

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

FRANCISCO DEOLEO: I want to bring to everybody here a particular subject regarding a no parking sign on Mulberry and Schuyler. There was a no parking sign over there that has been removed. My neighbor and I are concerned about it. It had been there for many years. It was approved by the Council the last month to be removed. I am here to bring to your attention that by the no parking sign being removed it allows all of the people coming from the bar that has opened in front of the property where my house is; everybody parks at my door, behind my door...the concern is the property was vacant for ten years...there has been many properties in this area vacant or abandoned...families...a woman with three children. In the summer time, people come with alcohol, they go around the property...someone could be killed. That's my concern. I am not concerned about garbage on the property or any other sin but I want to take a look at why the sign was approved to be there the first time. No there is a business, I respect the business but I think for the best of the whole community is for the no parking sign to remain where it was. That is my concern. The address where it was located is 145 East Mulberry Street.

ROBERT ELLINGTON SNIPES: I am just here to...remind you that I will have a letter go out to the City but if you don't receive one, I do want to make you cognis of the fact that we do have the Black History Ad Book for those of you that want to place an ad. It is the 40th year and there is a lot of other things going on as it culminates on that Sunday. James Hudson will be here during the Show on Saturday, our kids on Thursday and then the big show on Sunday. Lot more will see the ad than the 2500 that normally sees the ad. The monies go to the

Scholarship Fund. This year we are trying to raise at least \$4,000.00 and that will be \$1,000.00 per person. We want to give four people at least \$1,000.00 idealistically, \$2,500.00 but at least a \$1,000.00 to send them off to college which is the purpose of Black History to raise Scholarship money for these kids. It is not limited to just African American kids...others have won. The requirements are you must have participated in a Black History Performance and you have to be a Senior in High School, along with, write a one page essay showing how you are going to give back and what you are going to do with it. If you want to write a check out for \$1,000.00 or \$4,000.00 just write it.

TIM ALBERTS:

I live south of town at the Stone Road Project there. I wish you would enforce the codes around us which is the City limits. Whoever owns it, you should fine them so we wouldn't have the water around us. There is a lot of the residence that have trouble with their septic tanks now too. I hope you would swear by the Bible that you would do this. Thank you

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Mr. Alberts, are you referring to the Chrislyn Subdivision?

TIM ALBERTS:

Yes.

MIKE MCGRATH:

Just as an update, everyone knows that this has been ongoing for a number of months if not longer or years with the water situation at the Chrislyn Subdivision. I met with the City Engineer, Neil and with Pete over the last couple months. As you know we have contacted the owner to the north. He is an out of state owner and he came and met with the group. He clear cut the area and we thought that would remediate the situation and it hasn't. We met again about a week ago, and we thought maybe there was a drainage tile that was cracked or crushed. They staff went out and videotaped the drainage tile and it was not damaged in anyway. At this point I believe the City has gone above and beyond what it needs to do. I consider this a civil matter between Chrislyn Subdivision and the property owners surrounding them.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Mike.

DAVE BARON:

715 Park Place in Kankakee is my address. I am here tonight on behalf of the Kankakee River Front Society. As many of you know, this City has made an effort to develop our river front. It is the best resource we have, it's been underutilized for many years and the City Council extremely supportive of the efforts to do that. Hitchcock has put together a master plan out of that came the Kankakee implementation team...with all relevant stake holders. The new step is the non-for-profit...we are a formal board we have our bylaws and we will be seeking with 501C3 tax exempt status. I will be working with the...foundation to attempt tax deduction donations. The primary idea is to really harness the power of the private sector in trying to redevelop our river front. Philanthropy, corporate giving...other thing that the City cannot do on its own and gifts they cannot accept on its own. AS an entity, we are not just looking for donations in the city but also the region. This is going to be a regional project and I think we are reminded of that just this week...you may see sports teams come and go but this river is going to stick around for a while. I really do appreciate the City Council's support in the past. I do want to let you know who the board members are: Scott Snabley of Midland Bank has been appointed the Chairman. Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong has been appointed the Vice Chairman. Dana Hieghts has been appointed as the Treasurer. I, Dave Baron will be serving as the Secretary of the entity. Additional board members are: Mack McBernie, Kathy Peterson, Terrance Hooper, Bill Ziemek, Carmen Lewis and you see on the agenda today that there is an appointment of Alderman Fred Tetter as the official Director of the River Front Society. We crafted the bylaws so both the City and the Park District would have a appointed Director. The City appointee is nominated by the Mayor...to make sure you do have a connection. We are happy to maintain communication. The Mayor is actively involved with the Council and I think all of our board members are too. Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you on the River front.

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

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall

ABSENT: Tetter, Cobbs, Prude

(11) Present (3) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Doyle, Nelson, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson Hoffman, Brewer-Watson.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to the minutes for Monday, December 16th, 2019. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? Minutes for December 16th, 2019 are approved. Moving on to the minutes for Monday, January 6th, 2020. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. 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 of the 2019 Community Partner Awards from the Kankakee Fire Department

CASSAGRANDE: We would like to recognize three people this evening. Darlene and Marty Knight please come forward. Darlene

and Marty have been serving our community since 2012. They provide services to our residents in times of need. In most cases, it has been to provide safe places to live...when their homes have been destroyed by fire. At any time of day, we can count on Darlene and Marty to show up to supply resources and compassion. Like fire services, we know that you don't do this for accolades but you do it so you can help others. I would like to present to you the Community Partners Award. Next, I would like to ask retired Fire Assistant Chief, Robert Gemo to come forward. For those of you that don't know Retired Assistant Chief Gemo; he started with the Kankakee Fire Department back in 1958. He ran the fire prevention division and eventually promoted to Assistant Chief. When he went to retire in 1979, I believe it was Tom Ryan who did not want to accept your retirement at that point. The City was appreciative of what you did at that time. Although this is an amazing career, we are here to recognize 41 years next month...Kankakee Fire Fighters, you never forgot about us. You supported the community and all the stations. You put our first social media program together providing Fire Fighters with information such as birthdays, years of service, and other events. You helped in the organization of other retired Fire Fighters. On behalf of the Kankakee Fire Fighters past and present...I would like to present to you with this award.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 8B.

ITEM 8B: Presentation by the Kankakee Fire Department recognizing Chris Voss on His Promotion to Lieutenant

CHIEF SCHULDT: Chris Voss is our newest Lieutenant promoted on December 16th, 2019. He has 18 years with the Fire Department and holds an Associate Degree in Fire Science with numerous other certificates as well. He is the brother of Kankakee Patrolman Jeff Voss and we will have his wife pin his badge on him. Join me in welcoming him.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Congratulations. Moving on to Item 8C.

ITEM 8C: Presentation by Vincent R. Williams, Lobbyist.

VINCEN R. WILLIAMS: Good Evening Mayor and Members of the City Council. Thank you for allowing me another opportunity to come and present. We had a very interesting year this year in

Springfield as you all know. What I think is most outstanding is, we had a smooth transition of authority from our Kankakee Representative and I think we have a good guy in there, Mr. Joyce. I am looking forward to working with him. The Mayor and I had a briefing with him a couple of weeks ago and laid out our capital requests which are approaching \$200 million with all the stuff we have asked for; the riverfront especially. He was responsive. I have been given assurance by our Governor's office that those request have been received. We now just have to wait for the agencies to put the grants out on the streets so we can go for what we can go for. We have a new Senate President, Mr. Don Harmon. He is from the Oak Park area and he has been a a very supportive person in municipal spaces. I knew him when he was a new Senator and I was a representing the City of Chicago. I think he will be helpful to us and I am looking forward to introducing the Mayors and others to him so we can engage tenfold on our agenda this year. This last year as you have read in the press a lot of big things have happened. We got a \$15.00 minimum wage, the Cannabis Bill passed, we got this Tax Bill passed that will hopefully put more money in the budget for us to handle the things we need to take care of across the state. What is most remarkable is we got a Capital Bill for \$45 Million and for roads and structures that aren't up to par. I think Kankakee having gotten this request in 2 years ago. We are not Johnny come lately, we had faith in the state before they had money to pay us. I think that show of faith is going to be rewarded. I am really proud to have had the opportunity to work with the Mayor and you guys to present that agenda to our leadership, both parties, both chamber and to be well received. You will start seeing some fruits very soon.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have started seeing some grant announcements particularly from the Department of Natural Resources. It's my understanding that some of them will go through DECO...

VINCENT R. WILLIAMS: Some will go through DECO, some through the Department of Transportation. Depending on the characteristic of the request, the Department of Environment...grants narrowly tailored...you know it's you program...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving onto Item 8D

ITEM 8D: Presentation of the annual City of Kankakee Audit Report.

ABRAHAM: ...Firm...local accounting firm for the City for a long time Most of you know. I have...Carlos, I wanted to say that...on behalf of our firm, I want to thank Mayor and City Council for your continuity in trusting us and for the Opportunity to perform the City audits. I also want to express...to the Comptroller Elizabeth and to the Assistant Comptroller, Maureen who is not here today and all others in the Comptroller's Office who diligently help us get through the audits. This is 2017 and 2018 Audits...available on the City website. ...audit has not been released yet. Abraham explains the components of the audit...(inaudible)...

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Thank you Abe so much for you your firm and your diligence. I appreciate it tremendously. They have always been excellent to work with. Clearly the story does not seem to change from year to year. We have lots of conversations about the pensions and those conversations have to keep going we have certainly made strides and I feel confident those strides are taking root...some of the moves you have made will change this picture slowly. Your hard copies will be forth coming. You should have them in about 2 weeks. I will caught up on 2017 and 2018 at that time. At the latest, you will probably have those is at Budget. I just want to let you know that. Any questions?

ALD TALL: In those reports will you have your management letter And the findings of those reports that were late? This is 2020 and we have not received 2017/2018. Hopefully there will be a finding of those reports being late. They are supposed to be done 60 days at the close of each fiscal year and we have been waiting.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: 6 months is statue Alderman.

ALD TALL: Okay, 6 months. Will they include the SMP letters?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: These statements do not include any letters or anything. These have all been given to you. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: I know in Budget Alderman O'Brien, Elizabeth shared a copy of the draft. Do you remember what meeting? We

have been having eleven members at budget so most people have it I believe.

ALD O'BRIEN: At the January meeting?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: When you passed out the draft of the audit.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: I think it may have been December.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:...go ahead Alderman O'Brien.

ALD O'BRIEN: We did get the draft. I didn't bring my draft here today. I find it difficult to follow the presentation without it in front of me. Abe will you be willing to come to the Budget meeting in February and do the same presentation with a final in hand? I think that will be helpful for the Council members and the Officials. I think it will be easier to follow with the numbers in front of you. That's February 11th, 2020.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: We have not formally submitted the date to the City Clerk's office yet but is Tuesday February 11th, 2020.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Abe we meet at 5:30 downstairs. Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A: Community Development– Alderwoman Swanson
The meeting was held on Monday, December 2nd, 2019.
Highlights include: Barbi Brewer Watson gave her Director's Report. We talked about CDA putting together an Advisory Board. If anyone is interested please contact their office. We also discussed finding a home for our strong neighborhood program.

ITEM 9B: Building & Code – Alderwoman Malone Marshall
The meeting was held on Thursday, December 19th, 2019.
Highlights include: We finished our review of Chapter 8...it was update from 2013 to 2018. We passed it out to the committee and that's on the agenda tonight.

ITEM 9C: Public Safety – Alderman Osenga
The meeting was held on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020.
Highlights include: On the Police side we looked at the bills and approved without any issues. Overtime is up a

little bit due to officers being of but we are at 63 percent of budget. We looked at 2018/2019 Part 1 & 2 Crimes and we are holding pretty steady. They wrote 225 traffic tickets, 6 Administrative seizures, wrote 80 tickets in 3 days during the holiday campaign. An RFP was presented to the legal department regarding working on city vehicles. That is under review along with the ordinance to reduce the number of Sergeants. On the Fire side, we reviewed and approved the bills. Overtime is only 82 hours for the month of December and 21 of those hours will be reimbursed by the State. Ambulance & Fire Responses are pretty normal. Chief Schultz presented committee members with a Vehicles Safety Status Report. It explains the age, mileage and replacement cost of vehicles. I presented it to budget.

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 \$67,043.95.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien (*abstain on check#75935*), Gall (*abstain on check#75950*), Malone Marshall
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(9) Ayes (2) Nays

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 11A: Ordinance Amending Chapter 27, Section 54 of the Kankakee Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois (Composition of Police Department).

MIKE MCGRATH: This was brought up December 16th with a request to make some changes to the language. It was sent over to the City

and is set for approval.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This was on the agenda as a 1st Read in December. We had a vacancy to come open and this was tabled. This is reducing Sergeants from 12 to 11. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD OSENGA: Second.

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Okay so, how many Sergeants do we have now?

ALD BROWN: We have 12.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So whenever someone retires the position will not be filled.

ALD OSENGA: Just for the record Chief we are not reducing any personnel just the number of Sargent positions when a promotion comes up, correct?

CHIEF KOSMAN: ...when someone resigns we will not replace that Sergeant position. It's a cost saving measure we will replace with a civilian employee.

ALD CRAWFORD: How much time is on the promotion list...and if we do this will the promotion list go away?

CHIEF KOSMAN: The promotion list will stay and it is good until the end of January next year.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other questions? We have a motion and a second. Roll Call please.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

- ITEM 12A:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building & Code Regulations) Article I (Building & Code) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- ITEM 12B:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building & Code Regulations) Article II (Residential Code) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- ITEM 12C:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building Code Regulations) Article III (Mechanical Code) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee.
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- ITEM 12D:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building & Code Regulations) Article IV (Gas Code) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- ITEM 12E:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building & Code Regulations) Article V (Property Maintenance Code) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- ITEM 12F:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building & Code Regulations) Article VI (Plumbing Code) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- ITEM 12G:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building & Code Regulations) Article VII (Electrical Code) of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- ITEM 12H:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 8 (Building Regulations of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois to establish a fee schedule.
(1st & 2nd Reading).
- TOMORA NELSON:** We were using the 2003 Codes and this has been updated to 2018 which are the newest codes available. The Code Committee has been working on this for months and they went through each and every article page by page. There

were no major changes we are just becoming current. Our ISO Ratings were very bad because we were using 2003 Codes. With 10 being the highest were at 10 which impacts our insurance. Updating will help with our insurance.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: As Tomora stated, we went through each Article and we put in 5 months of work to get this done. We have in our packet today the updates that were made.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections I would like to combine Items 12A through 12H. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinances.

ALD MALONE MASRHALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall
PRESENT: Tall
(10) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Present

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I will make that motion

ALD LEWIS: Second

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

ALD CRAWFORD: Did any of these get sent to Ordinance for approval or just through the Code Department?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: They worked closely with the Code Department.

ALD CURTIS: Under the residential Code Chapter 8 Article 2, Townhomes and Residential 1 and 2 are not required to have a sprinkler system but if someone chooses they can but not required, correct?

TOMORA NELSON: Correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall
PRESENT: Tall, Crawford,
(9) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Present

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Appointments.

ITEM I 1. Captain Eric Boness-Deputy Fire Chief

CHIEF SCHULDT: Eric has been a member of the over 29 years. He is a resident of the City. He has numerous Fire Certifications and a Bachelors Degree. He's been instrumental in teaching...in the fire department and with KANCOM to make the radio transition.

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

ALD BROWN: So move

ALD SWANSON: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries.

ITEM II 2. Alderman Frederick Tetter – Kankakee River Front Society

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: He will be serving as a City representative. May I have a motion to approve his appointment?

ALD LEWIS: So move

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Motions and Resolutions.

ITEM 13A: Resolution Adopting the 2020 City of Kankakee Employee Handbook.

JAMES ELLEXSON: I sent updates of the Handbook to Council on January 8th. Most of these were legal updates regarding employment laws and a couple clarifications on language on social media... Recruitment, Equal Opportunity Employment... Workman's Comp is cited, Workman's Comp and FMLA... Sick Leave... and description of immediate family...

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

ALD BROWN: So move

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

ALD TALL: Yes, under the FMLA Leave my understanding is even though they work concurrently with Worker's Compensation it is the responsibility of the employer to inform the employees they have a choice of either...

JAMES ELLEXSON: No, no, they don't have a choice. What it is a counting of time. You are allowed 12 weeks a year. That can be defined by the employer and we do that on a rolling calendar. If you are up for a medical leave FMLA time is uncounted. If you did have a workman's comp case and you would have surgery later on you would look at how much time you took during that rolling calendar...

ALD TALL: It is also my understanding that you have to use all of your sick and vacation time before going on FMLA.

JAMES ELLEXSON: No that's not the case. FMLA is protective of your job it is not how you get paid...defined by our policies.

ALD OSENGA: Where these changes ran by Legal?

JAMES ELLEXSON: Yes. Felicia did.

ALD BROWN: When you did the updates I think it state it a reviewed by Legal.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a motion and a second. All in favor, aye...

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

ITEM 13B: Resolution Adopting a Drug and Alcohol Policy for the City of Kankakee Employees.

JAMES ELLEXSON: This is a policy that because of the legalization of Cannabis we had to update our policies. We are a drug free organization. The outline provides, definitions, procedures, CDL due to Federal Law, Sworn Police Personnel are not to use cannabis.

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

ALD BROWN: So move

ALD OSENGA: Second.

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

ALD CURTIS: In your email you mentioned about the Fire Department and ...?

JAMES ELLEXSON: We are looking for some best practices in the area...they had...24 hours ...their shift. We talked to the Union wanted to ...their... but they can't use it at all. This is a bargain topic for the next negotiations. If they want to bargain off duty usage...

ALD CURTIS: So at this point, the police department, fire department or anybody that uses a CDL are prohibited of using at all?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a motion and a second. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

ITEM 13C: Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Illinois Housing

Development Authority Land Bank Capital Program Grant Agreement and Related Matters.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: We awarded another grant for \$52K to help start our own regional land bank. In 2017, we were awarded \$150K and we did the land bank feasibility study. We created relationship with South Suburban land bank. I sit on their board and with a a second grant we will move forward...we have the operating documents for legal review right now...and a local government entity to partner with us on it...we have a date of April 1st to be up and running...

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

ALD SWANSON: So move

ALD CURTIS: Second.

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Brown, Curtis, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall (11) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. No need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD O'BRIEN: Just a reminder...Budget is Tuesday February 11th at 5:30 P.M. in the training room. Anjanita, this is for you. I failed to Abstain from a bill. I wanted to see if you can correct that to reflect in the minutes (correction made).

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I would like to thank Alderman Osenga. I had a situation and Alderman Osenga helped out as it relates to contacting the Landlord of a deceased resident in his Ward so the family could enter the apartment. Osenga, I really appreciate you.

ALD OSENGA: Glad I could help out.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other Alderman Comments? We will move on to Department heads.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- TOMORA NELSON:** I want to make one comment. We are short staffed. If you have something or see a pile in your ward just call me or email me and we will get it taken care of.
- JAMES ELLEXSON:** We are going to have FMLA training next week and any Alderman are welcome to come.
- CHIEF KOSMAN:** The only thing I want to mention is the Law Enforcement Training Board of Illinois is having a problem...they changed the way the fee structures...they are going to reconsider what they can pay for at the end of time period. We are part of a Tri River Valley and they are cancelling classes do to funding.
- BARBI BREWER-WATSON:** There will be an Economic Development Meeting this Thursday at 5:30P.M. in the Public Safety Room.
- JASMYNE HUMBLE:** Our first Cities United Meeting is Tuesday the January 28th at the Public Library on the 3rd floor and it is open to the public. Linh Williams is lead on that. Also, I posted snow removal information on the website and social media.
- MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Wooden Poles are Com Ed's. I sent over the ECDA Directors Report. KDC has some strategic planning Sessions. A new business is open in the Majestic, Boswell & Associates Marketing/Radio Show. I did attend the Mayor's Association Dinner last week. The child advocacy center is seeking financial report from municipalities. E-waste for KRMA, we have 2 drop off sites, DPW and in Bradley...Delbert Skinner is looking to take the lead paid for by the manufacturers. PNC and the Clock tower were purchased by investors. Save the Date for Friday February 5th we are having a VIP Reception. We have been talking to some out of town development teams. State of the City is April 30th, at 7:00 P.M. Thank you Alderman Osenga for assisting in contacting the Landlord of the deceased. We were awarded a grant. This is under the Department of Natural Resources. They put us under LWCF...we already own three properties and we will have 6 properties. We were awarded \$96K. We will have a press release soon. Thank you to everyone...we are making steps to get there. The Riverfront is a transformational project for the entire region. I need your business cards.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

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