

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. Thank you Alderman Brown for stepping in as Mayor Pro Tem in my absence. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Phillip Gardner from Immanuel Baptist Church and go on to the pledge of allegiance by the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CAROLE DUFFIELD:

I am speaking again about Code. I had an incident today with my neighbor. I was told in June that he had a permit but his permit was not approved until July. Now he is moving poles...I have been dealing with Code...He starts at 4:00 P.M. so no one can stop him. Code needs a certification. There is no mention of a bump out it is a room addition. I put a fence up but I am tired of this. They use it as an addition. They changed the zone so he didn't have to take it down. It is the wrong decision to pass Code. I spoke with Tomora Nelson and she had to take the books home. I want some answers. I am losing confidence in this town.

ADAM PHILLIPS:

I am here again to talk about the Code Department. I wrote a letter to HR...He wrote the Mission, Vision, and Value statement. It's all dreams, empty promises & slogans this whole time. As far as Code, they need to be certified. On my job I take a certification... Mayor you are taking \$700 per hour for a KRMA meeting...robbing us tax payers.

STEVEN J. HUNTER:

This is Volume II...at the meeting Alderman Baron retired, I worked 26 years with him. I wanted to extend Congratulations to the New Aldermen Prude and Cobbs. I wanted to thank you but my comments were terminated. Michael Prude, you have big shoes to fill. Frank...Mr. White a teacher...Herb Delaney was a public servant. Alderman Cobbs, in terms of people... County... Veteran, Alderman Ed Smith an Attorney that became a judge. Cunnington was an activist. Your seat mate Curtis is a

Realtor...to represent Kankakee also. Hold in high regard. The property tax relief the citizens owe you. Welcome New Alderman.

TIM NELLIS: I am here for a follow up. Me and my neighbors are here to hear about what's going on?

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, McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Ellexson, Hoffman Koehler, Brewer-Watson. Thank you.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to the minutes for Monday, May 6th, 2019. Motion to approve.

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any edits or corrections?

ALD TALL: Yes Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tall.

ALD TALL: There is a section in the minutes...I am looking for the page number where I made a statement to motion to amend. My motion was made before Alderman Tetter's motion and my motion was seconded by Alderman Crawford...

MIKE MCGRATH: Alderman do you know what page it's on?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Its page 16. The problem is we have people speaking out of order during meetings. You don't wait to be recognized by the Chair. We follow the Roberts Rules of Order and

they indicate that you must be recognized by the chair to speak. We have meetings where people are speaking without being recognized. Speaking over other people. So, I recognized Alderman Tetter.

ALD TALL:

Madam Mayor?

MIKE MCGRATH:

I see on page 16 there is a motion made by Alderman Tetter and I see...you guys may have been speaking at the same time. Alderman Tall made a motion to amend to add Gall to ESU and other corrections. Alderwoman Malone Marshall seconded the motion. There would be a motion and a second and the vote on that.

ALD CRAWFORD:

Well I am sure the video...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Now you are out of order but we are going to get it right. Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD:

I am sure that the video shows who made the first motion So, I guess we will have to FOIA the video.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: They motion was made by Alderman Tetter. Any other discussion? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS:

I did review the video but I was missing and the video does show different from what the minutes reflected.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Any other discussion? All in favor or do you want to do a roll call?

COUNCIL:

Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

YAYS: Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson,

NAYS: Curtis, Tall, Faford, Crawford, Osenga,

ALD O'BRIEN:

I have a question. Is the intention of the minutes to reflect...acknowledged first if truly a testimony on what happened...as a live recording? Do you have an answer on that?

MIKE MCGRATH:

It is supposed to be a summary of the meeting. How the meeting played out. It is not supposed to be a script. It is not supposed to be that detail but it is supposed to give an overview for the reader two weeks later...ten years from now on how it played out.

ALD O'BRIEN: I guess my concern is that it is not accurate. Therefore, I vote No.

CLERK DUMAS: *(con't)* **YAYS:** Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: O'Brien, Gall
(7) Yays (7) Nays

MIKE MCGRATH: You can break the tie Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Aye. Moving on to the Minutes for Monday May 20th, 2019. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: So move Mayor.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any edits or corrections? All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign...minutes are approved. There are no Petitions. Moving on to Item 8A Communications we have a presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: Presentation to recognize Commander Dave A. Skelly for twenty-nine years of service to the Kankakee Police Department.

DEPUTY CHIEF HUNT: I have known Commander Dave Skelly my entire career. He started his career as a Desk Officer in 1989 and appointed to Patrolman in 1990. He later became a member of... a member of Swat, Detective, then Patrol Sargent, and Detective Sargent. He worked KMEG, became a Patrol Lieutenant and he was our second CALEA Manager. He became a Detective Lieutenant; a Patrol Lieutenant and he finished his career as Investigations Manager. I have had the privilege of working with him and he showed me a lot...this is a token of our appreciation for your twenty-nine years of service from the citizens of Kankakee and the police department.

POLICE CHIEF KOSMAN:

Skelly it's been a pleasure to know you in this short time. You have been a gentleman throughout the process after I became the Chief. I appreciate all the help and everything that you extended to me. You made me feel welcome into town. As I give you this plaque it says...for your commitment, leadership and unselfish dedication to serve our department and our community. Thank you for twenty-nine wonderful years.

COMMANDER DAVE SKELLY:

I just want to thank everyone that has been involved in my career...my family, mom, dad, brothers and sisters. My wife and kids that put up with the job, hours and the stress...I appreciate it. The citizens... I am truly blessed to have been raised in Kankakee, educated in Kankakee, and still reside in Kankakee. Mike O'Brien, Stacy Gall and Larry Osenga who was a mentor to me on the Police Department...the overwhelming support. If I have any advice for the Chief it would be to please recognize all the good. We do a good enough job as a city as a police department...you inherited a fantastic department. I love all of them...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 8B

ITEM 8B:

Presentation to Honor Kankakee Fire Department Personnel and Riverside Health Center Nurses for Their Life Saving Efforts.

CHIEF SCHULDT:

We wanted to recognize some of our Emergency Responders from KanComm, Riverside and Kankakee Fire Department for their life saving efforts that took place in February...An elder man suddenly collapsed and right away. There happened to be two Riverside Nurses at the business and they immediately began CPR. The call went to KanComm and they quickly got the call to our personnel and we were on the scene in less than 2 minutes and took over. He was transported to a local hospital and he was there for a while. We will have the dispatchers, nurses, Kankakee Fire and family come up.

DIRECTOR OF EMS:

I just want to recognize the men and women of the Kankakee Fire Department, Nurses and KanComm for their diligence on this call. The team effort that went into this call they were able to get a pulse back on this gentleman. However, 60 days later...they actually gave the family time to have closure (*certificates are passed out*).

DELBY SON IN LAW: On behalf of the Delby family, I want to say thank you...

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

ITEM 8C: Flooding Summary – Chrislin Subdivision update, Unincorporated Subdivision North of Hilton (Information Only).

PETE SCHIEL: The staff and I met with the residents on May 22nd to identify the source the issues are coming from. We walked through the area...we reviewed the topo's of the area and identified that all the areas south of the unincorporated subdivision...has standing water. The two parcels north of this subdivision are owned by Mini Company...LLC and they are a part of the City of Kankakee. We are requesting that the property owners eliminate the standing water and provide adequate drainage from this area...having it go east or west. The standing water is not affecting our sanitary or storm infrastructure.

MIKE MCGRATH: The two vacant parcels are just about three acres each. Water in some places are 6-8 inches deep. There were some fish that were caught that came from that retention pond. Based on what Pete submitted and review of the City Code. I suggest the Police Chief submit ...to the property owners and declare it a nuisance. I recommend that Pete and Neil come up with a reasonable amount of time to abate the nuisance...come up with ideas for the type of work to be done there so the water isn't running to the neighbor's property and doesn't cause...mosquito issues. If they don't do it then the City can do it and then lien the property....

PETE SCHIEL: This is a private property and we don't typically put storm structures on private property. We will strongly encourage the owners to do their due diligence so the water can escape that area.

MIKE MCGRATH: Put trenches in or whatever they can do...

NEIL PIGGUSH: We will take a look at it and see what solution and timeframe, rough and estimate cost...

MIKE MCGRATH: ...provisions...Chief Kosman...give them time to abate the nuisance...

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

ITEM 8D: Five Star Wings and More, LLC, is requesting Street Closure of the alley between Harrison Avenue and Chicago Avenue off of East Court Street to host a “Customer Appreciation Day” on Tuesday, June 4th, 2019, from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00P.M. with a rain date of June 8th, 2019, from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move Mayor.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A: There is no standing Committee reports on the agenda.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: The Economic Development Committee met along with Building & Code for a special meeting. I will speak for the Economic Development Committee and I will let the Chairperson speak to Code and Building. We had discussion about the new tractor supply on the south side of town. We also discussed the potential interest in the Mary Crest Bowling Alley. We also discussed the proposed housing development off of 113.... highlight the opportunity zone.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: We had our Code meeting on May 16th. We discussed the issue with the stray cats. We were informed that the Humane Society will pick up the cats for ...send a representative to inform us of all the services that they

offer. We also discussed the software that needs to be updated for Code & Building and the Adjudication Department in the near future. We went into Executive Session to discuss the Office & Professional Employees Union Contract. We were unable to complete it due to the special joint meeting. We discussed the contract negotiations again in the joint meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 10A approval of the bills.

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 \$615,146.77.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

ALD OSENGA: As I was looking at the bills today check #2896 for Enterprise...some time ago we decided to lease some vehicles. Thus far we have leased one vehicle for the Mayor's Office and this bill is \$611.00 for one vehicle. I personally, think that is very extensive for a leased vehicle. I thought we could have done better. I know we had a discussion on what type of vehicles we would be leasing and when I saw this bill, I wanted to comment on it.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: At this point I would like to remind everyone that there was a refund on the former vehicle and we haven't even come close to that yet. I believe it was \$12,000.00 some odd dollars. Anyway, this is only month three and we are not close to that check yet on this particular lease. Others will come...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion?

ALD TALL: Yes. Creative Forms check #74966 for... Can Anyone tell me what this is for?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Vehicle Stickers, License Applications and Checks.

ALD TALL: Check# 74991... for \$6,000.00?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That is the deposit for the fourth of July Show.
Partnership with the Symphony and KCC.

ALD TALL: Okay...we did the Enterprise check. The next one is Hall Signs, check #1124...\$1,254.93

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: DPW Materials Program.

ALD TALL: The check for Newman Signs?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I believe all the signs are for the MFT Program. Right Neil?

NEIL PIGGUSH: Yes...for the materials program.

ALD TALL: ...for \$353.00??? check#1125

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Check's #1124, 1125, and 1126 are all for the MFT Program. Any other questions, Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Hilton Garden Inn?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That was for the Tractor Supply ground breaking ceremony and reception. Anybody else? Roll Call...

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall (No on check #2896 for Enterprise), Faford, Swanson, Crawford (No on check #2896 for Enterprise), Osenga (No on check #2896 Enterprise), O'Brien, Gall (abstain from check #'s 2898 and 731), Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries. May I have a motion to approve the bills for the Community Development Agency?

ALD SWANSON: So move.

ALD OSENGA: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Swanson 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. We have no Unfinished Business. Moving on to Item 12 New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Recommendation to accept the 2019 City of Kankakee Employee Handbook.

JAMES ELLEXSON: I sent an email to all of you this afternoon after Alderman Curtis had some questions about the Handbook...ADA..., Mission, Vision, & Values were added, employee performance reviews, CBA...rules, references to ordinances and corrections were made to minor typos & errors. I put it in a format that is easy to read and easy to find. There is a table of contents that was not provided before so that employees can look at it see what they need and find information.

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

ALD TETTER: I so move.

ALD COBBS: Second.

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

ALD TALL: Yes Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tall.

ALD TALL: HR Director, you said that you emailed information to us this afternoon? Isn't that a little late?

JAMES ELLEXSON: There weren't any major changes. I sent it out after Alderman Curtis asked his questions.

ALD TALL: Most of us on this Council probably didn't get the email. It came today. Can you give us a general idea of what it said?

JAMES ELLEXSON: I just read what the email contains.

ALD TALL: My other question is...why don't we table this...I didn't get a chance to look at it. So, motion to table.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:I just want to say the agenda went out on Friday. This was included in the packet, correct? I sent updates out at 10:00 P.M. or so. I did not receive any contact. Alderman Curtis reached out today. I asked James to go ahead and email the entire Council what he shared with Alderman Curtis. So where are we...Motion to approve...

ALD TALL: Madam Mayor...point of order...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:We have a motion by Alderman Tetter. A second by Alderman Tall. Discussion and a motion to table.

ALD CRAWFORD: I will second it.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Now we go to Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: For motion to table?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes Mam.

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion fails (*going back to the original motion*). Motion to approve the 2019 Employee Handbook was motioned by Alderman Tetter and seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Roll Call...

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

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

ITEM 12B: Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 (Administration) of Zoning Ordinance establishing of the City of Kankakee. (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

MIKE HOFFMAN: We are proposing to amend Chapter 12 ordinance. This ordinance deals with Administration...procedures, special uses or variances, zoning map amendments...Pieces that are

being modified: we changed the standards that the planning board will be looking at to be more consistent with state statute...more flexibility. We reduced the size of the planning board from 13 to 9 members. Proposing that the applicant be responsible for publication of notification. Right now, it is the city's staff responsibility. We created a standard sign for all zoning map amendments and applications...visible from the street. We propose to update the fees that has not been updated since 1995 and we have a separate ordinance to do that. The fees are fair and reasonable...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you to the Ordinance Committee...Motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance.

ALD TALL: I so move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

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

ALD TALL: I make that motion Mayor.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

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

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you to Chairperson Tall for all the hours and hard work.

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. Now moving on to Item 12C.

ITEM 12C: Ordinance establishing A Fee Schedule for the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Kankakee.
(1st & 2nd Reading).

MIKE HOFFMAN: I would like to add that we did do a revision for more complicated cases particularly for commercial...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance...

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

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

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. 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 12D

ITEM 12D

Appointments
Police Pension Board – James Ellexson

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: James has already been appointed. I am asking for a Motion to appoint him for the term.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

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, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Osenga
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. The second appointment is normally held by the Police Chief so I am appointing Frank Kosman to the Emergency Services Telecommunications Board. Motion to approve.

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. The third appointment had to be made by The end of July so I am appointing myself to the Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Motion to approve

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

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. The last appointment is for the Planning Board that has been reduce to nine members Loretto Cowhig, Chip Rorem, Victor Nevarez, Arthur Lax Dave Robinson, Calvin Works, Beverly Hood, Deb Terrill And Barry McCracken. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

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

ALD FAFORD: Question...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Faford?

ALD FAFORD: In the ordinance we just passed, it states that at the first planning meeting, they would draw lots to determine who has what length of term.

MIKE HOFFMAN: I believe it says that the Mayor would appoint at City Council the members of the Planning Board.

ALD FAFORD: Right here she has got it by number of years...they are supposed to draw lots for the term...

MIKE MCGRATH: I believe it is taken from state statue...the language. So, when the first...when you initially set up....

MIKE HOFFMAN: I forget it says lots...you should remove the terms per person and the terms should be decided at the first planning board meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You are saying two different things. McGrath is saying at the initial start of a planning board...this is not establishing a planning board.

MIKE MCGRATH: Hoffman is suggesting that you amend the motion to remove the terms for each of the members and let the planning commission determine the terms for each individual...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Is that what you want to do?

MIKE HOFFMAN: Yes...

ALD TETTER: Motion to amend and remove language pertaining to years stated.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

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 13.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Resolution approving the purchase of one ambulance from Alexis Fire Equipment Company for \$167,379.00

CHIEF SCHULDT: I have discussed it a couple of times...

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

ALD BROWN: Motion to approve.

ALD SWANSON: I'll second it.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. No discussion? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: I just want to make a comment...it was brought to budget and public safety committees. I think it helps to have those discussions in the committees and I do thank you for that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You are welcome. Alderwoman Swanson?

ALD SWANSON: I made the second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I called on Alderwoman Malone Marshall, thank you.

ALD SWANSON: Oh I'm...(inaudible).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: It's okay. We have a first and a second. 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 recognizing the acceptance of a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority Affordable Housing.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: We have had this grant before under the name of the Trust fund Home Accessibility program through Illinois Housing Development Authority. It's been renamed...we have been awarded \$108,000.00 for the year. This will go to low income seniors. We can help them by building wheelchair ramps to their house, widen hallways and bathroom remodels. If they are disabled we can make some home modifications for them. There is an application process. They need to visit us at CDA and we will get checked in. We don't currently have any occupants so we will be marketing it and do community outreach. We do have a waiting list from the previous grant and we will start there...

ALD SWANSON: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

ALD CRAWFORD: Do we have them call you?

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: Have them call CDA and our intake person will assist them. In more extreme cases if we need to go to the home we will do that...

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
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries.

ITEM 13C: Resolution authorizing the Execution of the Agreement for Transcription Service for the City Council Meetings between Clara Hall Johnson and the City of Kankakee.

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD OSENGA: Second.

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

ALD CRAWFORD: Is this for 6 months...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: It was in the packet correct? 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We do have a need for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union Contracts pertaining to the Office Professional Employees International Union Local #9 and the Fraternal Order of Police, Local #102 Sergeants. May I have a motion to go into Executive Session?

ALD BROWN: I make a motion to go into Executive Session as stated.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed...5 minute break...

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

ALD CRAWFORD: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. We are now back in Open Session. Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Tetter, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Present (0) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. The Union Contract discussed is Office and Professional Employee International Union, Local #9. May I have a motion to approve the contract?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I so move.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Discussion? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Curtis, Tall, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,
ABSTAIN: Faford (*1st pass/ 2nd Abstain*)
(7) Ayes (6) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. The second contract is the Fraternal Order of Police, Local #102 Sergeants. Motion to approve.

ALD OSENGA: I make that motion.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. 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 onto Aldermen Comments.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD BROWN: I Just have one comment. I have been here since 2001. All of the ordinances are older than four years...2 1/2 years ago, the Mayor did the Committee assignments. Then it changed to us doing it. It came out in the paper that the Mayor took people off Committees. I want to go on record tonight to say that I am man enough say if there is something about the ordinance that you don't like it's me not the Mayor. She didn't take anyone off Committees. The assignments were made by myself and Alderwoman Swanson. We got together and did it. All the good things she did. All the bad things I did. I just want to make sure you understand that...I want to set the record straight...

ALD TETTER: I want to share god news as it relates to our Lobbyist down in Springfield. Kankakee has several requests and they are sorting things through. Senator Hutchinson is working closely with the administration down there, it certainly didn't hurt us. Our Lobbyist is down there working very diligently. I want to say thank you Council members and thank you Mayor for having someone like that to help the City of Kankakee.

ALD CURTIS: Two things...I want to remind everybody that we have a License & Franchise meeting this Thursday at 5:30 P.M. Bernie Anderson from Nicor will be her to talk about the work going on...Aqua will also be there to talk about the water line from the water plant to CSL. If you can be there that would be great because the next meeting in July will be

cancelled. It falls on the Fourth of July. I also want to make a comment for the Administration and Council to consider with the Tourism Board. We approved the contract. They came back and...to give the municipalities 20 percent...I would like us to keep it with the Tourism Bureau, they are professionals at it. I believe the County and Manteno has done that. Let them do the professional job they are doing and keep...Kankakee that way.

ALD O'BRIEN:

I also went out to visit the folks that live in the Chrislin Subdivision. Its one thing to hear about it but it's remarkable to see it first-hand...the devastation the water drainage has on their property. The home owner's shared stories and I heard again that people have to go do laundry at their parent's house. Kids taking a bath and sewage coming up in the bathtub. It really kills the quality of life. If the City can do anything this is not a new issue but whatever we can do to help expedite this, facilitate this it would be tremendous. On behalf of my seatmate and I, in accommodation of Chief Skelly. It is wonderful to have City employees live in your Ward...we Thank you for your service we wish you well.

CLERK DUMAS:

I left a packet on your desk regarding Business Licenses for the City of Kankakee. I am not sure if you have been receiving calls...emails...I have not been contacted about. Any questions or concerns about the process? I gave you the information...the update on where we are in the City. Please take a look at the information. If you have any question give me a call or send me an email.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Department Heads updates. Does anyone have anything? Neil...

NEIL PIGGUSH:

I would like to give an update on the Streetscape Project. I sent you all an email today summarizing where we are at. Obviously, we have pretty much finished the West side of the street and moved to the East side. Hopefully they will be finishing that up in the next 2-3 weeks. We did have some sidewalk in front of Johnny's that had to be replaced. It was out of compliance. They will be setting light poles this week as well. I don't know if they will be completed for the Sunset Stroll...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anything else? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS:

KDC with assistant of the City...Sunset Stroll will be again this Friday in the Farmer's Market Parking lot. There will be bands at Rigos and Papi's.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Budget Committee is June 10th in the Fire & Police Training Room. We do have a second budget committee that we scheduled on the 18th. Even if you are not on the Budget Committee I encourage you to come. We need to pass our budget and we need to work on an ordinance as such. Barbi and I attended the Mayor's conference the focus was on Entrepreneurs. Mayors across the country will be working with the national League of Cities...partners. There is some miseducation regarding a resident with a pool. I just want to say on the record, it is never our intention to hinder the quality of life for our residents. We are working to make the City more attractive...Several people went on record and now I want to go on record in the City's position. We have not always operated under best practices. Particularly, Code and CDA due to choices made by previous Administrations. Cliff Cross was the head of three departments under previous Administrations. No one can physically do the best job for the City or residents with three departments. He was Executive Director of CDA, Code Director and the City Planner. This is why I encourage us to please hire experts in their field. I have become aware of those bad practices and I can't do anything about them but move forward. The City pays for professional services to address issues. A request was made several times regarding a pool. The City provided an answer and the resident does not like the answer. This is out of the City's hands and needs to be handles with the Department of Natural Resources. We have given the resident the information to follow. There seems to be confusion on a floodplain and a flood way.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

The issue is anything place in the floodway can cause problems with flooding both up & down stream because of this, the State wants to review any projects happening in that floodway. The pool would be in the flood way. This is the jurisdiction of the State. If the City does not enforce the rules as it is written then the City could potentially cause people in the city to lose flood insurance and have an impact on grants. It is important to follow the rules as they are written.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON:

If we...insurance...impacts our grants...(inaudible)...there

are 6 of those grants...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Again, this is not personal and not to harm anyone or hinder their quality of life. We are following the guidelines that have been set forth. The resident has been informed of the process. As far as Robert Rules of order, I know we are passionate and get into some heated discussions on the Council floor. I am going to ask that you all raise your hand so I can acknowledge you to avoid further confusion. Robert Rules of Order states that you must be recognized by the Chair. You are out of order when you have not been called upon and you are talking across the room to each other. Please raise your hand so I can acknowledge you. If there is an issue send me an email or txt message. I will respond. I am her to facilitate the meeting to handle the City's business. License & Franchise Ordinance must be signed by June 20th....I will send that out for you to take a look at that. The petitions for Mr. Blake were not valid. We may need to take a look at that Ordinance. The State of Illinois has passed a Budget. I will have our Lobbyist take a look at that this week and come to the Council and give an update.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD COBBS: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

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