

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 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 Robinson of Genesis Community Ministries and go on to the pledge of allegiance by Kankakee Junior High Teen Police Academy.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CAROL DUFFIELD:** I am back again voicing discontent with Code Enforcement regarding my neighbor. He was issued a permit until after he installed it. I put a fence around my yard. He built this against Code. I don't understand why Code allowed this. I want it resolved. I don't know what to do. I called the your office, Mike Hoffman, zoning and I want something done.

**LANCE MARZAC:** I am asking all to look at the safer bike lane options I presented. I have done research supporting this. Do we want to build something unusable? Painted lines don't work and will not protect bikers. Projects get voted on. You listened and looked at what I presented. Now it's time to take action. Doing what's right for everyone involved. This is not political but what's right for all. I'm not giving up on you great leaders.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Roll Call of City Council.

**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:**Department Heads.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **PRESENT:** Hunt, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman ,Ellexson, Thank you.

**MINUTES**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to the minutes for January 22nd, 2019

motion to approve.

**ALD OSENGA:** So move.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** Second.

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

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Minutes are approved. There are no petitions. We will go on to Communications Item 8A.

## COMMUNICATIONS

**ITEM 8A:** Presentation by the Kankakee Fire Department of the Community Partners Award to the Red Cross.  
Captain Cassagrane: Jeremiah has been instrumental in helping the city by being involved in the smoke detector program. He went to other Communities to research we don't always have and he encouraged other communities to take this program seriously. The program is what we use for community safety day and he has helped with programs such as: disaster preparation, teaching and first aid. We would like to say thank you to Jeremiah for all he has done.

**ITEM 8B:** Presentation by Dan McDevitt and Team from REM Management Services, INC. regarding an update on the Chief of Police search.  
Dan McDevitt and Team: We have held a variety of interviews, Job description, advertising through the Illinois Association of Chief of Police and went through the applicants and assessment center.

- Mayor, Elected Officials, Community Leaders, Kankakee Police Department and States Attorney
- Received 15 Resumes
- Set of Skills, Education, Professional Organizations, Command Schools, Supervisory & Command Experience, Management Experience and CALEA Accreditation.
- Resume Scoring
- Questionnaire Process
- Experience in Diverse Communities
- Budgeting
- Strategies to Address Morale

- How to Increase Citizen Cooperation
- How to Ensure Racial Ethics/Accurately Reflects Community
- Out of 12 Semi Finalist 10 scored...
- Assessment Center: Evaluation of Candidates included 3 exercise such as structured interview, role playing and management scenario, etc.,
- Determination of Final Score in category of percentages
- Finalist include: Donnell Austin and Dave Skelly (internal finalist), Jonathan Butts, Frank Kosman and Juan Torres. Finalist had to answer a set of questions
- Our Pledge: recruitment through process and provide decisions. We will return March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Mentoring program is offered to New Chiefs of Police (6 month of coaching).

**DISCUSSION:** Finalist will come forward on March 4<sup>th</sup> during City Council Executive Session. There were a total of 3 internal candidates.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. I plan to appoint a Chief in the month March. Moving on to Committee Reports.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**ITEM 9A:** Ordinance: Alderman Tall  
Met on Tuesday, January 16th, 2019 and discussed an ordinance to enhance security defer to O'Brien at this time. Alderman O'Brien: at 300 East River there are concerns of security, it's not getting any better. City can provide...City Wide to a building of that size. Alderman Tall reached out to City Attorney regarding the issues. Alderman Tall: We also added Chapter 36 -20 Adjudication Penalties and collections which is on the agenda tonight. Lastly, we discussed the temporary overnight shelters.

**ITEM 9B:** Economic Development: Alderman Tetter  
Met on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and discussed 2019 Agenda Involving various and upcoming projects throughout the City. Also checked into how DC & Pittsburg address opportunity zones.

**ITEM 9C:** Building & Code: Alderman Crawford  
Met on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the main topic consisted of

adopting a 2018 Codebook and have the City Attorney review.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Moving on to Item 10A 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 amount of \$319,177.11

**ALD TALL:** Second the motion.

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

**ALD CRAWFORD:** What is check # 74453?

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** Fire Department exhaust system.

**ALD CRAWFORD:** What is ...Odelson & Sterk and another for Teska

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** Odelson & Sterk is for the Month of October. Teska for both November and December for consulting.

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

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter (abstain on check#74451), Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion Carries. We will skip to motions and Resolutions.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ITEM 13A:** Resolution Honoring the Bishop McNamara Catholic School on their Successful Second Place in Class 4A Football Competition.

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

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

**ALD SWANSON:** Second.

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

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** The resolution is approved. Moving onto Item 13B.

**ITEM 13B:** Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Property Transfer Agreement between the City of Kankakee and the River Valley Metro Mass Transit District

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** They will use grant money for this project and they need land control. The location is East Chestnut. May I have a motion to approve the agreement?

**ALD KENNEDY:** I so move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Kennedy and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Discussion?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** If development does not happen it will come back to the City. Is that correct?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Yes. We didn't have to bid because it is two Governmental properties. 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 onto Item 13C.

**ITEM 13C:** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Enterprise Fleet Management 2019 Vehicle Fleet Leasing and Management Program.

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** There are seven types of cars and each company gave us the makes & models. Enterprise includes maintenance.

**ALD OSENGA:** I reached out to people and both said that Enterprise is the best to use.

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

**ALD LEWIS:** I 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, Baron, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy  
**NAYS:** Tall  
(13) Ayes (1) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving onto 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 Signs Established at 357 South Washington Avenue.  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading).

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

**ALD LEWIS:** I so move.

**ALD TALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Tall. 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 LEWIS:** I so move.

**ALD TALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Tall. 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 36 of the Kankakee City Code, City Of Kankakee, Illinois by adding Section 36-20 Adjudication Penalties and Collections (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of this 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:** 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. Moving on to Item 12C.

**ITEM 12C:** Ordinance of the City of Kankakee Fixing A Time and Place for Public Hearing for the Establishment of the East Court Tax Increment Financing District and the Riverfront Tax Increment Financing District.

**MIKE HOFFMAN:** Establish TIF in the area of East Court. Both meet the Criteria. Development Plans...appropriate use of funds. Impact... housing...the next process is to establish Hearing Date and Time April 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM-5:30PM. There will be 2 parts. Public Meeting scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> and present to taxing bodies March 15<sup>th</sup> (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

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

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

**ALD GALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. 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 to Item 12D.

**ITEM 12D:** Recommendation to Accept the Construction Staking Proposal from Piggush Engineering, INC., of \$38,680.00 for Schuyler Avenue Streetscaping Project.

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

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move.

**ALD TETTER:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Discussion?

**ALD CURTIS:** Will this be paid out of TIF, general operating or capital?

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** As of now we set aside a cushion...if it comes to fruition that the money will be needed then it will come out of capital.

**ALD CURTIS:** How would it be paid initially?

**ELIZABETH KUBAL:** The top dollars will come out of TIF 1 and on the backside when we get to the end of the project the differential would have to come out of capital.

**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. We have no appointments and no need for Executive Session. Moving onto Alderman Comments.

#### **ALDERMAN COMMENTS**

**ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN:** The Ordinance regarding snow routes will have to be enforced. Cars need to be moved out of the snow routes, Trash totes should not be on the streets. Plows have to go around them. DPW can be more efficient on how they move snow. Thanks to Lance Marzac regarding public safety and the bike trail. Is it possible to include we can look at that? I would like to talk to you more and look at some possibilities.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** In regards to the rental property in Hillcrest there are rumors we are not putting people out...

**KRIS SCHMITZ:** At 280 Tedmark, a preliminary injunction was presented. All parties have been served. Review is set for February 14<sup>th</sup> the City is not throwing anyone out.

**ALD BROWN:** I am not familiar they were having problems.

**KRIS SCHMITZ:** There is no rental license.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Scheduled Webinars – Lead Hazzard Grant. Hitchcock and I have a presentation to Economic Alliance on

February 7th. Mingle with the Mayor at Paul's Place...stop  
bye. Black Program February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Lincoln  
Cultural Center. Alderman Tetter and Barbie Brewer  
Watson and others... Midland Bank did tour of incubation  
to get best practices will follow up. February News Letter  
is in English and Spanish sign up on the website. National  
League of Cities Housing & Health proposal was due today  
and will select 6 Teams in Detroit Michigan 1<sup>st</sup> week of  
April. I will keep you posted. Please provide Nichelle  
with your updated information.

### **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.