

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Good evening. I'd like to welcome you to the Council Meeting this evening and ask Pastor Scott Graham from the Real Life Church to come forward and lead us in prayer.

PASTOR SCOTT GRAHAM: Let's pray. Dear heavenly Father, I thank You for each and every person, ah, in this place whether elected or not, God, that .....and I just pray peace and protection and, ah, wisdom and knowledge over every single person in a position of influence in making decisions for this City, Father. Ah, I'm here by choice. I serve this City in my.....through my church by choice. I could be elsewhere, but I choose to be in the City of Kankakee. I love the City that I'm called to serve and I just ask that you would just continue to lead us, ah, in the future with focus and determination and that every single person in any position of authority and decision making would....would do so with diligence and focus and that collectively we would not allow the negativity or the sense of hopelessness to infiltrate our hearts, but that we would bring hope and focus and determination with answers and solutions for a better City and ultimately for a better place altogether for Your glory and, ah, regardless of who we call God, regardless of what church we're a part of, we're all a part of this City and I ask that Your love would resonate in the decision making and in the hearts of every single person in this place. It will ultimately just be a better place to work, live, eat and fellowship. And, we ask all of this in Your name. Amen.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you, pastor. At this time, Council will lead the Pledge.

CITY COUNCIL AND ALL: Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you. Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (14)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Regnier; Perkins; Kubal; Bohlen; Power; Dear; Tyson; Cross; Bertrand; Yohnka (10)

ABSENT: Schmitz (1)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: At this time, I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017, meeting.

ALDERMAN OSENGA: So moved Mayor.

ALDERMAN CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Osenga, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, all those in favor, aye. Opposed, same sign.

#### MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017

MAYOR EPSTEIN: The minutes are approved. There are no Petitions. Moving onto Communications, the first item is Youth for Christ City Life Center is requesting permission to host a tag day on Saturday, June 3, (2017). Do I have a motion to approve the request?

ALDERMAN TETTER: So moved.

ALDERMAN BROWN: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Tetter, seconded by Alderman Brown. Are there any questions? All those in favor, aye. Opposed.

#### YOUTH FOR CHRIST CITY LIFE CENTER IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOST A TAG DAY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017

MAYOR EPSTEIN: The request is approved. The next item is a request from the South Chicago Wheelmen who are requesting permission to block off certain intersections for, ah, this is their bike race that they do every year. Or, have done it for quite a few years in the City of Kankakee. Do I have a motion to approve?

ALDERWOMAN GALL: So moved.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Gall.

ALDERMAN O'BRIEN: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Are there any questions? All those in favor, aye. Opposed, same sign.

#### SOUTH CHICAGO WHEELMEN ARE REQUESTING PERMISSION TO BLOCK OFF THE FOLLOWING INTERSECTIONS FOR THEIR COBB PARK CRITERIUM BICYCLE RACE ON

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017, FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.: COBB BOULEVARD AND SOUTH WILDWOOD AVENUE; SOUTH WILDWOOD AVENUE AND EAST EMORY STREET; SOUTH WILDWOOD AVENUE AND EAST DUANE BOULEVARD; COBB BOULEVARD AND PARK PLACE; SOUTH GREENWOOD AVENUE AND PARK PLACE; EAST EMORY STREET AND COBB BOULEVARD; AND PARK PLACE AND SOUTH CHICAGO AVENUE

MAYOR EPSTEIN: The motion carries. Ah, Standing Committees. Economic Development. Alderman Curtis.

ALDERMAN CURTIS: Ah, thank you, Mayor. You have the minutes in your packet. Just real quick, we're continuing to update the web site each month. Ah, we added a special mapping section this month with Enterprise Zone, TIF, Zoning, those type of things that help people looking for sites in Kankakee, Illinois, easier. And, also, we did do some talking about, ah, we had the booth that we set up several years ago, making sure that that gets out to more events than just the retail in the fall. So, we've been talking about that and we'll identify some more at the next meeting.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Okay. Thank you. Ah, approval of bills. Report of Officers. Do I have a motion to pay the bills?

ALDERMAN FAFORD: Your honor, I move we approve the Report of Officers, place the money in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$270,983.15.

ALDERMAN TALL: Second the motion.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Faford, seconded by Alderman Tall. Are there any questions on any of the checks? Okay. Hearing none, roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien (*Although I abstain on check #71578.*); Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (14)

REPORT OF OFFICERS, APPROVAL OF BILLS - \$270,983.15

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. Moving onto New Business. The first item is the Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking at 390 W. Walnut. Do I have a motion to Suspend the Rules that would interfere with the passage of the Ordinance?

ALDERWOMAN SWANSON: I so move.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Swanson.

ALDERMAN FAFORD: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Faford. Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (14)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. Motion to place the Ordinance on Final Passage.

ALDERWOMAN SWANSON: I so move.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Swanson.

ALDERMAN FAFORD: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Faford. Are there any questions about this? Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (14)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 ESTABLISHING  
HANDICAPPED PARKING AT 390 WEST WALNUT STREET

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. The next.....oops. The next two items on the agenda are really in tandem. They are.....they have to do with the right-of-way that we needed to grant for the CSL sewer line that went through at that location. I'm going to have Mr. Power explain both Ordinances and then we will ask for you to combine them and to Suspend the Rules. Pat.

ATTORNEY POWER: Thank you, your honor. Ah, item 11B is Ordinance 17-09. And, what it does is vacate a certain dedicated alleyway that happens to lie in the middle of the.....I think it's R & W it it?

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: L & G.

ATTORNEY POWER: L & G, okay, has never been dedicated—or improved let me say, not dedicated—but never improved as an alleyway and actually it's.....it's been used as part of the business because it hasn't been used as any right-of-way. So, this Ordinance 09 would vacate that alleyway and it would then go half to an either-the lot on either side which are owned by this business. And, in exchange for that, Ordinance 17-10 then would accept the dedication of a parcel further down the way where

we have our sewer easement. We actually have the sewer easement for the, the new, ah, sewer project for the expansion in Bradley there and, ah, this will clear the title for that and take care of that. But, this will be given to us by way of quit claim deed which is attached to the Ordinance and the transfer will come from Lawrence Guimond and Lori Guimond, the owners, to the City and we will receive title to it and as part of this Ordinance, we are also dedicating it as a public right-of-way for easement purposes. Ah, both of these actions are conditioned upon the receipt of the executed Quit Claim Deed attached. So, that's.....we want to be sure we get that before any of this is effective.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Are there any questions for Mr. Power? Basically, it's a land swap, one piece of land for another so we have the proper, ah, right-of-way for the sewer that goes in there. Are there any questions? Okay. I'm going to ask for a motion to Suspend the Rules on items 11B and 11C 'cause we'll do them together. Do I have a motion?

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: I so move.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderwoman Kennedy.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Davidson. Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (14)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. Motion to place the Ordinances on Final Passage.

ALDERWOMAN KENNEDY: So moved.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderwoman Kennedy.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Davidson. Any questions? Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Swanson; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (14)

ORDINANCE FOR THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED WITHIN  
THE CITY OF KANKAKEE

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KANKAKEE ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER AND  
AUTHORIZING THE DEDICATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE  
LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF KANKAKEE AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. There is no.....we have Public Comments and we do have one person who has signed up. Samantha—and I don't want to mispronounce your name.

SAMANTHA ROCKNOWSKI: It's Rocknowski.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Would you like to come forward?

SAMANTHA ROCKNOWSKI: Hello, ah I teach at Kankakee High School. I'm the American Government teacher. I just wanted to take the opportunity, ah, to make sure that you, Mayor, as well as your Council knew that next Wednesday, March 15, at 1:00 P.M. the Kankakee High School is hosting a candidate forum. My Senior class students did invite everyone that is running for office for Mayor, City Clerk, Aldermen, School Board and then we also actually invited the Aldermen that are sitting that are not running for reelection. The idea is that we wanted to give our students the opportunity to meet their City government representatives. So, I just wanted to extend the invitation, make sure that everyone received it and encourage all of you to please come. It's at 1:00 P.M. on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I know it's in the middle of the work day, ah, but it's a school day for us, so, ah, if you're able. If you didn't get the invitation, I'll stick around after the meeting if you want my contact information. My name's really long so I don't want to spell it for you right now. Ah, if you can or cannot come, an RSVP would be much appreciated so my students know who to expect and if you have any questions, you can ask me later.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you very much.

SAMANTHA ROCKNOWSKI: Thank you.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: At this time, there are no other items on the agenda. It is time for any Aldermen comments. Alderman Davidson.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: I don't really have a comment necessarily, but I wanted to extend an invitation to everyone. This Thursday, at the Kankakee High School, I will be being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. So, anyone that wants to come out and support, please do.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Okay. Congratulations.

NANCY SMITHBERG: What time?

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: And, I believe you have to get the tickets ahead of time.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: You have to get tickets for the dinner.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Right.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: But, for the actual.....

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Oh, induction.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: .....induction there's no cost associated.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you, Alderman. Any other comments?

ALDERMAN BROWN: License and Franchise up Thursday at 5:15 P.M. We'll make sure we get out in time to go to Alderman Davidson's presentation.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: Thank you.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Okay. Motion to adjourn.

ALDERWOMAN SWANSON: So moved.

ALDERWOMAN WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Swanson, seconded by Alderwoman Wells-Armstrong. All those in favor, aye. Opposed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAYOR EPSTEIN: We are adjourned.

*7:11 P.M.*