

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6TH, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Scott Paisley from Calvary Baptist Church and go on to the pledge of allegiance by the Family Members of Elected Officials.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STEVEN J. HUNTER:

Thank you and Good Evening...I have brief comments near and dear to me. Congrats to Alderman elected April 2nd, 2019, Michael Prude and Michael Cobbs. The program on April 25th, discussing the State of the City along with a reception for Mayor Pro Tempore Dennis Baron. I remember six years ago after 40 years, I left city service. People bid me farewell and I am going to do the same. Alderman Baron indicated that tonight is for the new Alderman and I understand that. When you think in terms of Alderman Baron we would like to thank his family. Working and toiling for 32 years is a long time. I was here 40 years and 26 of which I worked with Alderman Baron. We worked some mornings with Mayor Green...while working things out he never spoke a harsh word, always quite the professional. Alderman Brown will be taking over as mayor Pro Tempore and we look forward to you doing positive things as well. I would like to share a few things with you that Dennis has been able to do as Alderman: steward of a 26 million-dollar budget, supported applications for Lead Abatement, sewer line extension to Diversitech-Manteno Mental Hospital Grounds where thousands of jobs were created, wastewater expansion which made it possible for CSL Behring to expand, creation of the Riverview HD District

SANDRA KNIGHT:

Thank you. I wish to invite all of you to join us May 23rd, Library at noon. Lunch is free. We will be viewing a video of the 1963 Letter by Martin Luther King from the Birmingham jail. I will leave flyers for you as well.

JASON RIVERA:

I live at 219 East 2740 Road. A few of our neighbors are

here to address the with standing water that has gotten worse since the Hilton was established. My neighbors have pictures. We need to know what's going to be done about it?

TIMOTHY NEILS:

I have several people here with me. We want to address water retention and drainage issues. I have several pictures back from 2017 to present. Believe it or not, my neighbors actually caught fish in my backyard.

TOMMY ALBERTS:

I have been living there since 1979 in March. I have never had water in my backyard until they built Walmart and the Hilton. They built that up but not us and all the water just sits there. I have even had it past my fence in the backyard.

KEN MOSIER:

I back them on what they are saying. There is a lot of standing water. We get a lot of mosquitos when it gets warm out. It's horrible.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Neil, is this the subdivision that is not in the City limits, is that correct?

NIEL PIGGUSH:

The subdivision is Kankakee Township it is not annexed within the City. This is a tile that DPW went out and cleaned out to drain that area. When Walmart was designed there was a tile designed to catch the water coming off the ditch. That is in the City limits but the homes themselves are not.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Didn't go out last year Pete?

PETE SCHIEL:

We cleaned the areas within the City property but we don't have jurisdiction within that neighborhood. We did everything we could on the City's portion of infrastructure.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Can you all take a look again? Thank you.

CHERYL JONES:

Good evening Mayor and City Council. Alderman Baron, I bid you farewell and the best on your retirement. I am here tonight because 2 ½ weeks ago we lost a gym teacher Mr. Blake who taught over 30 years at Steuban School. I would like to make the 500 block of South Wildwood in his honor. I reached out to Alderman O'Brien and he told me to get signatures. I bring to you tonight 377 signatures

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you.

VERNICE MALONEY:

I just wanted to come and give an updated report on the Garden of Prayer Youth Center located in Kankakee. We have 18 homeless males, 2 in college, 2 in Momence High School, 2 accepted in Job Corp and one young man able to return to his family after 16 years. We have had our foster care program for 2 years and we have 9 foster care homes. We have 25 students in our before and after school programs, 89 children enrolled in our early education program with 2 sites. We will have another year of summer camp. We are expecting a large number to enroll. June 8th we will have a free open event for the summer help kick off. We have 17 enrolled and receiving mental health services.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

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: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Hunt, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson, Koehler, Brewer-Watson. Thank you.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to the minutes for Monday, April 15th, 2019.
Motion to approve.

ALD OSENGA:

So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL:

Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion...edits?
Hearing none...all in favor?

COUNCIL:

Aye.

PETITIONS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed? Minutes are approved. A petition was submitted to Alderman O'Brien by Cheryl Jones regarding Mr. Blake Ave and will get the Petition to the City Clerk. Moving on to Item 8A Communications we have a Presentation. If there are no objections, I would like to combine Items 8A, 8B and 8C.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A, B and C:

(A). Head Up Here Pub requesting street closure of West Hawkins Street from South Schuyler Avenue to South East Avenue to host "Ride 4 Life" on Saturday, June 1st from 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

(B). Kankakee County Community Arts Council requesting street closure of South Eighth Avenue from West Charles Street to West Calista Street to host the "Strawberry Jazz Festival" on Sunday, June 2nd from 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

(C). Kankakee School District #111 Proegler School is requesting street closure of mulberry street between Chicago Avenue and Greenwood (one Block) and also the alley entrances on Willow behind Proegler School and on the South Side of Mulberry to host the "Preschool Carnival" on Friday, May 31st from 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Hearing no objections...May I have a motion to approve?

ALD SWANSON: So move.

ALD GALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. Any discussion? All in favor

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? Items 8A, 8B and 8C are approved. Moving on to Item 8D.

ITEM 8D: Common Wealth Edison Annual Update (Information Only) enclosed in the packet.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A: Community Development-Alderman O'Brien. The meeting was held on Monday, April 1st, 2019...highlights include: Barbi laid out her vision for the department and the funding sources. We met again tonight, in my opinion, she has had a successful first month. Lots of good things ahead.

ITEM 9B: Building & Code-Alderman Crawford. The meeting was held on Thursday, April 18th, 2019...highlights include: discussed the different Wards and issues we are having with cats, dogs and different animals. We have a change of Code Officers in different Wards and exchanged contacts/phone numbers. We had quite a discussion regarding Code Certification and Code Officers.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 10 Report of Officers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

ALD FAFORD: I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the correct amount of \$789,575.05.

ALD TALL: Second the motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion?

ALD TETTER: What is check #74833?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: A variety of charges for Police and Fire for a variety of...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other questions? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron (abstain from check #'s 1123, 723, and 1120), Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien (abstain from check#74826), Gall (abstain from check #'s 1120, 1123, and 723), Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries. May I have a motion to approve the bills

for the Community Development Agency?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD O'BRIEN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Any discussion? Hearing non... 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: Motion Carries. Unfinished Business we have none. Before we welcome the New Alderman, I want to open the floor for comments or remarks...

ALD CRAWFORD: I would like to thank Dennis Baron for your service and Gloria Kennedy, you have been a true professional. I have enjoyed working with you.

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you and best wishes to Dennis Baron and Gloria Kennedy for your service.

ALD BROWN: I wish Dennis Baron the very best...we will go to lunch. Gloria Kennedy, thank you have been fun and it's been a pleasure working with; you have been a true professional. Thank you

ALD CURTIS: I think I have said enough about my seatmate... Alderman Kennedy I had never met you before becoming Alderwomen and it has truly been an honor. I hope to deal with you in the future not only on community things but as a friend. You have been nothing but professional and outstanding for the City of Kankakee. Thank you for your service.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Baron for 32 years...it's not easy to serve...I look forward to consulting with you on a couple of things. Alderwoman Kennedy, I would like to thank you for your service. We came on Council together, I have watched you grow and I wish you the best of luck with other things. I know you are doing things with the

Chamber and I trust you will do great things there. I thank you for your service as well. We have no Unfinished Business. Moving on to Adjournment Sine Dine.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We are calling the meeting to order. The following Aldermen and Alderwomen will be Administered the Oath of Office in unison by the Kankakee City Clerk, Anjanita Dumas, R.MC.

- MICHAEL PRUDE - ALDERMAN OF THE 1ST WARD
- MICHAEL O'BRIEN - ALDERMAN OF THE 2ND WARD
- DAVID CRAWFORD - ALDERMAN OF THE 3RD WARD
- DANITA SWANSON - ALDERMAN OF THE 4TH WARD
- CARMEN LEWIS - ALDERMAN OF THE 5TH WARD
- MICHAEL COBBS - ALDERMAN OF THE 6TH WARD
- P. CARL BROWN - ALDERMAN OF THE 7TH WARD

CLERK DUMAS: First, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work, starting by campaigning and choosing to run. When you decide to serve you are giving of yourself and we appreciate it. Thank you. Please raise your right hand, state your name and repeat after me I administer the Oath...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Everyone that took the Oath please sign both copies and the City Clerk will collect them after the meeting. Roll Call of the New Council

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Recommendation to accept the engineering proposal for Piggush Engineering, Inc. of \$17,720.00 for King Middle School Crossing Improvements-2019 Safe Routes to School Program.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:As you all know, the Governor was here two weeks ago to present us with the Grant and I will defer to Niel.

NIEL PIGGUSH: This is the preliminary engineering to be completed within 6 months of the grant award, in order to put the project out for bid. All other related project cost will be covered with the grant this is the City's on expense with this project. The \$200,000.00 grant covers construction and engineering and this portion is coming out of City Capital.

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

ALD BROWN: I so move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Discussion? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B

ITEM 12B: Recommendation to accept the Engineering Proposal from Piggush Engineering, Inc., of \$9,900.00 for Brookmont Boulevard-USDOT Build Grant Application.

NEIL PIGGUSH: Due July 15th and with this program, you can apply up to 25 Million which the City already has \$12Million committed construction only on this project...completed by Mid-June of next year. I feel it's worthwhile. Engineering E3 Phase 2...

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I so move.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12C

ITEM 12C: Extension of Teska Service Agreement to provide City Planning and Zoning Support/Consulting for the City of Kankakee.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have 99K budgeted in the fiscal year for these services. We are under a continuing resolution at this time. The agreement expired and this is to extend it through the rest of this year. May I have a motion to approve the extension?

ALD TETTER: I so move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Discussion?

ALD O'BRIEN: I recommend that we request making this a month to month rather than through December. I feel uncomfortable committing to an unknown amount when we have not yet approved the budget. I fell it would be fiscally responsible to go month to month. Th current agreement we have with Teska is month to month and my calculations thus far is about \$75,000.00 paid for 6 months...I am concerned committing to the end of December not knowing what the budget will be. I recommend month to month.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, you want to amend the motion?

ALD O'BRIEN: Yes, but it is up to those that made the motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Just for clarification, the \$75,000.00 has not all come out of general funds, it has also come out of TIF as well. Right Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: We spent through March out of the general fund line item...but as of March 31st we are still within budget.

ALD CRAWFORD: Have we taken any of the salary for Teska out of TIF?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Planning budget all comes out of the General Fund. The Streetscape comes out of TIF.

ALD CURTIS: I concur with Alderman O'Brien...I have run the numbers...without a fiscal budget...it should go month to month.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I just need an amended motion. Tetter are you going to amend the motion? You don't want to amend the motion?

ALD TETTER: No.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, we vote on this motion. Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown,
NAYS: Curtis,

ALD COBBS: I have a question...*(inaudible)*...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: ...we continued our resolution for spending until we finalized our budget for 2020...

ALD COBBS: Abstain

CITY CLERK: *(continues)* **AYES:** Lewis,
NAYS: Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien,

ALD O'BRIEN: This is not a Teska thing...it's about the budget thing.

CITY CLERK: *(continues)* **AYES:** Malone Marshall
NAYS: Gall,
ABSTAIN: Cobbs, Prude
(4) Ayes (8) Nays (2) Abstentions

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion fails.

ALD CRAWFORD: That just means he does not have a year contract, right?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I need a motion...we still need to vote to pay him...

ALD O'BRIEN: In light of the motion not passing, I would like to make a motion to retain Teska as the Planner on a month to month basis thorough December 2019.

ALD CRAWFORD: Seconded.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall
Malone Marshall,
ABSTAIN: Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12D.

ITEM 12D: PTAB DOCKET NO. 17-00288, Recommendation – Motion for the City of Kankakee to accept the stipulations entered by and between School District #111 and Appellant.

MIKE MCGRATH: This is a PTAB for property taxes on the Space Center. My office received a memo...with stipulations by both the Appellant between the school district #111 as I looked at it very close not make sense for us to intervene or be involved. Secondly, she was unaware that the City leases about 36,000 square feet of the Space Center...it's a potential conflict in reducing the taxes on the property. We are looking for a motion to approve the stipulations and it will be worked out...back to Appellant.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to accept the recommendation?

ALD SWANSON: I so move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall
Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Curtis
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12E.

ITEM 12E: Ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Kankakee, real estate located at East Frontage Road South and North 2750 East Road, off of East Court Street, Parcel #12-17-03-111-02
(1st and 2nd Reading).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passage of the Ordinance...

ALD BROWN: Motion to suspend the rules.

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call.

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Mike Hoffman do you have an update?

MIKE HOFFMAN: We didn't have a Planner...to establish the piece once it became the City's. So, zoning will be industrial for now. The former drive-in that has been utilized by DPW which will...a part of the East TIF.

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

ALD COBBS: I so move.

ALD BROWN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion? Roll Call.

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12F.

Item 12F:

Presentation by Tomora Nelson, Code Official.

TOMORA NELSON:

Duties of Property Maintenance Inspector:

Monitoring grass levels to maintain a maximum 6inch level
Checking areas for scattered trash and accumulations of
Rubbish, Driving through alleys to observe if cars are
parked on approved surfaces, Observing exterior conditions
of houses to make sure they are maintained properly,
(Paint, fences, siding, etc.), Holes in walls, Doors
weatherproof and secure; Windows openable and secure
Smoke and CO2 detectors in correct places;
Outlets working throughout house,
Sanitary living conditions, Infestations of bugs
Panel box labeled, Hot water heater installed with correct
slope and drainage. When presented with building,
electrical, mechanical, or plumbing issues we refer said
issues to the building department for further investigation
and clarification. The job description with required skills
and education is provided.

Property Maintenance Inspectors do not cover the
following: Zoning, Building inspections, Construction of
any building or structure
Plumbing throughout a residence or property
Electrical within a unit or property
Permits to start new construction or repairs on existing
buildings or projects, HVAC and mechanical inspections
Building plan review.

Building Inspectors Duties: Review building permit
applications for code compliance, set fee schedule for
permits, receive documentation plans from contractors or
architects for review, Perform inspections for the following:
Pre-pour concrete and flatwork inspections, rough framing,
electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and energy inspections
Final inspections for all the previous listed, Post stop work
orders or revoke permits, Help fire and health department
with food service and or restaurants as well as hospitals and
nursing homes. The job description and requirements are
also provided. The books and material were shown and
discussed. It is clear that the Property Maintenance
Inspectors is no longer need the certification. A discussion
of an assessment may be provided as a suitable alternative.

ALD CRAWFORD: What's in their contract now?

TOMORA NELSON: The Certification this required at this time.

ALD CURTIS: Will there two inspections Property Maintenance and Building Inspector if building issues are present?

TOMORA NELSON: Yes. If they see wires hanging out, they will let the building Inspector know.

ALD CURTIS: So, a property could require multiple inspections?

TOMORA NELSON: Yes...*(inaudible)*...

ALD OSENGA: Is the certification test an open book test?

TOMORA NELSON: Yes.

ALD OSENGA: If we do not have certified inspectors, can this affect the ISO rating?

TOMORA NELSON: Right now, what is affecting our ISO rating is the 2003 codes versus the 2018. The certification will not affect the ISO rating.

ALD OSENGA: I spoke to my insurance man today and he said it very well could.

ALD TETTER: ...require...*(inaudible)*.

ALD TALL: Is there a place they can go and get training? Currently, KCC does not have a course right now...but Suburban does have training.

JAMES ELLEXSON: Due to the last meeting we did look up...and there are other educational institutions that offer courses that will help people pass this test.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Before we move on our Attorney has comments.

MIKE MCGRATH: At our last meeting, we went into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, specifically the approval of terms and

conditions that had been negotiated between the Union and City Bargaining teams. We then came out of Executive Session and the Motion to Approve the CBA failed, sending the City back to negotiations with Union. A local newspaper interviewed Alderman David Crawford who referenced items discussed in Executive Session. I would like to remind Alderman Crawford and everyone involved in City Council that your meetings are controlled in part of the Open Meetings Act, which provide for Executive Session, whereby elected official can legally meet and discuss important topics outside of public view. These discussions are not done secretly to keep away from the public or the press. As you know, Executive Session minutes are approved and released to the public at a later date. The purpose of Executive Session is for all the corporate authorities to meet, discuss, and debate very important or sensitive topics and how the City will move forward on those topics. The consequence to the City Official who violates the Open meetings Act can be remedied by City Council moving to Censure the elected official by passing a Resolution. There are other consequences when someone goes public with items from Executive Session, specifically matters dealing with union negotiations. As you know, Negotiations are handled by the City and Union Negotiating teams, who meet in good faith, in an effort to reach a new Collective Bargaining Agreement. Once terms are agreed to, sometimes agreed to as TA'd, or tentatively agreed to, the terms have to be approved by both sides full memberships, the union by all of their members, the City by the City Council. Publically stating reason why negotiated terms have not been approved can result in: Grievance being filed by the union- which will cost the City additional legal fees and delay the passage of a new contract. Unfair Labor Practice could be filed by the Union, again resulting in additional legal fees, delay in the passage of a new contract, stock piling of unfair labor changes against the City, all leading to lower moral amongst City Employees. Effects on the City's ability to negotiate-any public statements can weaken the City's ability to bargain effectively, which ultimately affects the City's bargaining position, weakens its position, all to the detriment of who we are all working for, the Citizens-taxpayers of Kankakee. In closing, elected officials and department heads should refrain from speaking publically on matters that have been discussed in Executive Session.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 12G Appointments. Council must be organized by May 15, 2019.

ALD BROWN: As it relates to the committees, I ask in consideration of this new list to be voted on...

ALD GALL: Mayor may I make a quick comment? On ESU there is no 2nd Ward Alderman....add me.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you to Alderman Brown and Alderwoman Swanson and to all for working on the list of committees. If there is no objection I would like to combine Items 12A thru 12H.

ALD TETTER: I motion to approve.

ALD TALL: Motion to amend to add Gall to ESU and other corrections.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: There are two things going on here. I recognized Alderman Tetter...Alderwoman Malone Marshall seconded and Alderman Tall ...to amend....

ALD TALL: The second came after the amendment.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderwoman Gall added herself to ESU Alderman Tetter, I recognized to approve with the addition of Alderwoman Gall and the Second by Alderwoman Malone Marshall.

ALD TALL: Point of order...the amendment came before the second which was then seconded by Alderman Crawford. The amendment moves forward because a second was on the floor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tall, I recognized Alderman Tetter. I did not recognize you.

ALD TALL: Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss assignments.

ALD CRAWFORD: I will second to go into Executive Session.

MIKE MCGRATH: It's not appropriate to go into Executive Session.

ALD TALL: It's part of the Opens Meeting Act...valid points and these

are appointments...

MIKE MCGRATH: The agenda speaks on appointments but it says assignments for Committees.

ALD TALL: Point of order still...

MIKE MCGRATH: That is not a proper...to go into Executive Session for Assignments.

ALD TALL: Since you have denied going into Executive Session, I am calling for more discussion on the floor right now regarding assignments.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a motion by Alderman Tetter and a second by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Discussion?

ALD OSENGA: Just for clarification, I received four copies for committee members. We have one in our computer and it is different from the one I have in front of me. Are we voting on the paper copy we were given tonight?

ALD CRAWFORD: Are we voting on two years or one year?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Annually...

ALD BROWN: There is no date on it, I am sorry...

ALD TALL: My objection is to the Ordinance Committee. The Vice Chair position...this Alderman has not attended half the meetings and I don't feel comfortable having that person as Vice Chair.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You all were supposed to have this worked out. Let's take a Roll Call...

ALD TALL: When these assignments came out, I was not asked by the Senior Alderman my opinion on any of these.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I called you...

ALD TALL: You are not a part of that process...Alderman Brown never called me on these. As the second ranking democrat on the Council, I thought I should have been notified and asked my opinion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall
Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Faford, Crawford,
(11) Ayes (3) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. The Ordinance states you should have Yourselves assembled by May 15th.

ALD BROWN: Earlier today before the meeting, I apologized to Alderman Tall. I should have called. Dennis and I always worked things out. We do not need to be argumentive. I hope this committee will do the same. We are to talk about things and work them out and move forward.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Before we move on, last week we got some really good news brought to our attention. I would like to acknowledge five officers. No action taken.

DEPUTY CHIEF HUNT: These five Officers were selected Officers of the year. Officer...was selected for community service and continued education and these guys risked their lives to apprehend a murder suspect. Lieutenant Etzel, Officer... Special Agent Burse, Officer Zingre and Officer Calvin.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Selected Candidate Police Chief Frank J. Kosman from Bensonville, Illinois. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: I am very happy to make that motion for Frank J. Kosman as the Police Chief of the Kankakee Police Department.

ALD BROWN: I will definitely second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and seconded by Alderman Brown. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall
Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Cobbs (not a part of selecting candidates)
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Welcome Aboard Chief. At this time our Clerk will Administer the Oath.

CLERK DUMAS: Congratulations. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me...I Frank J. Kosman...*(City Clerk Administering the Oath)*. As a part of the sware in we also have the Chief read the CALEA Code of Ethics.

FRANK J. KOSMAN: Reads the CALEA Code of Ethics...

CLERK DUMAS: At this time, we would like to Congratulate and Welcome Chief Kosman. Welcome Aboard.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We will host a reception for our Chief after he is settled in. He will start May 16th and we hope to have a reception by the end of June. Moving on to Superintendent. Pete Schiel has been in the acting role for a year. May I have a motion to appoint Pete Schiel in the Superintendent role?

ALD SWANSON: I so move

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Welcome into your permanent position as Superintendent Pete. Moving on to Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Proclamation Declaring May 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

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

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries

ITEM 13B: Proclamation Declaring May 2019 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

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

ALD LEWIS: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries.

ITEM 13C: Resolution Granting Historic Landmark Designation for Daniel Paddock House, 1042 East Court Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

FRANK KOEHLER: The property has been recommended as a Landmark property. It has significant historical architecture.

ALD O'BRIEN: Are there any restrictions?

FRANK KOEHLER: *(inaudible)*

REPRESENTATIVE: The procedure is to bring to the City first and then to the County. Any exterior alterations must be an approved certificate through us so the property maintains its historical architecture. The property owner is here.

ALD OSENGA: Is this currently a rental? There are steps going up the back.

REPRESENTATIVE: The back stairs were installed by prior owners that used it as a home and a business.

IVA MARTINEZ: I approve of the restrictions. Yes, the property is being used.

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to Item13D.

ITEM 13D: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property Commonly Known as 762 North Webster Circle, Kankakee, Illinois.

FRANK KOEHLER: This property is surplus. It's in the middle of the block and there are no particular plans

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I will defer this to Economic Development Committee.

ITEM 13E: Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Cornerstone Services for Creation of A Community Garden At 302 North Fifth Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

FRANK KOEHLER: This is the Fifth Avenue Community Garden. Cornerstone Services reached out to us and they would like to be involved with that property for the growing of vegetables and flowers working with the Clients of Cornerstone. They will also be responsible for the maintenance. The Lease Agreement is \$1.00.

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

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion?

ALD TALL: I noticed that that have to put up barriers for blocking and also a compost that has to be blocked.

FRANK KOEHLER: We used the language from other agreements.

ALD TALL: I have no problem with it.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a motion and a second. Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries. Moving on to Item 13F.

ITEM 13F: Resolution Approving the Purchase of one ambulance from Alexis Fire Equipment Co. in the amount of \$167,379.00

CHIEF SHULDT: We spoke with 5 different company and each provided proposals. This is the most reasonable price. The current ambulance is 11 years old approaching 23000 hours. It's been having reoccurring issues since December. It's been shutting off. We have taken it to seven different mechanics...the box is on the passenger side is starting to corrode...

ELIZABETH KUBAL: I spoke to someone and the first payment will be next year.

ALD CURTIS: Have this gone out for bid?

CHIEF SHULDT: We went through a buying group that does the bidding essentially.

ALD CURTIS: My concern is why didn't we make a motion on one of the committees...in a 48 hour notice we are spending this type of money. I am not opposed but that is a lot of money...I am not sure, are we financing it?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes, that is the plan. We will do it identically as we did in 2019.

ALD CURTIS: Again, I am concerned...we still have to do a budget for 2019-2020 fiscal year. I am afraid that we will have to do some cuts. I understand we need an ambulance but we need to figure out how we will pay for it with out a balance budget. Motions should come out of committees especially for this amount.

ALD BROWN: We can have a discussion about it in our Public Safety meeting tomorrow...*(inaudible)*.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I refer it to Public Safety. Moving on to Item 13G. I will defer to Pete.

ITEM 13G: Resolution Accepting the proposal of Ford Excavating and Wrecking Company and Authorizing a Contract in the amount of \$58,100.00 for the Demolition of Buildings for the properties located at 380 West River Street, 366 West River Street, 342 West River Street and 443 South Indiana Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

PETE SCHIEL: This was out for bid. Each contractor walked through each property. 342 & 366 are both under FEMA the other two are outside. 342 & 366 has to be completed by May 20th, 2019. The next resolution on the agenda pertains to Asbestos...

ALD OSENGA: I drove by these properties today and they are not bad looking properties. Are they occupied?

PETE SCHIEL: All properties are now vacant.

ALD O'BRIEN: I was excited to see that property come down. Thank you...

PETE SCHIEL: The highest priority is to get the 342 & 366 down by the 20th and then we will proceed with the others.

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

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries.

ITEM 13H: Resolution Approving a Contract with Midwest Environmental Consulting Services, INC. for Asbestos Surveys and Testing for the Properties located at 380 West River Street, 366 West River Street, 342 West River Street and 443 South Indiana Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

PETE SCHIEL: We needed to make sure the properties were tested and removed...the price is in the packet

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

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries.

ITEM 13I: Resolution Accepting the Proposal of Service 1st, LLC and Authorizing a Contract in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Property Appraisals for the Properties Located at Kankakee 366 West River Street and 342 West River Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

PETE SCHIEL: We wrote a bid specification for those properties and only one responded...come back with an appraisal cost. This one is recommended by FEMA to get a second appraisal.

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

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall

Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries.

ITEM 13J: City of Kankakee 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance Program, Section 19-00000-00-GM, Group IV PEI Job No. 1908.0301

NIEL PIGGUSH: I want to thank all of the Aldermen & Alderwomen for meeting with me and giving me your list for street maintenance.

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

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion?

ALD CURTIS: What is the total...Brookmont Blvd...

NEIL PIGGUSH: About \$900,000.00...the City gets about \$60k per month We have been planning for that which is why we scaled back the last couple of years.

ALD CURTIS: So, the money we are not utilizing is in staying in escrow...

NEIL PIGGUSH: Yes...

ALD O'BRIEN: This is one of the most difficult things about this job...Thank you...

NEIL PIGGUSH: Hopefully by the end of August

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
(13) Ayes (1) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving onto Alderman Comments.

ALDERMAN COMMENTS

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN: The new location of the Helen Wheeler Center is 202 North Schuyler. On April 23rd the Save Passage to Schools Grant was awarded to Kankakee. I want to thank everyone for getting that done.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: There is a ground braking scheduled for TSI Tractor supply on May 14th. Tentatively at 3:30 P.M. The Kankakee County Mayor's Association will be hosting our next meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at the Changa at 6:00 P.M. Council Members and Department Heads are invited. Speakers from Duane Dean will address Mental Health issues. Barbi and I will be attending a Mayors Conference on Entrepreneurship in Kansas City so I will not be her for the next meeting. The cost for Mayors is sponsored and Barbi's cost will come from...funds...

FRANK KOEHLER: I just want to remind everyone about the Opportunity Zone Workshop will be on Thursday May 16th at the Library. We will video tape...

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Budget Meeting Thursday May 16th...(inaudible).

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Bids come back this week...May I have a motion to adjourn?

ALD SWANSON: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson. Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. All in favor aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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