

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Jeff Evans from Countryside Community Church and go on to the Pledge of Allegiance by Riley Ditta from Countryside Community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RUSSELL JOHNSON:

I have been involved with the property that sits behind the old Shell Station, it's about 4.5 acres. We bought it in 1972 and it had gone from farmland to trucking and I always made sure we kept heavy equipment on it so we can hold the zoning. Now it has come forth that we are to relinquish our property to the City and lose our zoning which is like stealing...its reducing it...its taking away what that property is all about. I would like to keep it instead of it becoming a City property. Another fellow will come behind me that rents from me and he will tell you how important it is to him...my property is 1942 East Court next to the Cemetery.

CHUCK HUMPHREY:

I had a property at 1935 East Court presently and I had 17 containers that I had to move off the property a year ago. Fortunately, I found Russ, it cost money, time...I had to buy extra equipment. Now the city wants to annex it turn it into commercial. I just don't want that to happen. I don't want to go through moving all those containers, pure storage for my business and cost me more money. I may have to move all of my business and move it somewhere that I can have it all in one. I'm just glad that I have Russ across the street. It makes it easier. It will cost me twice as much if it gets annexed into commercial and I will have to move all my storage containers. I just plead that you don't annex that property.

MARY ARCHIE:

Mayor this is for you. I come here tonight to give you encouragement...for you and Jasmyne. Sometime you have to realize you will have to pick your fights. When you pick your own fight 9 times out of 10 you are going to win. It's politic time. People are going to talk and

everything is not going to be good; things will be negative. It's okay that's life. It's not your first rodeo and you know that. Jazz, this is your first rodeo. You will be alright. As the Pastor said, we are supposed to pray for our leaders and that's what I do. I ask God to give you His vision for this City. Don't take the time to let other people live in your brain. Mayor, it must be pretty good that somebody is thinking about you every day. I think that's a good thing. When people are talking about you other people are going to listen. They are wonder...and that's advertisement for you. Embrace it. It's alright, God's got you. Pick your own fights. You have to know that everybody is not going to go along with what you say. You are doing an excellent job. You are the Mayor. You have a City to run; now get to running it. Don't listen to all this stuff out here. Jazz...move on that's what we are here for. This is politics. People are going to say things, they are going to do things but it's okay. They talked about Jesus, nobody's better than Him. So, what do you think they will do to you? Don't let these people rent space in your mind, in your brain. God's got you. Keep the faith because we do.

LISA WATSON:

I also want to express my gratitude for your strength and for Jasmyne strength. I have had the pleasure in the past of working with both Chas and Jazz and they are two of the most collaborative women that I have worked with. I really appreciate the strength I have seen in both of you especially on social media. I think it is challenging to work in public office and social media no matter how you express yourself. You can be perceived in negative ways and I think you both do an excellent job of persisting and working really hard in being authentic and real and working really hard to represent the people and I really appreciate it.

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

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSENT: Osenga
(13) Present (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Ellexson, Hoffman, Brewer-Watson.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to the minutes for Monday, January 21st, 2020 will be provided at the next meeting. Moving on to Petitions.

PETITIONS

ITEM 7A & 7B:

Minutes of the Public Hearing for Proposed East Court Tax Increment Financing District – Monday, January 6th, 2020 And Minutes of the Planning Board – Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 (*both are information only*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The minutes for both are enclosed in the packet. Moving on to Item C.

ITEM 7C:

PB2019-12-3 Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to C-2 of PIN#16-17-04-206-004, A Property of Approximately 3.87 Acres Located South of Court Street behind the Existing Shell/Circle K.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

Items 7C, 7D and 7E are somewhat related. We have been reviewing the city's zoning map and looking at appropriate zoning. In some cases, there are properties mix matched between existing use and existing zoning. Another thing we are discovering is there are parcels completely surrounded by the City of Kankakee but not annexed into the City of Kankakee. We would like to clean up the zoning map and get those parcels into the City. At some extent, they are already receiving City services. The streets in front of these properties are being plowed already, utilities are available to those properties and unless you really understand maps wells, you would assume they are already in the City but they are not. The one we are talking about here is behind the Circle K and the access comes off of the Circle K. We looked at the comprehensive plan and it shows the property as commercial. We looked at the surrounding property zoning and in this case we have the cemetery to the East zoned C1 and another property to the West zoned C2 and the property to the North zoned C2. That's why we came up with the proposal to zone the property as C2...regarding the storage containers out there,

we will interpret that as a legal non-conforming use. The existing when we annexed the property in the City and he may continue to use it for as long as he continues to do so. The only way they would lose the ability to use it as such is if they stop using it for a year or if they change the business took containers out but otherwise he would be allowed to continue so there really is not a direct impact on that particular business. The Planning Board heard this case and is comfortable with the annexation and the zoning. Also the three parcels we are doing this evening will be a part of our East Court TIF and to have them in the TIF that have to be incorporated.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:I did meet with Alderman Brown and Alderman Tetter. Do you all have anything you want to add?

ALD BROWN: Mayor, the same thing Hoffman stated, I think I stated to Mr. Johnson which is the storage shed will continue to be in use. The only reason why they had to move from behind the independent living is because that is...residential and that was the problem. Other than that, we did not know if they stored chemicals or...so that was the driving for behind that.

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

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Curtis, Tall, Faford, Crawford
(9) Ayes (4) Nays

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

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second

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

ALD CURTIS: Just for clarification, on suspension of the rules you have to have three quarters of the vote. Do we have that? I think we will only be able to have 1st reading tonight.

MIKE MCGRATH: I will be honest, I haven't heard of that rule. Unless that's a rule that Council has followed in the past...obvious...I have never heard of that.

ALD TALL: For clarification you have to have ten.

MIKE MCGRATH: I'm sorry?

ALD TALL: You have to have 10 to suspend the rules.

MIKE MCGRATH: It's not a City code rule. Are you going by the...what rule are we going by?

ALD CURTIS: Ordinance...when you have an ordinance you have to have 2 readings and 2 votes. So to suspend the rules you have to have three quarters of the majority...1st and 2nd... it's not simple majority on the suspension of the rules. I do have some comments on the hearing. The annexation of these properties, if the owner is for it I have no problem with it. In fact, I think I saw in one of the pieces, it may be next, we are going to talk about...Greg ...the planning commission that his client was acceptable to annexing into the City. The first one that we are talking about behind Circle K Gas Station is the former Mayor Johnson who said that he is not opposed to that...basically, a forced annexation which is legal in Illinois. Many states adopted it and it is legal if the Council chooses so. The problem I have with forced annexation is when an owner of the property purchases it, not only location, quality, how the find it with the bank but the key factor in real estate is zoning. What are you financing that property on things of that nature, to a bank and to use. In this case, Mr... is using it as Industrial Use while there may be a grandfather clause regarding these containers, if they should move he would not be able to do anything else industrial on that property in the future so he loses value on his property because he's got a zoning that has become more restrictive than he currently has impacts the value of

his property. Basically, by forcing annexation of his property against an owners will in a sense, you are using eminent domain without going through the procedures and its not for public use. You are basically forcing someone to change their property for something that they don't want to do. It would be no different than your house, lets say you have an R3 zoning and you have a couple units that gets changed to an R1 something happens to that property you can't rebuild a 2 or 3 unit. You will have to build single family. It depends on how you finance it. Commercial properties are very heavy leveraged. So, I'm just against forced annexation against the owners will. These other properties, I would asked the other owners if they are here tonight, I will support the annexation is that is what you want. The other thing is, I believe Mr. Johnson has sanitary sewer, I don't know if he has storm sewer. If he has flooding issues it's not the City's responsibility. We are dealing with that South of town and I think that the result was that the Township or County should deal with it going forward. The City did what they can do and they need to talk to County. Right now if there is a flooding issue or anything, Mr. Johnson has to go deal with the County. We could be incurring cost down the road that we don't even know about. Annexing without the owner's consent or will, quite frankly, is not very American.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Not American ...we are looking to annex to put this into The TIF which I was under the impression that you Supported and that you all wanted the TIF expanded. It's My understanding that Mr. Johnson is not against the annexation. He wanted to make sure the zoning stayed the same.

RUSSELL JOHNSON: I'm against all of it.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Oh you are against annexation?

RUSSELL JOHNSON: I don't think any of this is necessary.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We were doing this to get it into the East Court TIF.

RUSSELL JOHNSON: *(inaudible)*.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: This particular property, I paid a couple of visits to as

recently as today. It certainly has some history. I remember it being an Ace Hardware Store, I'm certain that is the same structure. I imagine that was commercial at that time but anyway the bottom line is, there was a car that caught on fire a few years back with its proximity used near the gas station it was the City assets the fire and police department...so all of that including the Utilities are tied into the City. We are looking into a variance to make sure those containers stay there and I just don't see where that is a problem. It's unfortunate that we are posturing political...during city business issues... Its' in the 7th Ward and we are doing improvements in that area. I hope this body would recognize that being in the 7th Ward we have a standing practice not to go against Alderman or put ourselves in situations where we then try to become Alderman of areas in which we are not elected over.

ALD BROWN:

My comment is really short. How many times have businesses come before this board and say they have to rezone because I can't sell it the way it is now or I can get insurance the way it is now? We have heard throughout this Council for years that businesses come and changes zoning. The zoning map right now is out of whack. It don't make sense to annex anything in there...for example... C1. All the properties around it is a C1 and it becomes a light industrial. It doesn't make any sense....you can do everything you have done in the past. It makes sense for annexation and all the zoning to be Similar to the surrounding businesses. If we are not going to do this; stop rezoning stuff through the City. We have pockets all around the City. If we are not going to do this now then we need to stop. We can't be in the middle. I pick this go for it and this one not. That's not the way of doing it. If we are going to fix the problem with the zoning maps we need to do it now.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other comments? Alderman O'Brien?

ALD O'BRIEN:

I have a question for Mr. Hoffman. You mentioned that the current container rental will be a legal conforming use. Is it just that use or will it be all similar uses.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

Yeah, if its commercially zoned its designed for businesses not heavy truck usage in general. Certainly they can keep the containers our there ...this is an odd parcel. Based on what the...its quite old...without the direct frontage on

Court Street as a commercial property it probably has less value than other properties but given the fact that they will be able to continue the use. We thought that would make sense. You could probably make an argument that light industrial makes sense as well but commercial is the prominent zoning so that's what we went with.

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you. My last question is in forced annexation have we made any attempts to negotiate with the owner?

MIKE HOFFMAN: We have not...

MIKE MCGRATH: It's new to me Alderman Curtis. The two thirds vote to suspend the rules. My math is 8.58 out of 13 present Aldermen.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, we have a motion on the floor by Alderman Tetter and a Second by Alderman Brown. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Curtis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, O'Brien
(8) Ayes (5) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 7D.

ITEM 7D: PB2019-12-4 Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to C-2 of PIN#16-09-34-300-057, A Property of Approximately .45 Acres Located along Court Street at the Northern Extension of Eastridge Drive and the Northern Frontage Road (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

MIKE HOFFMAN: The owner of this property did not show up at the hearing. This is a small piece...used as a gas station and we are proposing to keep it zoned as C2.

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

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second

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

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

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

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: Is the owner here in the audience? Again, I am against forcing annexation. I think we should talk with the owners. Alderman O'Brien mentioned...have we made any attempt to come to an agreement. Similar to like we did with the Dollar General. There was an owner against annexing into the City and we should not force them against their will.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Just to be clear. All owners are notified by letter. If they wanted to comment they had the opportunity to do that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, roll call...

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 7E.

ITEM 7E: PB2019-12-5 Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to R-1 of PIN#26-09-34-300-020, A Property of Approximately One Acre Located on the North Side of Court Street Just West Of A Private Street Called Babcock Street.
(1st and 2nd Reading).

MIKE HOFFMAN: This is a real skinny piece of property that really can't be used by itself quite honestly. It's only about 30ft to 40ft wide. It really is kind of a whole so this is what we are proposing to annex and zone it R1...it's really not a developing piece.

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 TETTER: Second

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

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

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

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second

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

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 8A Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A and 8B: Revised Request: Merchant Street Art Gallery Artistic of Autism is Requesting Street Closure of East Merchant Street from South Indiana Avenue to South Dearborn Avenue to Host "Rockin Around the Spectrum" on Saturday, September 19th, 2020, from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Kankakee Jaycees is Requesting Street Closure of the Farmer's Market Parking Lot, 200 Block of South Schuyler Avenue, and Festival Square to Host "Halloween Downtown" on Sunday, October 18th, 2020, from 5:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections, I would like to combine Items 8A and 8B. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD GALL: So move.

ALD O'BRIEN: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A: Economic Development– Alderman Tetter
The meeting was held on Thursday, December, 2019.
Highlights include: At our meeting we had public comment regarding cannabis revenue allocation and the East Side Special Service money. Barbi Brewer-Watson provided the Directors report with PPT on downtown Kankakee. The Riverfront Implementation Team has worked to create a non-for-profit...this group will work on...entities to help work on the developing the Riverfront. Brad Benoit presented on small business survey and retention. Old Business: we are in the process of referring the city employee residency to legal. New Business: We discussed proposed annexation...motion carried. We also discussed post cannabis...put money in an escrow account and also discussed the proposed cannabis ordinance...motioned also carried.

ITEM 9B: License & Franchise – Alderman Curtis
The meeting was held on Thursday, January 9th, 2020.
Highlights include: Craig Blanchette of Aqua was present. He introduced the new Area Manager, Angela Serafina person taking over Melissa Kahoun's duties for the area. Updated us on several repairs in Kankankee...Williams Street Avenue is in full service..., repairs taking place this spring, Hickory Street project has the main completed. The franchise agreement expired December 31st. He has met with the City and attorneys and they are working on the agreement to extend that. Alderman Crawford asked about

a water main Break. Serafini said she would get back to us and report on that. Ernie Lopez of Republic discussed recycling and oversees contamination. Old Business: The Clerk's Office asked us to look at fines....standard fee of \$25.00 if you are late that will be on top of the registration...approved and sent to ordinance committee for review. Vincent Clark of KCCSI discussed programs available to residents during the winter time such as gas, or propane tanks. Com Ed offers hardship programs and they also offering senior programs starting October 2020 for senior aged residents first then to all residents that qualify in December that will help with monthly payments if you are behind in your heating.

ITEM 9C:

Building & Code – Alderwoman Malone Marshall
The meeting was held on Thursday, January 16th, 2020.
Highlights include: Under New Business the representative from Rick Jones postponed until March. We discussed Code Officers, how the four are spread out in the City with seven wards and we discussed the update on Computer System.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: 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 \$441,706.15.

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, O'Brien, Gall (*abstain on check#'s 76003, 2977, 1162*), Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(11) Ayes (2) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item 11A Unfinished Business we have none. Moving on to Item 12 New Business. It's been brought to my attention...we will remove Item 12D. I have continually asked that you see Linh in my office. If you need to discuss zoning or any

public safety issues or any other matters. If you have not followed up please do that.

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 361 South Third Avenue (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

ITEM 12B: Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled “Handicapped Parking” of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Rescinding Ordinance No. 2010-58: Establishing Handicapped Parking at 390 West Walnut Street – On West Side of the Sidewalk (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

ITEM 12C: Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Article XII, Section 238 of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois Establishing a Two-Way Stop Intersection at South Wildwood Avenue and East River Street (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

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 ordinances?

ALD SWANSON: Mayor Item 12B is rescinding. I will make that motion

ALD LEWIS: Second

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

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

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

ALD SWANSON: I so move.

ALD LEWIS: Second

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

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We will discuss Item 12D we With those representatives. Moving on to Item 12E.

ITEM 12E: Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Article II, of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Business License and Registration (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

ALD CURTIS: There was a change also back at the License & Franchise...we reviewed the minutes back in November. There are two changes. The first one is instead of a \$10.00 late fee there will now be a flat fee of \$25.00. The second one is there has been some discrepancies in the past, if you have a state license you don't have to pay the fee. The concern is health and safety is knowing who the owners of all businesses are, be able to contact them in case of a fire or things of that nature. If they don't have insurance a lot of times the City will be stuck with that bill of demolition and cleanup. Even if you are exempt from the business you are required to fill out the paperwork, provide proof of insurance and contact information. This allows the City of Kankakee to understand who's operating in the City, who to contact in case of an emergency and to ensure that all businesses are insured for the health and safety of Kankakee.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: In case there is any confusion, the state law indicates that If you are Licensed through the Illinois Department of financial and Professional Regulations, you are exempt from the fee. So those will be, people who have state license like a massage therapist, cosmetologist, dentist, attorneys...but the change states that even if they are exempt they are still required to record their information with the City...we have a person of contact.

ALD CURTIS: Just to add to that, some of the people thought just because they were exempt from the \$100 fee that they are exempt from registering.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: It did go to ordinance. Alderman Tall did you have anything?

ALD TALL: Alderman Curtis stated it perfectly.

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

ALD CURTIS: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Curtis and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Gall, Prude
NAYS: Tetter, Malone Marshall
(11) Ayes (2) Nays

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

ALD CURTIS: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Curtis Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any discussion? Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: Just for the record. So we are going to increase the fees from \$10.00 to \$25.00. One hundred and something percent...

ALD CURTIS: Right now the fee is \$10.00 per month when you are behind...If you don't pay within 2 months it will be \$20.00...if you don't pay within a year it will be \$120.00. We are just making it a flat fee of \$25.00.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Are there any other discussion? Alderman Cobbs?

ALD COBBS: This fee will make sure that they are in compliance with City Code and Regulation is that correct?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes.

ALD COBBS: So we will know who is doing business in the City?
That will include any properties that may be annexed as
Well...will they be exempt?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If they are registered under Professional and Financial Regulation there is an exemption but this ordinance is changing to make sure that even if they are exempt that they are registered at the Clerk's Office. They don't have to pay a fee at the registration if they are exempt through the state. So if it's a Barber or someone that holds a State License such as a massage Therapist they don't have to pay the \$100.00 fee but they still need to register with the City Clerk so that we know they are in the City and make sure they have insurance and contact information.

ALD COBBS: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call please.

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12F, 12G and 12H.

ITEM 12F: Ordinance designation the East Court Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area.

ITEM 12G: Ordinance approving the City of Kankakee East Court Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area Redevelopment Plan and Project.

ITEM 12H: Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Kankakee East Court Tax Increment Financing District.

MIKE HOFFMAN: This on has been around for a while and the school district has some concerns that properties adjacent to the boundaries, they would like those included in the TIF area. So we went back and looked at that. Also in the school properties, we added in a few properties on Court Street that made sense. Now the proposed district is...acres essentially along Court Street and ...a large track of that is the Eastgate Industrial Park as well as some apartments to the South of that that are not in very good condition. The TIF would perhaps allow some rehab to those properties.

The obvious focus of this is creating jobs, developing private sector...other deficiencies regarding infrastructure and other elements that are out there and to make this a very welcoming, wonderful entrance into the community. We had a joint review board in December and attendants were all supportive of the TIF and recommended...of the TIF. We had a Public Hearing on January 6th, after providing notice in the paper twice alone with direct mailing to the properties in the area. The minutes of the meeting is included in the packet. The concerns were the use of TIF funds for residential properties...but the clear focus in this is the Commercial development...We are recommending adopting the East Court TIF with the 3 ordinances before you...

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

ALD BROWN: Motion to approve 12F, 12G and 12H

ALD TETTER: Second

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

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinances 12F, 12G and 12H on final passage?

ALD BROWN: So move

ALD TETTER: Second

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

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

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

ITEM 12I

Recommendation to Accept Professional Services Agreement from Hitchcock Design Group in the amount of \$66,000.00 for Pre-Design and Schematic Design of the East Riverwalk Improvements.

NEIL PIGGUSH:

This proposal is for Pre Design and Schematic Design Services for the three lots South of East Avenue...River Street. These are the properties included in the OSLAD Award we are currently working through right now. Some of the questions we have been asked is... What is Pre Design? In this case it will be a heavy organized...program, identification of stakeholders, identification of physical and environmental constraints, and development of a public input program so stakeholders can voice their opinions. This property should have operational constraints as well. This is one of the key focal points of the plan that...into the river. Having a local input program of all the entities is important. The second phase would be the Schematic Design where we would take public input and develop a concept plan and start developing estimates of costs in conjunction with those plans and bring to Council.

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON:

The \$66,000.00 will be coming out of the Community Block Grant Funds that we have. We haven't done this before but we have planning dollars in the Community Development Block Grant, a part of Administration which in the past has been used for salaries. We have covered all of our salaries through other grants so we have it in that budget to spend on a planning proposal such as this. Since we did receive those extra funds of that \$945K, we also have to spend \$300K by March 15th so this is also another opportunity for us to move the Riverfront Master Plan forward with this proposal. The team is really excited to go out and engage the citizens...We are excited to work with Hitchcock and lead the way through engagement.

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

ALD SWANSON:

So move.

ALD LEWIS:

Second.

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

ALD O'BRIEN: (inaudible)...helpful to share all the things on a map...our eastern end of the river walk. Is that correct?

NEIL PIGGUSH: I have some extra maps...I can pass them out.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:Right at Schuyler Avenue and River Street.

ALD O'BRIEN: I think this is a good visual...the perspective of what we are talking about.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:Any other discussion...Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: I think this a great opportunity for us to jumpstart the real development of the riverfront...it demonstrates to everyone that we are serious about this riverfront. This will be the first real example.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Anybody else...Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes this is for Neil. On 9, 10 and 11...Are those houses in there currently living in them?

NEIL PIGGUSH: No...11 is a vacant property next to the high rise.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anybody else? Roll Call...

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

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

ITEM 12J: Recommendation to Accept the Preliminary/Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds from Piggush Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$30,380.37 for Proposed Bike Lane markings and Necessary Pavement Improvements on the South Schuyler Avenue Between Station Street and Water Street.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: As you all know we have a Bike Plan. We have markings downtown and we are looking to get that connected down to Water Street.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This is an extension to the current bike lanes in accordance with the Bike Plan adopted by City Council. It would start at Station Street and Head South to Water Street. From Water Street you are able to go East or West...this is an integral piece of the biking network.

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

ALD FAFORD: So move.

ALD SWANSON: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Any discussion...Alderman Cobbs?

ALD COBBS: Did you say they are going to go East and West on Water Street?

NEIL PIGGUSH: The scope is this proposal is to terminate at water street but the bikers would have the ability to head east or west.

ALD COBBS: So there will be no markings going east and west?

NEIL PIGGUSH: ...Correct.

ALD CURTIS: This is for the actual markings not just engineering...the bike lane markings?

NEIL PIGGUSH: No this is just for engineering inspection. We don't know what the construction cost will be until we do the design. We will have to submit to IDOT as well.

ALD CRAWFORD: Where is the \$30,380.37 coming from?

NEIL PIGGUSH: MFT.

ALD CRAWFORD: Is that the Motor Fuel Tax that is coming out of all of our Wards?

NEIL PIGGUSH: It comes out of the City's MFT,

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Crawford to be clear. The MFT Fund is for the City of Kankakee. It's not to be divided into 7 different Wards like we are 7 different cities.

ALD CRAWFORD: I understand that. Some of our Wards right now are falling apart. We are getting less and less money every year.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That's no true. When the bill passed through the legislation at the State, they actually increased MFT funding and we are getting an additional...

NEIL PIGGUSH: \$40k per month.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Times 12 months so almost a half million..

ALD CRAWFORD: The last 2 years we went from 80K to 90K down to 25K...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, we are on year 2020 now and we have an additional \$500K.

ALD CRAWFORD: Hopefully, we don't spent less in our Wards like have have the last...years...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Crawford...

ALD CRAWFORD: But that's not my statement...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Let's get to it.

ALD CRAWFORD: I have the floor right now...My other question is...I would like to see moving forward, I am all for the Bike Lanes...I would like to see the Bike lanes go all through the County. Moving forward I would like to see us do a better job than we did up and down Schuyler...businesses...so we don't take parking away. Maybe we can keep as much parking on the streets as we can.

NEIL PIGGUSH: I think the good part about heading south from Station is there is not a lot of parking on the East side of the street.

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Tall, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude

ABSTAIN: Gall
(12) Ayes (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We have no appointments. Moving on to Item 13.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Proclamation Declaring February 7th, 2020, as City of Kankakee Employee Appreciation Day
(Read by Mayor).

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

ALD TETTER: So move Mayor.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor

COUNCIL: Aye

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

ITEM 13B: Resolution in Support of the National League of Cities Leading Together Cities Agenda for 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The National League of Cities represents about 19,000.00 towns, villages and cities across the country. We have been in close communication with...in Washington D.C. The leader of the National League of Cities thought it was important we were on the same page in expressing our agenda items to the candidates
(Mayor reads Agenda).

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move Mayor.

ALD COBBS: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C

ITEM 13C: Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for Proposed Bike Lane Marking and Necessary Pavement Improvements on South Schuyler Avenue between Station Street and Water Street.

NIEL PIGGUSH: This is just the corresponding resolution authorizing MFT funds approve.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: To be clear, this is coming out of the City's MFT and this is Station down to Water. May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

ALD COBBS: So move Mayor.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. No need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16. No Alderman & Alderwomen Comments. We will move on to Department heads.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

CHIEF KOSMAN: The incident last week at Walmart that caused a stir on Social Media. We followed up on it, searching for the subject and reviewing the videos, still under investigation.

BARBIE BREWER WATSON: Tomorrow in the EDCDA Conference Room, information will be provided on the programs and services we offer. We will have 2 every month from here on out.

NEIL PIGGUSH: Our Safe Route to School Program should be approved by IDOT this week. Hopefully we can start construction on that in June and have it back by the start of

school session. Moving forward with Hobbie Avenue project...by IDOT...getting those plans developed. Seventh & Eighth Avenue in the Fourth Ward we will be back with Resolution. Brookmont Blvd is still moving forward...Quiet Zone establishment downtown. I will be setting up meetings and reaching out to you on the Street Maintenance program this year. Please respond back so we can get that scheduled and be ahead of the game.

JASMYN HUMBLE:

I just want to remind everyone that tomorrow we will be on the corner of Schuyler and Merchant for our Lighting Ceremony at 4:30-5:00 P.M. a reception will follow at Grapes & Hops.

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Budget Meeting is next Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30 instead of Monday.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:

Linh has reached out to Ward Members to discuss Capital issues please follow up. African American Civic Leader Scholarship is due February 28th. Sent to educational institutions. Residents under 21 years of age currently a graduating senior or enrolled in college full time. This is non tax dollars. My goal is to give out up to two \$5K scholarships. Contact my office, Linh will assist you and those who have already donated, Thank you. State of the City has been scheduled for April 30th, 2020 on a Thursday Night. Elizabeth reminded you about the Budget Committee. Please review your drafts we don't expect anything to change on the draft. Additional documents will be provided at Budget and Abe will share his findings. Comment Cards...asking specific questions of our residents about Public Safety, programs, money management, home buyers program...the feedback is very important. Neil and I attended MPO last week. There is an effort made to move a project in Bradley ahead of Brookmont BLVD. The projects are on a point tier system. Kankakee is at 76 points and Bradley is at 63....just in case you hear anything.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

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