

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16th, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with prayer and it will be offered by Pastor Randy Caswell From First Assembly of God Church.

PASTOR CASWELL: Heavenly Father, we just thank you for this night that we can come here. Lord I thank you for the elected leaders of our community, the people that have authority over us. They have called out to you tonight for Your very wisdom and for Your knowledge in leading this community. They pray for Your blessings and they pray for Your favor and Lord, they pray for Your insight on how to do things and how to be a blessing to the people. Lord, I also want to pray for our community. The men and women that protect us. They keep us healthy and provide for us in every which way. Lord we just pray Your blessing upon them. Father I pray tonight that also in this community, we pray for peace, we pray for prosperity and we pray that this community will be stepping forward in prosperity in character and in unity with one another. For all Your glory and all Your praise. In Jesus Christ Name. Amen.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. We have a change of plans with the Pledge of Allegiance. Will ask King, Javeon, and Cameron Erving to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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”.

MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG: Thank you to the Ervin children and to Ms. Addie fir accompanying them. At this time we have no Public Comments. Roll Call, Aldermen.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O’Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy. **ABSENT:** Osenga
(13) Present (1) Absent.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Department Heads.

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

MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG: Moving on to minutes. No minutes have been submitted for approval. We will consider them once they have been submitted. We have no petitions at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE REQUESTING STREET CLOSURE OF THE 300 BLOCK OF EAST OAK STREET FROM THE ALLEY TO INDIANA AVENUE TO HOST THEIR “TRUNK OR TREAT” ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017, FROM 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG: For communications the Police and Fire departments have requested street closure of the 300 block of East Oak Street from the Alley to Indiana Ave to host their trunk or treat on Monday, October 30, 2017 from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD KENNEDY: So move Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Kennedy.

ALD BROWN: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion? All in favor aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to standing Committee Reports. We have Special Economic Development by Alderman Tetter.

STANDING COMMITTEES

**SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

ALD TETTER: *(microphone not on at beginning of report*
...project after a spirited debate and discussions that was voted by the committee before and sent to full Council and we voted on it that evening as well. Also, Mayor, there was an Economic Development Meeting we had on the 28th. There were continue discussions and concerns about

written policies for renting out the Depot and the committee has agreed with the request of Alderman Crawford to finalize that and I just want everyone to know that we are working on that we are actually putting together a written policy. It is not subjective it is objective. It will be written where people will be asked...throughout. With that being said; that meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M. Thank you, Your Honor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Tetter. Moving on to the Budget Committee Report. Alderman Baron.

ALD BARON:

On October the 10th we had our regular scheduled meeting. We had discussion concerning several items that we are not asking for resolution of tonight. I will briefly review the spirited conversation that we had. This first had to do with CCVB the Kankakee County Conventions Visitors Bureau. You all know there is a pending request from CCVB and the municipalities are parties to the base of the agreement to in some manor ...IMRF... That hasn't gone through several stages. That has gone through several drafts. The most recent draft presented by Joe Cankar, the Attorney and Stacey Wilken. The ability of the City of Kankakee to get out to get out of the agreement if it looks like it is going South. If, it looks like it is going, there is a possibility of having a IMRF liability. But the way it was written it looked like we could do that after ten years. A brief discussion before the meeting. Cankar decided to change all that and now it can happen at any time if we are willing to get out of the agreement if, it looks like Liability down the road for us. We approved it but they asked if we can hold off for Council until Stacy Wilken can be here and we said okay. Secondly, in terms of the City's financial situation. In terms of revenue. There is good news and bad news. The good news and this is really good news. It's the first time since I can remember in terms of state income tax the state of Illinois is on time. They have been behind one month, two months, three months but they are on time. We received our September payment in September. So, that's good news. The bad news is and this isn't terrible news. The other state revenue sources almost across the board are trending downward. There is nothing alarming going on there but when you put all that together it is a fact. It is something to consider. And when we are putting together our next budget it is something we are going to have to take a look at. The state budget...there are reasons I am sure

there are lots of good reasons. Finally, in terms of the question of transcription for our meetings here. Right now, we don't have anybody to do transcription but there is one pending. Clara Hall an employee of ESU has submitted a bid to do transcription at \$250.00 per meeting which is pretty good, I think that is a fair price. Mayor at the last meeting referred it to Budget and then to Economic Development. We had a discussion, a rather lengthy discussion and essentially agreed to transfer the sum of \$3,500.00 which is enough to take care of the meetings through the end of the year and to take it from line item 71 which is community relations 401 salaries. Which is the position Michael Constanza previously had so for a couple months there will be free funds. That was the suggestion and that was the positive vote and it now goes to Economic Development and hopefully by the next meeting we will be able to vote on that. But as far as actual transcription of minutes goes there is an audio being taken of our meeting tonight. An audio version of what we are doing here, and I believe that was the case the last meeting too. So, when we have an agreement we can have them transcribed and, but I am not asking for any action on that tonight. Oh, and finally, October 23rd, Patrick Donnelly will present as a special meeting here the City Council Chambers at 5:30 P.M. we will cover the essentials of the budget or pension situation. He's done this before and I think it is something we should all be present at. I am not going to be in town, so I am not going to be present. But will I talk to people that attend. So that's that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Baron. Moving on to our bills. May I have a mention to approve the bills in the amount of \$174,798.63.

ALD FAFORD: I will move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$174,798.63.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford

ALD TALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy.
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

**RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,465.94 TO OAKWOOD ENTERPRISES, INC.
FOR THE PINE STREET AND PIERSON PARKWAY
SECTION 17-00279-00-DR PEI JOB NO. 17094.0301**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Thank you. We have no Unfinished Business. Moving on to New Business. I am going to come back to item A which our Attorney here from Chicago and go on to B the recommendation to award the contract in the amount of \$40,465,94 to Oakwood Enterprises for the Pine Street and Pierson Parkway and I will turn it over to our City Engineer, Neil do you have any comments on that?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Thank you Mayor. We did a bid opening at 2:00 P.M. at the City Administration Building Tuesday, October 10th. This is for the two small drainage projects that the 7th and 6th Wards elected to spend their MFT funds on. So, we are recommending an award to Oakwood Enterprises in the amount of \$40,465.94.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve?

ALD BARON:

So move

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Baron.

ALD CURTIS:

Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Seconded by Alderwoman Curtis. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy (13) Ayes (0) Nays

**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231
ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE
CITY OF KANKAKEE HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN(S) ESTABLISHED
AT 352 SOUTH LONGWOOD DRIVE**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. The next item pertains to Ordinance entitled handicapped parking to establish one at 352 South Longwood Drive. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with passing the motion.

ALD BROWN: So move.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Brown.

ALD TETTER: Second

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O' Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy (13) Ayes (0) Nays

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MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to put this on final passage?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Brown. Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O' Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy (13) Ayes (0) Nays

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE SIXTY SIXTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF
MR. GEORGE AND MARGARET ERVIN

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We have no appointments tonight. Next, I will call the Ervin Family. We have a Resolution to celebrate the 66th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. George and Margaret Ervin and I will ask the 1st Ward Alderwomen to

come down with me. Okay, we have RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 23 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE SIXTY-SIXTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. GEORGE AND MARGARET ERVIN WHEREAS, as family and friends gather together, we come to celebrate and commemorate the Sixty-Sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. George and Margaret Ervin; and WHEREAS, on October 27, 1951, in Brooksville, Mississippi, George Ervin and Margaret Joiner looked into each other eyes and recited their vows, with a promise to enter into holy matrimony, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God’s holy ordinance; and thereto I pledge thee my faith and my love for you”; and WHEREAS, through this union they were blessed with eight children Gloria McGill, of Kankakee, IL; Martha Ervin, of Columbus, Ohio; Thomas Ervin, of Kankakee, IL; Betty Holmes, of Bourbonnais, IL; George (Annette) Ervin, of Kansas City, Mo.; Addie Wallace, of Kankakee, IL; Annette Flournoy, of Manteno, IL; and Angelo (Brenda) Ervin, of Bourbonnais, IL, and through those eight children they became proud grandparents to twenty-three grandchildren and thirty-six great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and WHEREAS, George and Margaret Ervin have resided at 607 North Harrison Avenue in Kankakee, Illinois for over sixty years, and they are devoted members of Morning Star Baptist Church in Kankakee, Illinois, and have sung in the adult choir for more than fifty years; and WHEREAS, Mr. Ervin raised his children and took care of his family from the sweat of his brow until he retired from Domestic Linen and Garment Services Inc., and Mrs. Ervin nurtured her children, while she maintained her employment until her retirement from Tinley Park Mental Health; and WHEREAS, through the many selfless sacrifices made by Mr. and Mrs. Ervin, they are now rewarded with the pleasure of enjoying life’s most precious moments by attending family gatherings, watching their grandchildren grow up, and spending time with their church family, traveling, and singing; and WHEREAS, over the course of those years, George and Margaret held true to their faith in God and the vows they recited to one another. On Friday, October 27, 2017, commemorates sixty-six years of unconditional love and commitment. People spend a lifetime searching for their soulmate and Mr. and Mrs. George Ervin have been blessed to find each other.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong and the City Council of the City of Kankakee, Illinois, do congratulate Mr. and Mrs. George and Margaret Ervin as they celebrate their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary, and wish them many more years of love, health and happiness. Adopted this 16th day of October, 2017. May I have a motion to approve.

ALD KENNEDY: Motion to approve.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Kennedy seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. All in favor.

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion approved. Congratulations!

ADDIE ERVIN: On behalf of my father and my mom, my mom is under the weather and my father would not leave her. So, you can see why they have been married 66 years. On behalf of my family we would like to thank you all so much. Oh, and these are their great grandchildren.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, I need a motion to go into Executive Session and we will be discussing pending litigation with our Attorney Scott Solberg.

ALD BROWN: I make a motion to go into Executive Session

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Brown Seconded by Alderman Tetter. All in favor, Aye...

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Oppose same sign, we are in Executive Session.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to return to regular Council.

ALD BROWN: I make a motion to return to Council

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a motion on the floor by Alderman Brown. Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any other discussions? All in favor, aye.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Okay we are back in Open Session. There is no action resulting from the Executive Session. Next on the agenda is Alderman Comments?

ALD TETTER: Your Honor

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: Your Honor, I would just like to inform that there will not be an Economic Development meeting on the 26th of October. There will not be.

INAUDIBLE: I received last night a petition from the residents in the 800 block of Cobb Blvd requesting closure on that block for Halloween. We have done that the last few years. Unfortunately, of course it was too late to get on the agenda and act. I am wondering if we can have a very short meeting the night of the special budget meeting we will probably have a quorum that night and in that short amount of time take action on that request.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, you want to have a meeting for one item? You will have to get the notice out.

INAUDIBLE: You want me to get it the notice out? Okay, and I will give you the petition after this meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, the budget meeting that Alderman Baron will not be attending is set for 5:30 P.M.

INAUDIBLE: Yes, and this can take place at 5:25 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Alderwoman Kennedy?

ALD KENNEDY:

I have just a comment, Dr. Patricia Polk wanted me to thank everyone that participated in helping build her ramp. It means a lot to her, so she wanted me to make sure I thank everyone for their hard work and participation. Another point she wants to make is DPW did a wonderful job cleaning up the alley. It appears that someone is dumping in the 300 block of North Chicago and they came out and cleaned that alley for her. She wanted me to make sure I mention that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderwoman Kennedy. May I have a motion to adjourn.

ALD SWANSON: So move.

ALD KENNEDY: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and seconded by Alderwoman Kennedy. All in favor, aye.

CITY COUNCIL: Aye.

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