

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Reverend Ed Kannaple from Gift if God Street Church and go on to the pledge of allegiance by the City Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ROBERT ELLINGTON SNIPES:** I am at odd when...I filed a freedom of Information request with the City of Kankakee who authorized a removal of my personal properties and took everything off my property that I pay taxes on. I did a freedom of information act because I wanted to know who authorized this. You had a summons but I asked for a notice and at no time did the City of Kankakee give a notice. We are at the Supreme Court now and I am looking to the Federal Court...we will be looking at some constitutional issues. The response is nobody knows who authorized it and they don't know who did it. I can't believe that DPW would have gone on my property and they did not have authorization to do so. I need the Council to find out who authorized it. If not, then we will Subpoenaed everybody. In the Pellet Court, they threw out the April thing that you all put up. Yet they are deciding to split it u 49 to 20 based off of the June so we are dealing with that issue. As far as authorization...moving what you moved you did not have that type of authority because you should have given me at least a 3-day notice. On top of that you held the order passed the 30 days which forced me to put in a 1401 and that's a no-no. How would I know to do something if you are holding the order. Some of these things will be brought up but I need to know who authorized this since your FOIA people don't know. Who authorized this because that is the person we need to start looking at to sue. Why would you come on my property without giving me a 3-day notice that is stated in the order? You waited after the 30 days was up...within 30 days I could have had it vacated so since they don't know...either somebody is lying or if that's the

case we can bring in an injunction against that individual or at least a suit for lying or perjury. You are going to tell me...you took a \$50,000.00 car away from me and on the City Council documents Russell Johnson said to please return his car and to this day I have not received the car and that was 1992. You are not taking nothing else from me. You can do what you want to do legally but I am coming after anybody and everybody legally that took anything off my particular property. Since they don't know, I am asking the Council Members especially those from the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward to investigate who authorized it and who did it.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** 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, Koehler, Brewer-Watson. Thank you.

## MINUTES

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to the minutes for Monday, March 4th, 2019. Motion to approve.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** So move.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

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

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Minutes are approved. Moving on to minutes for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion to approve.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** So move.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

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

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Minutes are approved. There are no Petitions. Under Item 8A Communications we have a presentation.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEM 8A:** Presentation Honoring First Responders for their Life Saving Efforts.

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** We will have our Tele-Communicators come up. Quite often dispatchers are our unsung heroes. They sit there and do their jobs. Most recently a call was dispatched in 32 seconds. The Paramedics that were involved that day are also present and I will have them come up. The resident they saved is also here tonight we will have him come up. Thank you for all you do as first responders.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Great Job! Moving on...if there are no objections, I would like to combine Items B, C, D, F and G regarding street closures and noise permits involving:

- B). Adopt a Soldier hosting their "Ruck March 2019" on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00A.M. until 7:45A.M.
- C). On The Rox hosting their Annual "Outdoor Entertainment" Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, from 8:00P.M. until 12:00A.M.
- D). Will-Grundy Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and Kankakee/Iroquois Counties Building Trades of the AFL-CIO hosting their Annual "Dad's Day Tag Day" on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- E). Kankakee County Historical Society hosting their Annual "Rhubarb Festival" on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
- F). Glenn Davidson is hosting the Sixth Annual "Corvette Cruise Night" downtown Kankakee on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.
- G). Kankakee County Center Against Sexual Assault is hosting their Annual "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" on

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 12:00 P.M. until 12:30 P.M.  
May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Any discussion? All in favor

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign? All are approved. There are no Standing Committee Reports. Moving on to Item 10 Report of Officers. While reviewing the bills I noticed an error. Payment for KVPD shows \$8300.00 and the correct amount should be \$83.00. May I have a motion to approve the bills with the correction?

#### **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 \$339,101.62.

**ALD TALL:** Second the motion.

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

**ALD CURTIS:** I have a question...check#74715...TIA Commercial Finance...What is that for?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Copy Machines...

**ALD CURTIS:** My next question is we have US Bank Copier and we also Have Advantage Copier. Is this our last double payment?

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** We received an invoice last week...Advantage Copier...when we did that we received a check now it is paid in full. This is the...standard check for our new copiers.

**ALD CURTIS:** So the TIA check is standard going forward.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** Correct.

**ALD CURTIS:** Thank you.

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

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron (abstain from check#74697), Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien (abstain from check#74967), Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion Carries. We have no Unfinished Business. Moving on to Item 12 New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 12A:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the City Code of the City of Kankakee (Sewer Rates SEC. 34-104.1.2 and Solid Waste, Garbage and Rubbish SEC 34-107.2, and Chapter 34 Division 300 Rates

**MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG:** At the last meeting we did a "First Reading" and Chairman Tall advised us that the Ordinance Committee was going to meet. Can you give us an update?

**ALD TALL:** In the Ordinance you will see our lateral fees for new connections along with other fees that has been added. We also reduced a couple fees by a couple hundred dollars.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Now I will defer to Pete who is our Interim Superintendent over Environmental Services Utility.

**PETE SCHIEL:** Elizabeth and I went through diligent efforts with the budget. There are some bond issues we need to maintain pertaining to the rates to make sure they are covered. In the past, rates were a little bit higher. Based on our analysis we ended up dropping rates to...5, 5.5, and 6.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD TALL:** I so move.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. 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:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD TALL:** So moved.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any discussion?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** On Section 3 of the rates, I thought we discussed not having ...fee in our meeting...

**ALD TALL:** No the fee was reduced from \$400 to \$200...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other questions? 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:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

**ITEM 12B:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled "Handicapped Parking" of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Handicapped Parking Sign(s) established at 158 North Evergreen Avenue.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD KENNEDY:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Kennedy and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. 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:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD KENNEDY:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Kennedy and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion? 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:** Motion carries. Moving on through the agenda... Items 12C, D, E, F, G and H pertain to traffic. Periodically, we get calls for traffic concerns and we can't just install additional signage. As a result, I have created a Traffic committee. There were request regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward and I will defer to Neil.

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** The Traffic Committee met on March 19<sup>th</sup> to review request and data received. We combined the evaluation from the request with accident data and street views of what is going on at the intersections. We have made the recommendation of traffic control devices at these locations along with tree trimming and pruning at some of the locations as well.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Our practice will be to invite the City Council Members of the Wards that have request. If there are no objections, I would like to combine those Items and ask for a motion to suspend the rules.

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

**ALD GALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. 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:** Motion carries. Most of these traffic areas are by Steuben School. Alderman O'Brien do you want to share anything?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Thank you for the recommended changes. These are issues that are very important for the residents in this particular area. Hopefully, there will be more on the list in the future. These will contribute greatly to enhance public safety.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

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

**ALD GALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. 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

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motions carries. Item I Appointments we have none. Moving on to Motions and Resolutions Item 13A.

**ITEM 13A:** Proclamation Declaring April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion on that Item? All in favor.

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13B.

**ITEM 13B:** City of Kankakee 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance Program, Section 19-00000-00-GM, Group I & IIA, PEI JOB NO. 18022.0301.

**NEIL PIGGUSH:** This is the materials portion of our MFT Program that we coordinate with Public works for various materials such as salt, cold patch and other items they use throughout the year.

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

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**ALD TALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Tall. Any discussion?

**ALD BARON:** Is there Engineering money into this?

**NIEL PIGGUSH:** Yes there is.

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

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
**ABSTAIN:** Baron, Gall  
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Abstentions

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C.

**ITEM 13C:** Resolution Approving A Third Extension to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Kankakee, City of Kankakee, City of Momence, and the

Village of Manteno to Promote Tourism.

**STACY WILKIN:**

This is the Third Extension for this Intergovernmental Agreement. Extension dates are as follows...

1. Extension was April 30, 2018 – October 31, 2018
  2. Extension October 31, 2018 – April 30, 2019
  3. Extension April 30, 2019 – June 30, 2024
- Same terms as before...

**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. Any discussion? 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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. We thought we would have a union contract on the agenda. We do not but we do have some clarification for that. Motion to go into Executive Session for personnel: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. An aspect of Local 399...

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:**

I so move.

**ALD LEWIS:**

Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded By Alderwoman Lewis. We are now in Executive Session. 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

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion to leave Executive Session and Return to Open Session...

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded By Alderman Crawford. We are now back in Open Session. 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:** Thank you. There is no action resulting from Executive Session. Moving onto Alderman Comments.

## ALDERMAN COMMENTS

**ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN:** Can we have an update on the Auditors status? Special thanks to Public Works and Code for removing the panel, working with Jaffe and getting everything fixed.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** In regards to the Auditors, we will have a draft a week after April 18<sup>th</sup> and we are looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I have a couple updates...MPO we have our money back. Alderman Brown gave passionate comments. Restored \$480,000.00...Thank you for the team effort....the Police Chief Position will be offered to an external candidate. We will prepare a fair offer and both candidates have stated they can start May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I attended a session with Film Producers, I received a call last week and met with two of them today. They want to do a Fantasy Film and the main character is from Kankakee. This has such an impact on the economy. The CDA Team is building out. I want to Welcome Barbi...today is her official first day. Special thanks to Tammy Seedorf. Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Consensus Summit....National League of Cities. Thursday is the Economic Alliance Showcase where Mayors will discuss projects. We raised over

\$7,000.00 this year in United Way contributions. Odelson & Sterk donated Cub tickets for the raffle. There will be a “Safe Summer Launch” April 9<sup>th</sup> t...parents will be able to get their kids connected and keep our kids safe...free food from Jimmy John’s. We have Phase 1 & 2 Engineering...if they are serious about Armour Road they need to get that in a plan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** 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 in favor aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

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