

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Father John Peeters from St. Patrick Catholic Church and go on to the Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scout Troup #0300. Moving on to Public Comments. Before speaking please state your residency.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**TIM NEHLS:**

235 East 2740 South Road in Kankakee known as the Chryslin Subdivision. I am here about an ongoing the storm drainage issue that they say has worked but it is not. We still have standing water, rocks, hills and water can flow u hill so where does it go? To the lowest point which is our back yards. The property we are talking about is in the City limits. My wife has asthma, every time we do laundry our house smells and affects her asthma. I have Graves Disease and it aggravates that. In the past we have ad to have our sump pump replaced and I had to run a fan down there 24 hours a day 7 days a week in order to breathe. We can't do laundry and showers, for get it. They house smells because of the water back up and it backs u though our septic tank. There as been times in the past couple years we have ad to wait down the street leave our cars out in the road because we can't get to our driveways. My neighbor and I have caught fish in our back yard...there is a city nuisance ordnance, where is it at?

My neighbor...Coleman lives at 219 East 2740 South Road. Since purchasing her home, she has replaced sump pump because of using it 24/7. She does laundry her house smells. Summer is going to be coming around and there will be mosquitos, west nile who knows. I don't want it she don't want it. She also put in her that she will possibly be seeking legal counsel also.

**TOMMY ALBERTS:**

209 East 2740 South Road Kankakee, Illinois. I been there since March of 79. Yes, we have had water problem but not in our yard. Since they built the Grand Hilton and Walmart it has gotten worse because it comes in my back

yard. We have had fish, lots of mosquitos and lots of water in the road. Even if it is 3 inches of rain. One time I had problems with my septic tank. Another man 2 or 3 house down has had his drained too. I have been there 40 years.

I am also representing Oscar...and Crystal Vargas. They are across the street. They have the same problem. Water I the back yard, mosquitos, it smells and they can't go outside for a long time because of the mosquitos and stinky water. They have lived there about 4 years now.

**GLYNDA HUFF:**

237 East 2740 South Road Kankakee. I would like to touch on is the fact that concrete and asphalt do not soak up water before Walmart and Hilton Garden came in there we had water issues but they remained in the fields behind our homes. The issue of water in our yards did not come up until the buildings were put up and proper drainage has not been maintained. It's my understanding that the...has not been done...drainage ditch and clogging it up. I have heard it said that we are not in the Kankakee property lines we aren't and everything around us has been annexed into the City. Because of Walmart and restaurants there. We pay the 8,25 percent sales tax when we shop at our local stores. That goes to the City of Kankakee. We also pay real-estate taxes that includes money for our local school system and to be deprived of proper legislation because we are not in the City of Kankakee it upsets me greatly. We had no choice that those buildings were built there but they didn't have any problem putting those buildings there when they thought they would get a good tax base. Please don't forget the humans that live there, who gets sick from the stench out there. If you had to live with it will make you sick. I thought I sold my house on contract but the sale fell through so I am back living in my home again. I have already had pneumonia since I have moved back into my house, all allergy based and there are things in the air out there that I just cannot prevent.

**ERIC RICO:**

341 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Today I am here as a student of Bishop McNamara and a member of the Youth Advisory Board to talk about the impact dispensaries will have in Kankakee. I am here to talk about Kankakee not give statistics about other places. We recently heard about incidents happening in Kankakee High School involving marijuana. A student...taking it to school and giving it to his friends. Those students were rushed to the hospital

because they did not know what they were eating. Before transferring to Bishop McNamera I used to be a student of Kankakee High School. My freshman year, I had a friend that was a senior and he offered me a brownie. Without knowing I took it and I was about to eat it but another friend told me that I shouldn't and I threw it away. This can happen to so many other people or students. We have heard people say here...that they will go to other drugs. How would that impact Kankakee High School? There has already been so many incidents. In this area I hear people buying and selling...this issue is not going to go away if we don't do something about it by not putting dispensaries hear. If you want to make an impact on Kankakee don't do it by drugs do it in the classroom and help support other fellow students. How would you feel if it was your child who accidentally got a piece of candy supposedly? Second hand smoke is also with marijuana. Just by smelling or being around someone who smokes you can get high...this issue can lead Kankakee down a path of drugs and more coming into this City. I don't want this to be the future I grow up with. I don't want my baby brother to grow up with this future. I will fight for him and others...

**MARIO FLOREZ:**

I am a proud citizen of Kankakee. I work for at Aunt Martha's as a Youth Crisis responder. My wife works as a child Welfare Social Worker for Safe Families here. We are both Pastors of the Community Church Cup of the Nazarene. I am also one of the Police & Fire Commissioners that you recommended Mayor for our great City of Kankakee. My comment tonight is on that prayerfully, & hopefully brings...awareness... I want to remind everybody that I believe better days have yet to come for this City and County. I believe our best days are ahead of us and not behind us. Our states decision to legalize recreational marijuana is going to be more of a hinderance toward a better future and not a help to it. I know marijuana has its benefits. Pure marijuana that has not been laced can be calming that's why it has been medically legal for some time now. It can also bring in money through tax revenue. Absolutely 100 percent. However, just looking at money...its cost to community and state is far more in the long run...it cost more than it gives. Please here me though...if I would just look at the money alone so far in every state the marijuana industry takes more than it gives...if we were legalizing drugs the way that Portugal did ...the did one super important thing.

They invested so much into Social Services, Counseling, Mental Health Services and jobs...When the needs of the people are being met the need to escape, the urges, overdoses all went down and drug use went down. We as Americans are just trying to get money and it ends up costing us more money in the long run...if we were doing investment in social services I would be ecstatic. Making recreational more convenient it will not make it better.

**ANTONIO CHANDLER:**

321 North Harrison Avenue. I'm here to speak on the recreational marijuana and bringing dispensaries to the area. As far as I am concerned, it's been a mis...of education where marijuana is concerned. You say it's bad, it's this, it's that, whereas the Opioids crisis is the major issue. Bringing marijuana dispensaries to this area will bring more jobs and help this community if anything through tax revenue...etc...etc... smoking cigarettes is as bad as marijuana. I don't get the point where you say it's bad because it's a plant. If you plant seeds for oranges and apples etc...etc... it grows on a tree wouldn't you all agree? But tobacco and opioids kill more people than anything and it comes through pharmaceuticals, through Narcosis, OxyContin etc...etc...marijuana is not harmful. It is not. You have your cannabinoids, your CBD which also save kids lives from seizures, epilepsy and etc...etc...Bringing a dispensary will not put a bad stigma on Kankakee. I say it will help more than anything.

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

**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. Department Heads.

**CLERK DUMAS:**

**PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, Odelson, Doyle, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson Brewer-Watson. Thank you.

## MINUTES

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Moving on to the minutes for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD COBBS:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Are there any edits or corrections? Hearing none, all in favor, aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign? Minutes are approved. We have no Petitions. Moving on to Item 8A Communications.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEM 8A:** Presentation by Green Equity Ventures 1, LCC on Adult Use Cannabis by Michael Lucas and Gabriel Mendosa.

**MICHAEL LUCAS:** I am with Green Equity Collaborative. We are an Adult use Cannabis Company that is female owned minority led platform. Focused on winning Cannabis Licenses in the State of Illinois, running those businesses and leveraging components of the New Law. We are partnered with individuals that will drive our business who are living in the areas in which we intend to do our business that has been damaged by the war on drugs. Our firm is committed to wellness, driving growth in our communities, developing support in our communities, being good stewards and good partners in the communities we end up serving. I am a part of a team who previously owned medicinal license in the state; dispensary as well as grow. We look forward to potentially work with this community. Today, I am joined with Gabriel Mendosa of Normal and he will give us an introduction to some of the data we want to focus on. I will circle back and discuss our medicinal approach. Thank you.

**GABRIEL MENDOSA:** Thanks to the Board and everyone for allowing us to speak today. I want to frame the fact that we are advocating for responsible adult use. That does not mean doing whatever you want. There are regulations here that we wish to abide by. I will share with you, things you may not know about cannabis about medicine and adult use. The plant has over 5000 compounds inside of it and 60 of which are Cannabinoids which achieves homeostasis in your body. Cannabis was used up to the 1900's as prescription based

Medicine until it became illegal. There are no overdoses associated with cannabis. You will have to consume 1500 pounds of cannabis in 15 minutes to overdose. There are no recorded overdose deaths. Lastly, cannabis is a schedule one narcotic which means there are no prescribed medical uses. Now, the federal government has a patent on cannabis as a neural protectant but at the same time states there are no medical benefits. In addition, the federal government grows cannabis to study it to prove the negative impacts. The hypocrisy is...as it pertains to the federal government. Since 2015 there has been...overdose deaths in Kankakee. States that legalize cannabis there is a ten percent decrease in opioids prescriptions filled. There is less use of opioids because cannabis relieves the same kind of pain that the opioids would. Secondly, this is extremely important for the United States as a whole. The study of cannabis from 1999-2010 and the states that legalized cannabis, there was an average there was a 25 percent decrease of opioids...if that is the only thing cannabis did that would be enough. If one of every four drug overdoses can be saved that would be enough. I will turn it over to Mike and he will talk about what companies are doing medicinally.

**MIKE LUCAS:**

The following slides will address the companies targeting or pin pointing areas of the body in nullifying pain along with the development of new drugs derived from cannabinoids... There is also a lot of research on what is going on with crime, neighborhoods, individual laws, cities, economies and more. As it relates to revenues in Illinois, 2 percent will go to education, 5 percent will go to recover, reinvigorate and reinvest programs; 20 percent will go to mental health, 10 percent will go to unpaid bills, and another 35 percent will go to the general budget. There is quite a lot of money to be projected.

**GABRIEL MENDOSA:**

Thank you. If Kankakee opts out you don't get any of that money.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Michael and Gabe. I know that the City Council has been doing their due diligence to research information but I wanted to make sure that we had a public presentation. So that the public can hear from someone in the industry that can provide some data and facts this evening. Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### ITEM 9A & 9B:

Budget– Alderman O’Brien

The meeting was held on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Highlights include: We talked about overtime in the Fire and Police Department. The Police Department is trending well and the Fire Department is a little high. There was a transfer from ESU for Legal by year end totaling \$53,194.00 to offset legal expenses. As of October, the City has received four...from Legal and ESU is to pay \$13.9K for that period. We discussed the leasing of the new radios that we will discuss tonight. Also, we discussed the revenues form cannabis legalization and where it will go.

The meeting was held on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Highlights include: The Comptroller did a regular review of financials. She passed out drafts of the Fiscal...Audit we hope to have in January. We went over the Tax Levy which is on the agenda tonight. The City’s tax rate will go down from 6.054 to 5.75. Challenges include the Pension Fund that continues to be a major concern. The draft audit shows we owe over 100 million dollars in unfunded liabilities to Police and Fire combines. The 2 percent home rule sales tax is bringing less than expected and it is being eaten up more by those annual pension obligations the City owes. The bond expense went down \$921K which helps the City tax rate go down further. The other item discussed is where the cannabis revenues will go if it is approved. We talked about putting it in an escrow account until a separate ordinance...on this matter.

### ITEM 9C:

Ordinance – Alderman Tall

The meeting was held on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Highlights include: We discussed two items which are on the agenda tonight; Nuisance Abatement and Cannabis Ordinances

### ITEM 9D:

Public Safety – Alderman Brown

The meeting was held on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Highlights include: We had public Comments by Detective Joe Martinez. He was very concerned about the proposed elimination of the Sargent position. I attached his letter for everyone to review. On the Fire side the bills were \$46,833.45 mostly due to maintenance and payment for the fire truck loan. The maintenance on the Fire trucks seems

to get higher every month. One of the committee members what to do a chart on replacement schedule to see what we should do. Overtime was down for the month of November. The response time...fire 520 and ambulance 324 and that will exceed the record we set last year. The good thing is we get paid for the ambulance response. On the Police side, the bills were normal. The overtime totaled 80.25 hours due to IDOT holiday detail, PNS, training, shift shortage and...academy. Index Crime Report went down 284...Chief explain how the change will affect how crimes are reported.

**CHIEF KOSMAN:**

By 2021 we will have...system a change in the way statistics are collected and reported to the FBI for those type of numbers...They will be more comprehensive. The theory is crime will be analyzed more so they can be addressed a lot better.

Alderman Brown continued...the traffic unit was fully staffed...ordinance tickets...curtesy notices...under New Business. With the retirement of Sergeant Paso...we will hire a CSO Officer. I attached the duties so everyone can see what the CSO Officer will do. The Ordinance calls for 12 Sergeants and we will reduce it to 11. We forward the recommendation to the Budget Committee. Also, we had a discussion on the proposal by the Chief dealing with repairs of City vehicles...asking for the best price and spread the business around. We approved the Resolution Bradley added to KAMEG Agency Agreement. Lastly, we talked about the Snow Ordinance. There is a need to do a Public Relation Campaign. DPW does an outstanding job removing snow but we have an ordinance that states you must move your vehicle. We have snow routes and signs put up but the big plows cannot do an effective job when vehicles are not moved. There needs to be a Public Relation Campaign when the snow hits the ground that you must move your vehicle. Today I drove around in my neighborhood and there are basketball hoops in the street, and garbage cans. The snow plows cannot be effective. We need to take time to do a Public Campaign to let everyone know how important it is to move vehicles, basketball hoops and garbage cans.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Very thorough report. Thank you, Alderman Brown. Moving on to Item 10A Reports 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 amount of \$463,777.18.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (*abstain on check #'s 75827, 2966, 1155, and 752*), Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Tall, Crawford  
(12) Ayes (2) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 11A Unfinished Business.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**ITEM 11A:** Resolution Authorizing A Municipal Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in the Amount of \$640,345.40 (Paid Over Five (5) Years) Between Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Lessor) and the City of Kankakee (Lessee) for the Purchase of Motorola Radio Communication Equipment.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** When we presented this the last time we were missing Exhibit A the official lease through the company. Since it has been vetted through the Attorney's it is good to go and everything is presented tonight. I also want to remind everyone that the \$640,345.00 was the maximum not to exceed. In reviewing your packets, I am sure that each of you saw Lease payments in total now equal \$637,724.60. That actually means that the per month went down slightly upon the final interest calculations. The memo included in the packet tonight gave a breakdown of the first payment. This is a capital purchase and future payments will go through those proceeds. As of right now we have 2 amounts from our IPRF Grants. This year was not fully spent yet and Police and Fire worked with us. We will take \$50,000 from the 2019 Grant and apply it to the first payment. The check in total was \$70,413.00...In 2020, we can apply for that starting in January \$50,713.00 and the complete check will be applied to this payment. Thank you

to the Police and Fire Department working with us so closely to make this happen. ESU will be responsible for their annual allotment this year for their radios they will be receiving. That amount is \$15,368.29. The City...fund will make up the difference and that new amount is \$11,463.63 because the lease payment went down a bit. The grand total for the payments each year will be \$127,545.92.

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

**ALD BROWN:** I make a motion to approve the Resolution as submitted.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. 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 12 New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 12A:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled "Handicapped Parking" of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Handicapped Parking Sign(s) Established at 138 North Fourth Avenue  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 12B:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 172 Entitled "No Parking Zones on Streets and Alleys Designated" of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee (Rescinding Ordinance No. 1972-39) No Parking on the North Side of Mulberry Street between Schuyler Avenue and Dearborn.  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**ITEM 12C:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Article X, Section 152 of the City Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois Re: Reducing Speed Limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on North Schuyler Avenue between Birch Street to Mulberry Street.  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

**NEIL PIGGUSH:**

Items 12B and 12C are related to the new business on North Schuyler the International Lounge. Alderwoman Malone Marshall reached out to me about the parking. There is currently no parking on...side from Schuyler to Dearborn. After visiting the site with her, I realized it is a vacant lot and there is no reason to keep it as no parking there so we are just vacating the no parking for that one block to allow for more side street parking for the International Lounge. She also requested that we extend the previously pass Ordinance reducing the Speed Limit on Schuyler from Birch to Mulberry at 25MPH up to where the Bar sits at the North East corner.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** If there are no objections, I would like to combine Items 12A, 12B and 12C. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move Mayor.

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

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinances on final passage?

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move Mayor.

**ALD PRUDE:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Prude. 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 12D.

**ITEM 12D:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Section 31 of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Ordinance No. 1996-68 to Abate Chronic Nuisance Properties. *(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)*.

**CHIEF KOSMAN:** This Ordinance will extend the length of time from 60 days to 120 days for any events that would kick in the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** This did go to the Public Safety Committee, Alderman Brown?

**ALD BROWN:** It went to Public Safety it was approved and it went to Ordinance Committee as well.

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

**ALD BROWN:** So move.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Brown 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:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinances on final passage?

**ALD BROWN:** I make a motion that we place the Ordinance on final passage and pass.

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

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

**ALD TALL:** Yes Mayor, there are a couple corrections on amendments Number 11. It should be property...it's just a typo. Then To make note that we updated the ordinance to also add in The New Cannabis Laws for the State of Illinois.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other discussion? Okay, for the Community's sake, We had a Town Hall meeting on some action items that were discussed. This is one them to expand that time frame from 60 days to 120 days. If there is an incident at a property...this Nuisance Ordinance kicks in to pursue those properties.

**ALD BROWN:** It won't stop the Ordinance from kicking out earlier than that. I want to make sure that is clear.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** 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 12E. This is on the Agenda as a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Action will be taken January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the next meeting. The Administration will...with Bargaining Agreement. I have been in touch with Corporate Council and the Chief will be making sure that the tasks for this particular position is adapted for the rank of the position.

**ITEM 12E:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 27, Section 54 of the Kankakee Municipal Code of Kankakee Illinois (Composition of a Police Department).  
*(1<sup>st</sup> Reading only).*

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

**ITEM 12F:** Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois adding Chapter 40 to Regulate Adult-Use Cannabis Business Organizations.  
*(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).*

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I want to start off by thanking everyone. We have had a lot of conversations, public input and everyone in this Chambers takes their tasks very seriously. This particular Ordinance is only addressing the City of Kankakee allowing these particular businesses in the City. We still have a zoning Ordinance to pass which we will have on the January 6<sup>th</sup> Agenda as well but this one allows the facilities in the City of Kankakee.

**BERT ODELSON:**

I want to thank the Ordinance Committee, all the Alderman, Mayor and the Chief for their input. We have worked very hard on this Ordinance. I can tell you that this will be a model Ordinance in the State of Illinois. Other Communities have rushed and put in 2-3 pages Ordinances which I feel do not adequately protect the community and not adequately provide revenue for the community and don't define the dispensaries as we have defined them and define what the City can do in regards to the dispensaries in the application process during the opening and while they are conducting business. We have been very creative. I would like to point out a couple things in the Ordinance that is in your packets pertaining to the following: Social and Business Use, Requirements such as Business Permits, Insurance, Diversity, City Inspections, Impact Agreements, Non-Refundable Application Fee, Social Use Space, Cannabis Control, Reasons to Deny or Revoke, Social Equity, Cannabis Impact, Site Plans, Adult Use Business Regulations, Inspection & Advertising, Control of Emissions, Additional Regulations for Adult Use Dispensaries, Additional Police Inspections, Additional Regulations for Transporters, Violation Section of Ordinance and many other details unique to our Ordinance...Down the road there will be a Criminal Violation Ordinance we will work out with the Police Department and States Attorney along with how to test an Individual for marijuana in their system. We wanted to get This Ordinance on the books. We are very proud of this Ordinance. The IML has place it on their website. I want to thank everyone. As other states are changing, we will keep up with the changes. Any questions?

**ALD TALL:**

I want to make note that you have to be 21 years of age to Enter in any of these facilities. We are not going to selling...prohibited from entering...cannabis use. I want that to be clear for the general public.

**ALD O'BRIEN:**

Bert, we had some discussion regarding potential...ethics Potentially, being in here subsequent to that, Alderwoman Malone Marshall provide information on the state statue. The state in its wisdom has said that for any City Council Member per se no conflict of interest which is why it is not included in this Ordinance is that correct?

**BERT ODELSON:**

Yes, the State will take priority over our Ordinance. That is correct. I originally had it and we removed it due to state

regulations. There is more...bill ...we had to change the Ordinance again because of the...veto session made more amendments to the Act. So, we had to amend ours to comply including the state ethics.

**ALD O'BRIEN:**

I think that is a good point. The timing in which we Initially, talked about it was under the original bill then when that changed the other bill went through and we are ultimately consistent with the state statue now.

**BERT ODELSON:**

Yes.

**ALD CURTIS:**

I would like to make a comment on this tonight. There has been a lot of discussion on this. We have talked about it but we have not voted yet. I do have some great concerns with this. I sit on the Kankakee Drug Free Board. I have for the past ten years. This is the drug court portion of it. I have sat in multiple graduations in fact we had one Thursday. The great thing about Drug Court is, instead of having someone with convictions be put away in jail, we work with a program they can go through via the probation department...have their records expunged from them. This was started many years ago by Judge...in the 90's. It's been a great program. One thing I find is at every graduation, several of these people in the program got into harder drugs and other things but they all started with marijuana. It started there and led to things such as heroine or opioids things of that nature. I have heard this over and over at the graduations. When they go before the judge in the first two months of the program they deny it and they say it's not an issue but when they graduate they give a passionate speech. I have heard it over and over. It started there and gone from there. Me being the President going on four years and still on it. Having had a graduation on Thursday. I can't support this...I hope he doesn't mind me throwing out his name but one the residents in my Ward Mr. Tom Brans spoke to us probably a couple months ago. He gave a very passionate presentation I thought. He said, I understand the City of Kankakee needs revenue but let's put that box off to the side for just a second. Besides money and revenue, what positive things does this bring to the City of Kankakee? Does it make people want to buy more houses? Does it extract industries that need people to work and be drug free when they work for them? Does it help the development of the riverfront with restaurants when we have development and different things, is it going

to help that along? He asked about all these points. He said he gets the money part and he understands it, but besides that, what other positive thing is it going to bring? He also brought up a good point. I understood where he was coming from when he said, I am sure you guys have done your research. The question is we don't know...we don't know if this is going to bring in \$50K or \$500K no one knows. What will the cost be in other things as we go forward? I don't know what the rush is for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 except we can sit back and watch what other municipalities do and how it affects them. If it is a positive thing, people will still want to come to Kankakee and have a dispensary here. We could sit back and watch and see what the impact and other things are. I will end it with this...we talk about Kankakee Forward, Sales Tax Agreement...that was leadership. A lot of people called us nuts, said it was not going to work. There is no way you are going to raise taxes and give u a break on real estate taxes. You know what, they were wrong it did work. The tax rate went down and it has gone from there. Let's be leaders this time. Let's think about... is the right thing for the City of Kankakee? Let's be outside the box, different and forward thinking for our residents, for the betterment of community and going forward.

**ALD TETTER:**

I would like to thank everyone on the committee and Council that has worked diligently towards getting this Ordinance passed. There has been spirited debates and conversations. I just want to highlight a couple of things. Many members outside our community were advocating that we not accept this while at the same time they were setting up their own shops. The whole purpose was for us to lose this revenue so that we again do the same thing that we did in the 80's and the 90's. That is to transfer our commerce...communities...I take that completely unacceptable. The other is the social equity component. I have been very compassionate because it has impacted my family first hand. I am not asking for any sympathy but it is a fact that black and brown people have been affected by the war on drugs. We have people that have felonies because they got caught with cannabis...in public housing. They have been refused jobs and poverty persist because they never can get beyond their issue or their mistake. So the social equity component, some this money will be utilized...concerned about our but...fiscally responsible. At this time, this particular Ordinance and bill will allow

for the proceeds to assist in the areas that have been divested in, no development in, and no employment in. There has been none of the type of stuff we do in our downtown area. It's more than just two blocks in this City. The other thing regarding the law enforcement purpose, there is going to be...records expunged allowed to participate again in this great experience called America...capitalism. You have young men and women out here just asking for a chance. That's all they are asking for. When they get those records done...bottom line truth be told this may be a news alert, we have teenagers now spoking cannabis and we don't know what is in it and they are up at the hospitals. At least the legal cannabis is controlled. It will be more secure than Fort Knox. While everybody is up in this hoopla about how devastating this is going to be and all of that. If you really look at all the license in the state of Illinois the vast majority of them has been issued to affluent people that... like the people in the City of Kankakee. This is a chance to fix...how can you unparalyze a person that's been shot over a joint? You cant but what this will do is give opportunity...somewhere better businessmen and businesswomen in the illegal operation. Now that it's legal they will show us a couple things about these revenues and improve community.

**ALD OSENGA:**

I look at this from a different perspective based on what I used to do as a Police Officer for 30 years. I have been reading article after article about the legalization of cannabis. As Alderman in this City, we city here for weeks and weeks and months. We have had citizens come in here from the City of Kankakee and I can remember anyone who came in here saying this is a great thing we need to do this for our City. I have heard an awful lot our constituents come in here and say this is not a good thing we don't need it. My son lives in Colorado Springs and marijuana is legal out there. I have looked at a lot of statistics out there and the one I keep going back to is the large increase of traffic fatalities with people that has been using cannabis. If you make a traffic stop as a police officer and thy have been drinking .08 or higher and you are intoxicated you go to jail for drunk driving. There is no tool out there that the police officers have currently that can tell if a person is under the influence of cannabis to the point in which they should not be driving. There are so many unknowns here, I cannot in good faith support this. I guess the big thing for me is our constituents have come here repeatedly saying to do not do

this. Other than the revenue to our City, what are we going to get out of this? The black market is still going to be out there, people will still be selling it. I am not sure we will have to see will it be cheaper out on the street? I don't think so because the taxes are coming down the pipe with all this. There are just so many unknowns at this point I cannot support this.

**ALD BROWN:**

For all good reasons, I was not going to speak on this. For a person that has been in Law Enforcement for 32 years before retirement. For a person that went out to Washington DC and brought back a grant...in Kankakee County. For a person who monitored drug reports and probation supervision and...programs for over 30 years, I could not be for this when this started but I remember when I started Kankakee had no...none. Right now, Kankakee County has the least amount of services. Whether you do it or not, they are not going to blame Bourbonnais, they are not going to blame Herscher, they are going to blame Kankakee because Kankakee is where you can come and get it services. Duane Dean is here, Aunt Martha's is here, Helen Wheeler is here, Riverside is here, everybody is in Kankakee and the service must come from the City of Kankakee. It's legal starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If you think because you don't have a dispensary here that your problem will go away then you are living a fantasy. They are still going to use it and we are going to still have the same responsibilities of trying to provide services for them. Believe me, I have seen enough people...including juveniles in the Department of Corrections...I do not take pride in that at all. As a probation officer we were to rehabilitate and I think we did some of that. The people that said they started on marijuana they probably did but they had other problems to go along with that. There are two problems drugs and mental health. Don't forget that. For someone that stayed in Law Enforcement as long as I did...if this is going to be law and if Kankakee is going to be the place they expect these services from...we need to do this and that is why I support this Ordinance.

**ALD TALL:**

I would like to speak about the allocations. We passed out an allocation sheet that talked about the general revenue that might come from the sale of cannabis. One of the things on the top of the list is Police and Fire Pension; which Alderman O'Brien mentioned earlier spoke to earlier \$100 Million deficit. If this is going to happen, my

proposal was to take 35 to 50 percent of general revenue and out it toward the Police and Fire Pension. It will satisfy our pension, it won't wipe it out totally. We will never be able to catch up from a \$100 Million deficit but it will give us an opportunity and show our citizens good faith by reducing the levy on them that we would have to levy towards their properties. This does have some positive affects and because of that, I thought it was a good thing that we generate revenue and allocate it with the deficits that the City of Kankakee has. We have a lot of things happening in the City of Kankakee. I sat on the Board of Directors at Duane Dean for 21 years so I know the affects of drugs... and I know this is a good thing for the City.

**ALD O'BRIEN:**

I just want to clarify that this ordinance does not address that.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I am going to get to that. Again, this ordinance only pertains to allowing facilities in the City of Kankakee. I want to thank all four of you. Having you on City Council is like having 14 siblings. If any of you have siblings you know it takes a big group like this a lot of communication and work to try to get things together. Thank you, I know that everybody is passionate. I just want to say that I am a Social Worker. I have a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Social Work and I am a Certified Addictions Counselor. I have held that credentials in the State of Illinois for almost 20 years. I have never diagnosed or assessed a client...that used pure marijuana and became addicted from it. Alcohol is the most lethal drug we have in this country. We approve liquor licenses all the time. Alcohol is the most lethal drug. When you look at disabilities, car accidents, deaths, alcohol poisoning, it is the most lethal drug and I am speaking from my experience as a Social Worker and a Certified Addictions Counselor. I know that this is a touching issue: this deals with adult use. Just like he adults have the right to use alcohol, this deal with adult use period. For those who said we had people coming in Council, we have had people coming in Council most of them do not live in the City of Kankakee. All of them that spoke are not our residents. I want to let the record reflect that. We are respectful of people concerns but all those people that have spoken are not necessarily our residents from the City limits of Kankakee. The other thing I would like to say, in terms of the social equity. This

is where Steve and I were talking and he said things are getting charged. Things got really charged on this issue because I think for some people in the 1980's when Ronald Reagan passed this Legislation pertaining to the War on Drugs, it was very black and white for Law Enforcement. You were caught with a drug, you were breaking the law and you were put away. I don't think people really understand equity. I am not saying that to be offensive but I just want to make sure you know what equity is. For example: In the 1980's Crack Cocaine and Powder Cocaine were classified and penalized very differently. Black and Brown Communities were predominantly using crack cocaine. White Communities were using Powder. So, if you had Patrick on Wall Street using the same amount of drug as Tyrone who was using Crack at the same weight; same background, neither of them had been in trouble before they were both good kids and they were both busted for the first time. Tyrone with Crack. Patrick with Powder. Patrick could literally walk away with a slap on the hand the way the Laws were written the 1980's. They had mandatory minimum sentencing Laws for Crack. Not for Powder, just for Crack. Who was using Crack? Black and Brown Communities. So, when Tyrone got in trouble for the same amount, he had a mandatory minimum sentence to go to prison. That means the Judge was not allowed to use discretion. Which means that no one could say, Tyrone is a good kid, he was on the Honor Roll, two years ago, his father died and he started having some issues. That's what judges are usually allowed to do. They are usually allowed to take into consideration those extenuating circumstances. Under the Drug Sentencing Policies of the 1980's that was not the case with Crack Cocaine. So, you had families torn apart, people incarcerated for long sentences. Long sentences and communities broken. So, nothing we can do right now in 2020 can go back and repair that damage. You cannot make up the wealth gap, you cannot make it up. That's why this became a charged issue. As you can see from me it is a charged issue because as a Social Worker I am committed to Social Equity and Social Justice. That is the work of my life and that is why I stand firmly on that. There is push back as we have constant conversations about this because Equity and Equality are not the same thing. So fast forward to 2019, we have an opioid epidemic in suburbia. Heather is now using Heroin from Naperville. I am not discounting addiction. Addiction is a medical issue but the problem is

our Legislators did not treat it as a medical issue in the 1980's and they harmed communities when they did that. They get it now, they understand that it is a medical issue it is not a moral issue. It's not that Heather wants to be bad and she doesn't care about her kids. She has an issue, a medical issue and they are doing the right thing now to treat people. They are providing mental health Counseling and Substance Abuse Counseling, Drug Court and Diversion Programs but that was not available for those Black and Brown communities in the 1980's. That is what the issue is around Social Equity. So, I hope that I brought some clarification to that. The people that presented tonight gave you factual information with references. Not hearsay, not I think, not I heard. This state has passed it in a way that no other state has passed it. This is not comparable to Colorado this is regulated by five Agencies in the State of Illinois. It is a pure product you know what you are getting. It is safer to use it in the State of Illinois than anywhere else. So, I encourage you all to read those reference so you are informed. I don't want to make decisions on fear tactics, I believe in data and I believe in facts. I am sharing my experience as a Social Worker and a Certified Addictions Counselor, certified in the State of Illinois for 20 years. Again, I want to thank everybody. As Alderman Tall stated, he made some allocations and there is push back on that. So, on the agenda is a Resolution while deciding where the money goes. Right now, it will go in an Escrow for the City until the Council can all come together a figure out what is fair. I don't think it is fair to take money that is generated for Legislation to fix something our policy maker know it's wrong and give it all to the Police and Fire Pension and I am going on record saying that. I don't think it is right. We do have an issue with Pensions. I think we can get to a fair number, a fair amount. Some people wanted to give it all to pensions but as we had conversations people understood equity. So, I commend you all for the conversations and the communications and I thank you for that. At this time, I am going to ask you for a motion that suspends the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD TETTER:**

So move.

**ALD COBBS:**

Second.

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

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Curtis, Faford, Crawford, Osenga (*all said No*)  
(10) Ayes (4) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinances on final passage?

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Again, this is for facilities in the City. It Is not for allocating revenue. Roll Call

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**NAYS:** Curtis, Faford, Crawford, Osenga (*all said No*)  
(10) Ayes (4) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to items 12G through 12K. The good news is that the City taxes will not be increasing but our EAV has increased. Our residential properties have increased to almost \$11 Million. This is a great story for the City of Kankakee and a great job by this body.

**ITEM 12G:** Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Property Taxes in and for the City of Kankakee Special Service Area Number One for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020.  
(*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**ITEM 12H:** Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Property Taxes in and for the City of Kankakee Special Service Area Number Two for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020.  
(*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**ITEM 12I:** Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Property Taxes in and for the City of Kankakee Special Service Area

Number Three for the “Coach Light Square District” for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020. (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**ITEM 12J:**

Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Property Taxes in and for the City of Kankakee Special Service Area Number Five for the “East Side Business District” for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020. (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**ITEM 12K:**

Ordinance Levying Property Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the City of Kankakee, Kankakee County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020. (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:**

I am speaking tonight to the general levy fund. The other four that we pass has to do with our Special Service Levy’s according to those Ordinances back when they were set many years ago, so I don’t speak to those. I am only speaking to the general fund. I am very pleased tonight to present the 2019 Levy to you. I want to highlight a few items. The overall summary of this Levy is that for two years in a row, the City of Kankakee is lowering the tax Levy request which means the property taxes are being reduced. There are four main components to the Levy this year. Out of the four main components, two negatively impact the Levy and two components positively impact the Levy. The first component is at the funding need of the pensions at the 90 percent statutory minimum contribution level per the Actuarial Funding Reports for the Police and Fire pension increase \$469,654 between bot pensions. Our pension costs continue to rise each year like other municipalities across the State of Illinois. The second component. The second component was that the 2 percent home rule sales tax is bringing in less revenue than expected, so the City will need to lower the revenue estimates from the 2 percent home rule sales tax and add an additional \$420,000 to ensure the pension funding needs are met. Now for the positives. The third component is that the general obligation bond expense for the levy went down \$(921,655). This is approximately a 20 percent reduction from the year before. It was just a natural sliding as we go down and pay off the debt. This is just a year we had some of the bonds come off. The fourth component, is very important to everyone in the City of Kankakee, this year as the Mayor stated, the City has experienced the

largest increase in Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) since the levy year 2007. The EAV for the City increased from \$210,044,894 to \$221,011,281 as of November 2019. The majority of the \$10.96 million dollar increase, is from the EAV residential portion totaling \$10.2 million. This is great news for all property owners in the City of Kankakee. When these components combine together, the City of Kankakee is requesting \$7,364 less than 2018. However, the more important fact is that the estimated property tax rate for the City using estimates in EAV we know today, will go from 6.054 to 5.75. Breaking down the levy into three sections separately: The general corporate levy request is \$5,951,397 the special purpose fund levy is \$2,701,158 and the debt service levy is \$4,056,409 totaling \$12,708,964. Our actuaries from Lauterbach and Amen will be giving a presentation which is now looking like February of 2020, to explain our 2019 actuarial valuations for both the police and fire pension funds. Lauterbach and Amen will explain all of the conservative assumptions with 360 funds that they provide actuarial services to across the state. I am looking forward to their presentation to the Council. We can always learn more when it comes to the pensions. In summary, as we always state, we can only control the levy of the City of Kankakee. When applying the decrease to a property tax bill of a \$100,000 home in the City, the City portion will be decreased by approximately 5 percent. Last year a \$100,000 home with only a general homestead exemption would have paid approximately \$1,655 for the City portion. This year, this same home with all things relatively the same, will pay \$1,5070. I want to thank the Mayor and the City Council for all of the hard work on the property tax relief. Clearly, the pensions continue to be a major fiscal concern and we will continue to work to address future plans. Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** If there are no objections, I would like to combine Items 12G, 12H, 12I, 12J and 12K. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. 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. May I have a motion to place the Ordinances on final passage?

**ALD SWANSON:** I will make the motion.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second.

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

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Comptroller Kubal, regarding the EAV growth that Generally, is due to the gradual increase of home process through the years. Is that an accurate statement?

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** Alderman, this year in particular out of that \$10.9 million, 10.2 is residential properties. Yes...

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Thank you. One more question. We talked about the 2 percent sales tax. The revenue we allocated to that goes exclusively to offsetting property taxes formerly paid by the levy. Every year, that larger and larger chunk goes to the levy so there is less to go around...a half a million dollar increase a year. Is that accurate.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** That is generally the estimate we use. Over the 6 years that I have been here more years have been closer to the half million than not.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you Alderman O'Brien. Any other 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 Appointments.

**ITEM 12L: APPOINTMENTS**

**APPOINTMENT #1** Emergency Services Telecommunications Board-  
Frank Kosman

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** His appoint will be expiring. May I have consent and motion to approve his appointment?

**ALD OSENGA:** So move.

**ALD BROWN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Osenga 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. As you know, we expanded the Police Commissioner Board from 3 to 5. I am recommending Ethel Lee. Her resume is attached. May I have a motion to approve?

**APPOINTMENT #2** Police & Fire Commission-Ethel Lee

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis 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:** Motion carries. Moving on to Motions and Resolutions.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ITEM 13A:** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group (KAMEG).

**CHIEF KOSMAN:** This resolution recognizes that a Bradley Officer will be a part of KAMEG. It is amending the IGA to include Bradley.

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

**ALD OSENGA:** So move.

**ALD BROWN:** Second.

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

**ALD BROWN:** It's about time Bradley joined us

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Welcome Bradley. 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 13B.

**ITEM 13B:** Resolution Adopting Allocations for Revenue Received Pursuant to the Municipal Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Again, this is stating any monies collected will be put in the City's escrow account. The State Pre-empts the City which means that the override the City as it relates who can participate. We received a report indicating that the 7<sup>th</sup> Eastside of Kankakee... Wards 7 and 1 are both disproportionately impacted. The other thing, this money recommendation is for mental Health, Youth Programming, Expungement, Job Expansion, Job creation and Workforce Training are some of the initiatives, Business Ownership is For that we will look to consider. May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

**ALD TETTER:** So move Mayor.

**ALD TALL:** Second.

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

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Section two mentions that it should go into an escrow account. I wonder if we need to add clarification or if we are good that and should we also state that it should not be spent until a subsequent resolution directs where it goes? Or is just by saying escrow account implied and understood.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would think so. That's what you all said at Budget that you want it to go to a City Escrow account so that's what I followed...your lead.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** I just wanted to make sure we are on the same page...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** 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. There is no need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16.

#### **ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS**

**ALD TALL:** I just want to say that the Ordinance Committee meeting scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Merry Christmas to Everybody.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Regarding the Ordinance that was passed, Police Staffing Ordinance for a lack of better term. I would like to add my commentary. On the sections that was proposed to be added that takes away the authority of the Council, sets the staffing levels and delegates that to the Chief or the Mayor. I would ask that that be remove and that it continues to be in the realm of the City Council and not the Administration. Thank you

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTONG:** You want the City Council to delegate the staffing of the police department?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** That's what the ordinance calls for the way it is written.

**BURT ODELSON:** I will take a look at it.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** It says...in the discretion of the Chief and Mayor the

number may be changed for any reason including but not limited to ...budgetary concerns...should not be the case  
Thank you.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Burt will take a look into it. Anybody else? Okay. Quick thing, if you all are going to cancel your meetings let me know, I would appreciate it. We have a very aggressive agenda and I want to make sure we continue to move our work flow and keep the City's business moving forward. We will be working on the Zoning Ordinance for Cannabis January 6<sup>th</sup>. You all have an item on your desks'. I wish you all Happy Holidays.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ALD PRUDE:** So move.

**ALD COBBS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Prude. Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

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