ward than to try to set up all of these traps and different things to this present Administration. Back in April as I said before...the people spoke and the people wanted a new Administration. An Administration that had no experience about...but also in April the people spoke for some of you who were reelect or elected for the first time. None of you came in with

experience. None of you came in with experience. It bothers me that we continue to talk about experience and qualifications. When I look at some of your wards and nothing is being done. When I look at some of your wards and I see boarded up homes, businesses closing down, nothing is being done. So we attack and we go against Mr. Dumas because he lacks experience. But my question is ...What are you doing besides making Yay and Nay votes. What community events have you been involved in. I have posted several events...Mayor am I going...I'm so sorry but I just ask that you all so whatever you can to move the City of Kankakee forward and stop having your own agendas. We need to have one plan to move this City forward. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy.  
(14) Present (0) Absent.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Now for Department Heads.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **PRESENT:** Dumas, Schuldt, Kubal, Power, Doyle, Piggush, Nelson, Cross, Bertrand, Schmitz. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to minutes from January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, may I have a motion to approve?

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown. Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Any discussion? Corrections? All those in favor...

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**A PRESENTATION BY KANKAKEE FIRE CHIEF DAMON SCHULDT ON THE**  
**PROGRESS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign motion carries. There are no petitions on the agenda. Moving on to presentations, we have a presentation by the Kankakee Fire Chief Damon Schuldt on the progress of the fire department.

**CHIEF SCHULDT:**

Thanks for listening to me tonight. I just want to talk to everyone about the progress of the fire department has made and so a little recap on 2017 and talk a little bit about where we want to go. Then I am going to bring somebody else up to talk about our annuals. I will try to be brief I know it's been a long night but thanks for taking the time to listen to me. Just a little statement, we have a proud past ...we feel as if we have a very bright future as well. Also, a little history we started back in 18... as a volunteer fire department and after they started as a fulltime department as well. We have been here a long time and we are not planning on going anywhere as well. Just some of the things that we do you may or may not know. We currently operate out of four fire stations. We have three fire...and a shift commander vehicle as well. Fourteen people on duty fulltime 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Last year alone our fire department personnel did 13,000 to 14,000 combined hours firefighter EMS training and all of our paramedics have exceeded that 100 hours of training that they have to have to recertify their paramedic license. The guys in the Fire Prevention Bureau have also complete over 2600 inspections they do every year and roughly well over 2000 children in our safety programs throughout the City and 1542 of that were giving pizza parties fire prevention programs in all the schools Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. That doesn't include all the numbers of block parties we go to, we set up the obstacle course, fires for display, we talked to the kids about fire safety, sometimes kids come to the fires stations for tours and also this year we started a passport to safety program in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on a Saturday in September. I wanted to show you our current fire apparatus and where we are at so that just gives you a break down. Engine 4 is on the Eastside...how many miles and hours are getting to be on these vehicles. We are going to talk about numbers and cost coming up here in a little bit to see how many hours and miles and why we get so many problems with vehicles as well. Our reserve fire engines are the ones that we put in service when our frontline apparatus goes down for oil changes periodically, services and maintenance work that come up and they are both 1991's and they are getting to be very

old. Those of you that are not familiar with the National Fire Protection Association...they have a long list of standards that we must adhere to and one of those standards talk about fire apparatus and talk about if it's over 15 years old you really should put it in reserve status, keep it for a while and after 25 years it should be replaced. So, we are actually...well passed that point with some of our apparatus. To touch base on our ambulances, we have four and we keep two...all the time and the reason we do that is...we have to...from time to time, oil changes and pending as well. As you can see...all of you know in June of last year we purchased a new ambulance and we got a great deal on that. The ambulance already has 900 hours on it from the number of calls it's been on. If you look at the 08' yes, it's only ten years old but look at the numbers of hours and miles that are on there. Somewhere a lot of fire departments operate ambulances without any hours on them. Our two reserves are...as well. I want to point out to that typically the citizens of Kankakee enjoy a very good response time from our fire department and some of our areas are a little bit farther away but nevertheless we still maintain on average a very good response time with our ambulance and fire calls as well. I wanted to through this slide in there. I went back 15 years and I went to December 31<sup>st</sup> on every one of those years. I took actual call numbers for those years. As you can see if you start down at the lower right at 2003 go all the way up to the column on the left you can see what our call numbers have been. This last year we have far exceeded record number with calls that we have had. This year alone in January we are at about 208 on estimate. I didn't look at what the actual call number was today. These are total calls but in the right corner I talk about turnover and that's annual calls. Every year...though we keep two ambulances serviced still there are times we get more calls than we can respond to. So, then we send our engine companies out there and we have our paramedic equipment...we get there quicker than back up ambulances can...so they can start administrating care. Every year we get approximately 200 to 250 of those calls. So, we are actually leaving a little bit of revenue on the table as well. This is kind of interesting, here is some comparisons to other fire departments and I wanted to tell you first, I didn't contact several other departments I just picked the ones that are better or worse than us. Every department I contacted I put on here. What this slide shows you is the number of personnel on duty,

total ambulance and fire calls and the number of ambulances they have in service. You can do some quick comparisons here. Look at Chicago Heights, they are at 6,000 calls over us but they have an extra ambulance and look at how many people they have. So, what does that mean? It means our paramedics and fire fighters are working a lot harder and they are answering more calls every day to a lot of comparable fire departments. I even have it...lets run across Wisconsin. I know it is not in Illinois but fire departments are fire departments. If you look at that, they have twice as many fire fighters than we do and not that many calls. Or if you look at fire departments that have similar personnel like we do look at the top of the list, we have the Matteson fire department. They have a similar shift personnel like we do but they around...calls and they have two ambulances...calls in their fire department. It's kind of interesting to know and how much work our guys and your fire fighters are doing. So where do we go from here, I want you to know we are vigorously pursuing grant applications...through FEMA and we are pursuing 2-3 of those. We have other opportunities coming up. We have a committee that set those up, we send people to a class to help write those grants, we have a couple opportunities to send people to the federal government to give us some input on that so we are pursuing that. I would tell you though one of the issues with FEMA about a year to ten years ago that program was funded by a billion dollars and I read this year it will be funded by three hundred million less than a third of what it was. Our chances are in getting these opportunities may be diminished but they will be zero if we don't try to do something. It's quite a bit of work, they want stats and narratives but we are doing everything we can to try to make some opportunities to bring more money into the City. There is also a possibility...one thing I like to do is support the opportunity to get a third ambulance services. We really need another new one or get a new chassis for the 08'. WE need to do something to have that dependability...if we leave 200 calls on the table every year that's thirty to forty thousand dollars of revenue that could help pay for that...it would be nice to hire personnel. We are actually down...3 now and if we could get three more that would help solidify putting out another ambulance services. Just a little bit about the ISO rating. That's Insurance Service Office ...for those of you that don't know what that is it is an insurance company that

rates your ability to respond to calls. They rate several things, they look at your water supply, communications, how many personnel you have...how many fire apparatus, you have, they look at you ...standing records, you training records to see what you are doing and it's a point scale. It's a reverse point scale that you might not think...it's actually 1-10 and 1 is actually the best and 10 is actually the worst. It's the opposite of what you might normally think. We actually have Kankakee and Joliet too we actually worked hard to get that. It's a range of numbers so we are actually a high 2. I don't want to see us loose that. What does that mean being at 2? That equates to everybody in here. So, if your rating is hire you could in fact pay more insurance premiums especially in industrial and commercial settings. I know where I used to live in a rural area years ago the department was like a 9 and they took the initiative to go down to a 6 and I saved about 100-155 dollars a year just by them doing that. So, it doesn't cost a thing to our constituents or your constituents as well. What I would like to do is save some money every year. If we are prudent with our money and don't spend that then I think we should reinvest it in Kankakee Fire Department. If I have \$5.00 left over we can put that toward an engine so we don't have to go borrow money go to the local bank if we could. Then lastly, I want to talk about the Explorer program. In the history of the Kankakee Fire Department there has never been an Explorer program but we have one now. We started that in November and we have twelve kids age 14 to 18 in that group a very nice cross-sectional mix of kids, we interact really well with them and we hope to have that graduation program this year at the end of June. We hope that works out well and we hope to continue another year as well. You have any questions for me? I want to bring somebody else up to talk about ambulance billing. Do you have any questions before I...

**INAUDIBLE**

Chief what are the percentages of ambulance runs compared to fire runs...calls?

**CHIEF SCHUDLT:**

We are a typical fire department. We typically run between 65-75 percent of ambulance calls. Okay, I would like to bring up Deb Hubley she is one of our Administrative Assistants...she spends a lot of time on aimless billing. She has books that are very thick on her desk and she is very enthusiastic about this and I want to pass the torch to her.

**DEB HUBLEY:**

Thank you Chief Schudlt. Okay, I don't like to have my back to people so I am gonna crawl over here in the corner real quick. For those of you that don't know me my name is Debra Hubley. I have grown up in this City and I am a taxpayer in this City...my whole life. This is my passion. This is what I do. This is what I come in and do. I am a nurse by background and I have been a nurse for almost 30 years. So, when I start talking about this and I get a little happy about this you will understand why. Okay, just to give you a little more background, I came on board December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. I...I went back, I backed billed and I got every dollar that was being left on the table, every dollar that was left on that table. I am happy to say we hit budget every year since I have been on board. I'm telling you this is my passion. Let's take a look at physical year 2016. We are looking at May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015-April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. As Chief Schudlt showed you we did 4468 calls that year, 48 percent of them were basic life support. Basically, we pulled up, we loaded them in the ambulance, we took them to the hospital...something...they needed just a little bit more, we put them in the ambulance and took them to the hospital. ALS2 's they were pretty much dead when we got there. They either died or we revived them okay one of the two. What did we do? Look at those numbers ladies and gentlemen unadjusted we collected \$1.16 million dollars. I am here to tell you that is the most we have ever done. When we got done adjusting it we were at almost 910. The previous money got put back in fiscal year 2015 where it belonged that's what we had collected okay. ...to the hospital. ALS1's...28 percent of those I collected. In 2017, the year we just finished total number of calls 4736...you get the idea here? 268 more calls than the previous fiscal year, 2357...50 percent of them we put them in the ambulance and took them to the hospital. ALS1 1302...percent...40 ALS2's less than 1 percent. We were budgeted to collect 650 thousand dollars as of March we had collect 770 thousand. It's not a final number yet the audit isn't done so I don't have what our final numbers are. Where are we right now...3233 calls this is through the end of December okay. BLS is 46 percent of our calls, ALS1's are at 30 percent, ALS2's are at 26 we are budgeted for 875 thousand to collect this year. We are going to it that...we are 581 right now. We have collected 66 percent of what we are budgeted for. This is what we basically charge our residents right now. Yes there is a difference. This is what we get reimbursed. Now, Public

Aid we have had no increase in 3 years. Everything else has gone up, fuel cost...maintaining of our vehicles our salaries, everything but Public Aid because this State, the State of Illinois, we had no increase. We put someone in the back of the ambulance we get \$82 bucks basically if I take them to the hospital. If I do a little bit more I get almost \$153.00 so there is a difference of almost \$71.00. ALS2 of course I get a little bit more, I get \$5.00 per mile...get \$11.98 or \$12.00. Medicare which is what some of our clientele have for those 65 or older or those who have disability this is what we get reimbursed. The difference between ALS and ALS1 is \$52.00. It makes a difference okay it really does. The mileage is at 583...Medicare will not reimburse for oxygen because they are already paying out at a higher reimbursement rate so they won't do that for us. Private insurance is a little different every insurance company is different in what they allow and what they actually payout...unheard of high deductibles, it's nothing to have a ten thousand dollar deductible now then they are going to slap people with a co-pay. You want to ride in the ambulance 200 bucks, you want to go to the ER 500 bucks...it starts costing. It's costly. Auto insurances usually pay the bill in full if you cause the accident and you end up injuring someone you will probably get the full bill paid. Okay what have we done, since May of 2015 we introduced fire house medic for documenting...everything is electronic now. We have contracted with a medical service to do all EMS...what a weight off my shoulders. Ladies and gentlemen, I am here to tell you there is no such thing as straight Medicare and Medicaid anymore. There is BlueCross, Humana...Coventry...you name it there is an insurance company out there everybody's got so they...we electronically deposit now all of the money. I get a few checks in we process those and we send them down to the Comptrollers Office and they get deposited accordingly but everything now has pretty much gone through electronic method. Then I drop box all EMS reports...sheets...what about May of this year. Well, previous Administration had granted 2 percent automatically every May 1<sup>st</sup>. Every May 1st we will have a 2 percent increase in our billing rates. I got to thinking as I was sitting down doing the end of the fiscal year stuff we are missing something, there is a piece hanging I am not getting it so I got on the phone and did some consulting with the billing company we put our heads together and we hit upon it. I took that information I went

back to the crews on all three shifts they picked up on it and yes, I do have a few little stragglers but majority of them picked up on it and we have turned it around. We are showing 175 more ALS1 calls that we did the same time last year. So, what does that tell me? Remember that difference I told you? The 51 and the 72 dollars we are making it up. We figured out what the hole was and we are making it up. Here's the other thing you need to know, when he showed you those ambulance numbers he wasn't kidding guys. We run over 400 EMS calls a month. 80 percent of the business that we do in the fire department is related to EMS. I can't emphasize that one enough. That's why we lose between a...275 calls a year. If you run a business you know one of the things you need to do a business is volume. We've got the volume now we need to take advantage of it. I'm going to send out a huge, huge, to thank you to the men and women of KFD. You risk your life daily to provide for this community the best service for our residence. They are placed in some of the most unsafe situations. You and I would probably go... I'm out see you later but they do it. They don't think twice the alarms goes off...when it's cold lie this, how many of you want to out. They don't think twice they put their stuff on 2:00A.M. – 3:00A.M. and go they don't think twice. They do it, that's what they do. You can not ask for a more dedicated group of individuals. I am not only proud to call my coworkers my family and I will defend them until my last breath any day of the week. Together it is a group effort starting with the personnel of the KFD out in the field performing their duties to the Comptroller's office that processes all...I'm the middle man. I do what I need to do to help them get what they need. So in closing, all I can say is we refuse to sink. We will continue to grow this department we will continue to grow under the leadership of Chief Schuldt to make this one of the best departments in this County and show the other communities how we do it. Questions...any questions?

**INAUDIBLE:**

Where you ever in the Marine Corp?

**DEB HUBLEY:**

No, I'm the only child honey. Any other questions?

**INAUDIBLE:**

How can we get this information on the computer?

**DEB HUBLEY:** We just posted a live video of this on the KDF Facebook page if you Facebook at all. Any other questions...yes sir...

**INAUDIBLE:** How is...in the future?

**DEB HUBLEY:** Well that's going to be decided by our Alderman here but the money is coming. As I have shown every year Elizabeth sets the numbers I tell the department. Here's the thing, the one thing I got the department to bite on this year that we have never done before, we set a goal we are 52 percent near that goal. We are going to get that goal. I will be back up here again and saying we did it.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Well, that's a little enthusiasm for ya. Thank you Chief And Thank you to our fire department. I know you guys work hard and our ladies in our fire department.

**CHIED SCHULDT:** Really quick, I would like to thank Deb for that Presentation. I appreciate all the help.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES BUDGET- JANUARY 8, 2018**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to standing committee reports. Chairman Baron for budget.

**ALD BARON:** On Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> we had a regularly scheduled meeting and the first part of the meeting was routine according to our obligation to review the revenues and expenses on a monthly basis, we did that. We reviewed the minutes the first three paragraphs after review of City financials for a description of the incoming expenses. The rest of the meeting was taken up in discussion concerning the budget amendment ordinance. I know that many of you were there it would be a little repetitive to go through everything again however to briefly and we will be voting on this later maybe we can deal with questions then. The budget amended ordinance is twofold. 1. We shrunk the budget...by \$197,000.00 that was meant to reflect actually the decrease in revenue to be accurate and true. 2. We are asking to reallocate \$134,000.00 not adding or subtracting just changing the line items now we haven't done this before since I have been budget Chairman, we haven't amended the budget. Again, this is accurate in addressing a

need as to create a Human Resource Department and so reallocating money in the middle of January thru the end of April budget year fiscal 2018 requires a reallocation of a \$134,000.00 the details...the amending details are in the minutes that you have, we have the exact line item transferred in materials that were given out at the meeting if you have any questions. Finally, if I offended anybody by raising my voice earlier I apologize. Thank you.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS  
APPROVAL OF BILLS - \$252,833.99**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Chairman Baron. Moving on to the report of officers. May I have a motion to pay our bills?

**ALD FAFORD:** I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$252,833.99.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I didn't recognize your voice Alderman Faford. You have a cold. Motion made by Alderman Faford.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron (aye but I abstain from #72777 which is \$24.67,) Lewis, Tall (I abstain from bill # 72933 in the amount of \$2002.92, No on #72926 in the amount of \$900.00 for Link Point Media and No on #72775 for Hitchcock Design in the amount of \$6709.91 and Yes on all others), Faford, Swanson, Crawford (Yes on all bills except #72933 in the amount of \$2002.92), Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (aye although I will abstain from check #72777), Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**NEW BUSINESS  
FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS OF  
THE CITY OF KANKAKEE – KANKAKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT –  
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. There are items under unfinished business. Moving on to new business, we will start with the ordinance declaring certain property surplus of the City of Kankakee Police Department and authorize the sale thereof. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passage of the ordinance?

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Brown.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to put on final passage please?

**SECOND READING  
ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS OF  
THE CITY OF KANKAKEE – KANKAKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT –  
AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF**

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Brown.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-31  
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving On to the next item, Item B ordinance number 2017-31 adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018. There seems to be some confusion about this so I will just briefly speak to this matter and turn it over to Elizabeth who's our Comptroller. The City of Kankakee passed a balanced budget in June 2017. The budget that is presented here tonight is also a balanced budget. When I came into office we aggressively passed a budget and I think about 24 days is that correct Chairman Baron?

**ALD BARON:** That's about right.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** It was very aggressive. Following the week of that passage we get hit with news about IDOR and then we lost a grocery store. Some of the revenue that was generated in the budget was passed in June was not collected because the Council did not follow through on that ordinance so we sis not have that. Elizabeth and I had some discussion about that and we were running out of time because we had to collect that revenue source from the original budget in June and we wanted to go ahead and we felt like that was the proper thing to do. It's not unusual for Municipalities to amend their budgets. It's common practice in fact with some Municipalities...we are doing this because we want to be transparent we want people to know what our finances are, we want to be accountable and we want to give an accurate reflection of our City's finances. So, with that being said, we had a balanced budget in June we made some adjustments because of life circumstances that we didn't for see and we are tweaking it again. I will go ahead and turn it over to Elizabeth.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** Thank you Mayor. On this ordinance as many of you know on the budget committee we started speaking about possible amendment shortly after that week in June when I didn't want to answer the phone because every time I did it was significant bad news. So, we started doing that and we had to go a little through the year to see how things would play out with the IDOR situation. I believe July was the first time we spoke about a possible amendment...tonight we have the ordinance for the amendment...I tried my absolute best to detail it out so there will be absolutely no question as to what was happening. Certainly, as Alderman Baron said it shows how we are decreasing revenues by \$197,000.00 that we will not be collecting and thereby we

are also reducing our expenditures by \$197,000.00 so those will both be reduced. The third portion then is the reallocations basically it just means we are moving money from one part of the budget to another. We have all those outlined for you and the total I believe is \$134,000.00...I believe truly that this is the prudent thing to do at this point and time. As Mayor stated...I have spoken to several colleagues who actually do this every single year, it's an annual routine for them. I don't know if that will happen here or not but I believe it's the right thing to do based on circumstances that has happened to us this year.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules so that it won't interfere with the passage of this ordinance.

**ALD BARON:** I so move.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Baron.

**ALD BROWN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Seconded by Alderman Brown. Roll Call Please...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to put on final passage please?

**SECOND READING  
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-31  
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018**

**ALD BARON:** I will make that motion.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Baron.

**ALD BROWN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion? Okay, so again, we have a balanced budget. I don't want anybody to freak out. We are just doing this to be accountable and

transparent. The reallocation of funds means we are moving funds from one department to another department we are not adding anything. Is everybody good?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Mayor...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Alderman O'Brien

**ALD O'BRIEN:** The general fund is approximately 24 million dollars, we are talking about revenue short falls of approximately \$197,000.00 I think in light of the significant occurrences that has happened in the past eight months the first two thirds of our fiscal year is...pretty good...in the grand scheme of things. I think although not required but I think its best practices to engage in this amendment and I commend this Administration and Budget committee for recommending this.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** We hope not to do this every year because it is time consuming and I do want to take the time to thank Elizabeth and the Department Heads for working with us and the Budget Committee and those of you who all came out to the budget committee meeting who aren't assigned to the budget committee. Okay, where are we?

**CLERK DUMAS:** On the first and second roll call.

**MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG:** Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**APPOINTMENTS  
CITY INSPECTOR  
RONALD L. BARTLETT**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to appointments. So a As the Mayor I get to appoint...I have the responsibility of appointing various department heads and I have been cautious in doing that giving some of the things Elizabeth mentioned, our sales tax...the IDOR situation...I have been here for about 9 months and I have been working very closely to assess our needs to make sure we are efficiently

running the city and also the work load with the current employees we have. We have three appointments on the agenda tonight. Our City Inspector our start with that, I see Lieutenant Austin here tonight in case anyone has any question. This is with the City police department budget passed I think it was on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This position was in the budget at 20 hours a week max and \$30,000.00 a year maximum. We have reduced that after consulting with the police department both the Chief, Deputy Chief and Lieutenant Austin. Lieutenant Austin is in charge of our CALEA Accreditation policy and procedures that is his area of expertise and I was trying to get this under the HR person but after consulting with them they advised...if you could just come up...there is a bill of rights for police officers. We wanted to make sure we were respecting that so the police department felt comfortable.

**LIEUTENANT AUSTIN:**

Good Evening Mayor, Clerk and Alderpersons. As the Mayor said, I am Lieutenant Austin CALEA Accreditation Manager we are also a dually accredited department with CALEA and...assessment for next month. I brought it up to the Chief and mayor we had a meeting and we talked about the importance of the City Inspector position. Basically, inspects policeman conduct and things of that nature and the position is basically a position that reports directly to the Police Chief and the Mayor and I emphasize the importance of having a person that understands the police bill of rights, understands ...rights and the...rules. So that person ha to be well versed on public safety employee law and public-sector employee rights and conduct. I expressed to the Mayor how important that position is typically over the las twenty some odd years, it's been a retired police officer that has been appointed to that position. I believe Chief Bill...started that in 1996 to ensure that there was transparency in the process. So it's critical to our accreditation and it's critical to the way the police department runs. It ensures that it's efficient and the things are done properly. So, the Mayor took time to listen to my concerns. I talked to the Chief about to several ties but there has been a lot of things going on a lot of learning and things like that so, it hasn't been something at the forefront but like I said it is very critical assessment process.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Any questions for Lieutenant Austin? Okay, thank you Lieutenant Austin. At this time, may I have a

motion to approve the City Inspector, Ronald L. Bartlett and I did provide a resume in the packet for you. He is a retired Illinois State Policeman as well.

**ALD OSENGA:** So move Mayor.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Osenga.

**ALD KENNEDY:** Second

**MAYORS WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Ald Osenga

**ALD OSENGA:** Mayor, I did get a chance to speak a minute ago. Back in my olden days when I was working I as the opportunity to work with Mr. Bartlett quite a bit. We worked on a specialty unit known as the Violent Crimes Task Force and there is no better man than Ron Bartlett. He's a fantastic guy, fantastic work ethic very, very, phenomenal man we are fortunate to get him.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Alderman Curtis Did you have something you wanted to say.

**ALD CURTIS:** No I just...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Tell us how you really feel Alderman Curtis...

**ALD CURTIS:** I just wanted to speak out loud and say that this is in the budget and as you know...I am very conservative this was in the budget allocated and not only allocated but reduced. It was an area that we did reduce some cost so. I think that is positive.

**DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
CAROLYN CROSWELL**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Alderman Curtis. Moving on to our Director of Human Resources. As Alderman Curtis has mentioned, we

budgeted \$30,000.00 for the City Inspector. We reduced that to \$15,000.00 so that gave us \$15,000.00 to reallocate another department and part of that went to over to the Director of Human Resources. Elizabeth if you would like to speak further to that position.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:**

Yes mam thank you. Basically within that document that was passes not long ago with the budget amendment we moved the dollars around like Mayor said; \$15,000.00 that came from the Police Internal Affairs and \$15,000.00 that basically is coming from a little contractual department. At the time, if you remember back in June, there was a salary there from the former City Attorney that was left in that Section but moved from those Salaries because we have Pat Powers now as the City Attorney and put into Legal Contractual. Not knowing fully as a brand new Mayor what those needs would be if we would need more law support, human resources support or what those things would be. So that money was placed there for this purpose. So after that outline on page 3 of that document you can see for this department the salary, a slight amount for supplies. a slight amount for dues; a slight amount for conferences and training; and a little bit for travel and equipment that would be start up types of items totaling all together \$30,000.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I just want to say I know our City has seen tough times in the previous Administration cut our HR Department. I don't think we have had one for about four years. But as the Executive of this City I ... We have anywhere between 250-300 employees...Pat, who has been wonderful is not a Labor Employee Attorney. Elizabeth, who has been wonderful her expertise also is not HR. So we need to get everything under one department and have an expert their handling these issues. Previous Administration have had two to three Attorneys. Pat has been a work horse to say the least is our only attorney and some of the functions that the second attorney performed included personnel issues, union negotiations, discipline and those types of things. Carolyn who we are bringing and we are fortunate to get has that expertise. She has ten years negotiating contracts. Both Elizabeth and Pat can tell you that they are extremely timely...timely conversations that they have to take time from their day doing what they are experts in. We have legal issues and Pat needs to be the legal expert. We have financial issues and I need Elizabeth to be the financial

expert. So we recruited Carolyn, we are currently in two union contract negotiations right now with Police and we have moved up to four that are starting so we need help. We need an expert at the table. Especially as we consider the direction of the City making the City function more efficiently and looking at how we are governing and benefits and that sort of thing. May I have a motion to approve the appointment for Director of Human Resources Carolyn Crosswell?

**ALD TETTER:** So move Your Honor.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**I have a motion by Alderman Tetter.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion?  
Alderman Curtis?

**ALD CURTIS:** I completely understand. I am coming back to finances. I understand the need for the HR person. I understand the need...overworking everybody that has...I don't understand how we are going to fund these three. We are still...this fiscal year...I understand we are going to take some money out of Contractual Legal Services to pay for this fiscal year but going into 2019 fiscal year we will have to take \$50,000.00 out to help HR. my question is...is legal going to be able to go from \$115,000.00 to 65,000.00 in 2019 fiscal year with legal with IDOR and some things we are going to need....that's my biggest concern, I am not opposed to this position, I am just trying to figure out not only this position but we have another on coming up. Communications is in the budget but I am also thinking how do we balance all this? I am not opposing I am thinking four months ahead how do we do this and not raise our expenses in the City of Kankakee? I just wanted to throw that out there. I'm worried about the legal art...IDOR and everything else.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Alderman Curtis. Your concerns are dutifully noted. That's one of the things I appreciate about you having these conversations. As Elizabeth has stated, the money for all three of these positions...the money is in the budget.

**ALD CURTIS:** For this year...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** For this year...we have not gotten into 2019 yet. No Mayor has the budget for 2019 in January...no Mayor. So, I don't have the exact answers for you but given we have a couple legal department #1 that we use for legal fees. This position alone and the one coming up we will split between ESU so they will help cover the salary because we are providing Human Resources for the entire City those employees as well but it's our job to work together.

**ALD CURTIS:** So the additional 50 that we will need for 2019 fiscal year we can expect to split with ESU?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Part of it...

**ALD CURTIS:** So 25 will come from the General Fund and 25 from ESU?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Part of it... yes. Elizabeth?

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** I did the percentages today. We prorate it base of the ESU employees and the City employees it would be in the ball park of \$20-\$25,000.00 that will come from ESU that is not I violation of any bonds or any bond covenants or anything else because of the direct support for these employees.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I am already working on solutions.

**ALD CURTIS:** So we will need to come up somewhere with that \$25,000.00 out of our budget?

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** Yes, I believe it is between 25-30...when we did the numbers earlier.

**ALD CURTIS:** Okay...I'm sorry...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** You don't have to apologize. So we are on discussion. Any other discussion? Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Carolyn can you stand up? Welcome...our new Director of Human Resources we are so happy to have you and I will see you tomorrow morning.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
ELISABETH DUNBAR**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** The last appointment is the Director of Communications & Community Relations Elisabeth Dunbar. This is under the community relations segment of the budget. Originally this position was tweaked from the Director of Media formally held by Michael Constanza. So again, this is another position that is split between ESU. This position entails partnering in the community with stake holders for events we have come to love in Kankakee, like Merchant Street Music Fest and some of the events that our K... and Library put on but also the technical side of maintaining the website, keeping that information updated. I am doing some work with press so we will be getting the good news of Kankakee out in the community and again, this is also a split position between ESU and we are able to do that because they handle the IT side of the City. So at this time, I would like a motion to approve the appointment of Elisabeth Dunbar for Director of Communications & Community Relations.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** So move.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I have a motion by Alderman O'Brien.

**ALD GALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. Discussion?

**ALD TALL:** Your Honor, how much are we paying for this position?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** \$55,000.00...Alderman Tall are you good? Roll Call Please.

**CLERK DUMAS:**

**AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy

**ABSTAIN:** Baron (the appointee is a client of mine therefore I will have to abstain)

**NAYS:** Crawford, Osenga,

(11) Ayes (1) Abstentions (2) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Elisabeth are you here in the back?  
Welcome. She will be starting in February so we will have even more cushion in the budget. She's not starting right away, she starts February 1<sup>st</sup>. Welcome to the team Elisabeth. Thank you.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KANKAKEE PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to motions and resolutions we have a resolution authorizing the City of Kankakee participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Chief can you briefly speak to that?

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** Yes, the fire department is already in a couple of federal access military type programs. Can you hear me now? The fire department is already in a couple of programs where we are able to get the military surplus equipment. This is similar yet different. The one we were able to get into just required the Mayor's and my signature, read the rules and things like that. You get the equipment for free. I have already received used fire helmets for example for the Explorer Program it don't cost us just the shipping....a couple people needed computer monitors, got a large screen TV for only shipping as well. The difference in this program as I understand it is well the one we are in now is just for fire departments we can only get and the rest of the City departments can't get. This is different in the fact that other City departments can... for example if we can give access to Public Works maybe they can find a dump truck or back hoe or something they might be able to get as surplus equipment. Also, the difference is or the program we are on is free but there is a cost involved with this it's actually 5 percent of the value. So if they value a backhoe at \$50,000.00 they are going to charge you \$2500.00 that is still quite a profit. Okay, they also ask for a government of resolution to get in the program as well that is what we are asking of you tonight.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Chief. May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**I have a motion by Alderman Brown.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Discussion?  
Roll Call Please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis,  
Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,  
Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL  
RAILROAD COMPANY PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT OF THE DEPOT  
PARKING LOTS**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Chief, I want to thank you for working on this. We are looking for every opportunity we can to save money secure equipment and that sort of thing. Next on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the execution of the Illinois Central Railroad Company property lease agreement of the Depot parking lots and I will turn that over to Pat.

**PAT POWER:** Yes, this is a renewal of a lease. We have had an existing lease with the National Railroad in relation to parcels that are on either side of the Depot. The Depot we purchased some time ago. Like I said this is a renewal of a lease there is a slight increase maybe a \$300-\$400 increase per year and...not much choice in the matter, any way that's what it is.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Pat. May I have a motion for the resolution?

**ALD GALL:** So move.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**I have a motion by Alderwoman Gall.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:**Seconded by Alderman O'Brien... Any discussion?  
Alderman Faf...sorry Alderman Crawford.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Is the land that you are talking about where we put the new Bandshell?

**PAT POWER:** That's part of it...that's part of it and it's the parking lot on the other side.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other questions?

**ALD KENNEDY:** Is this the...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Alderwoman Kennedy?

**ALD KENNEDY:** I'm sorry yes...Is one of those parcels the site we were looking at for the new housing?

**PAT POWER:** No. The site for the new housing is to...it would be to the East of the parcel you're talking about. It's presently a parking lot. I don't know what to say, there is...I'm sorry, East Avenue runs through there, the parcel you are talking about for development is to the East of the road way. The parcel we are talking about is to the West of the roadway and the railroad right of way.

**ALD KENNEDY:** Okay, I thought it was the parking lot right behind the NAPA. So I have the wrong spot?

**PAT POWER:** Yes.

**ALD KENNEDY:** Okay, alright.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** You okay?

**ALD KENNEDY:** Ummm hmmm.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Alderman Crawford?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** How many years is the lease for Pat?

**PAT POWER:** I knew you'd ask. I don't know I think its 5 years. Kris do you know?

**KRIS SCHMITZ:** 5 years.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Okay...Roll Call

**ALD CURTIS:** One more questions.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Oh I'm sorry...

**ALD CURTIS:** Do we have options beyond that?

**PAT POWER:** There is no options written into it but this thing has been renewed a long period of time before you and I were around.

**INAUDIBLE:** We don't expect them to ever come back...

**PAT POWER:** I hear ya...

**INAUDIBLE:** They could I understand...

**PAT POWER:** They could... a right of renewal has never been written into it.

**INAUDIBLE:** Okay.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other discussion? Roll Call Please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KANKAKEE COUNTY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF KANKAKEE FOR THE PROVISION OF  
SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE SERVICES**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Next on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the execution of intergovernmental agreement between the Kankakee County Housing Authority and the City of Kankakee for the provision of supplemental police Services. Chief, Deputy Chief, States Attorney, and myself met with the Housing Authority I think last week. We were discussing ways for us to partner and leverage what resources we have to address crime in public housing. During that conversation the Executive Director brought to our attention that we needed to renew a resolution and that's what was provided tonight. Alderman Brown asked that I refer to the Public Safety Committee. Do you want o speak to that?

**ALD BROWN:** The reason...oh sorry. The reason I referred it to Public

Safety is because we had this agreement a long time ago that if something happened. I haven't had a chance to talk to Chief Kinkade or Chief Regnier. I would like to hear what they would have to say about that before we move forward...Okay then I think we should...that will give me time to call them and discuss what happened.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I will go ahead and refer this to the Public Safety Committee.

**ALD BROWN:** It will be on February's agenda.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Alright, we do not have a need for an Executive Session. It's been a long night. I appreciate your patience. No Executive Session. Alderman Comments? Alderwoman Swanson?

**ALD SWANSON:** I'm sorry. I'm taking a few minutes here. There was a thing on Facebook...I am not on Facebook. There were several people who were more than happy to share with me the fact that I was called a racist by a fellow Alderman and if anybody knows me personally, knows my family, knows my friends, knows what I do for a living which have been working at the credit union for 32 years helping people out. That's why I do this...that's why I work at the credit union. I am the least racist person you will ever know. So if you might get to know me here I am. Also, with the appointment of Chief Dumas, I talked to the Mayor, I expressed my opinions on why I did not agree with her appointment for the get go. I have been an Alderwoman for 13 years, things didn't really go that well when Mr. Dumas was working with the Police Department when he left and I expressed my opinions to the Mayor when she appointed him and I just disagreed with her. I think everybody should have an opinion. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other comments? Alderwoman Kennedy?

**ALD KENNEDY:** I have a quick question. We have a...Can you hear me? We have a building in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and residents are asking about this building being knocked down...the old building on North Schuyler that used to be a Daycare Center...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Contact me with the details on that...

This is what Democracy looks like. This has been a long night. I Thank you for your patience...very long night...May I have a motion to adjourn.

**ALD SWANSON:** So Move.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson. Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. All those in favor?

**COMMITTEE:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.