

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Vincent E. Clark of Associate Minister of Zion Gate Missionary Baptist Church and go on to the pledge of allegiance by the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LANCE MARZAC:

Many people expressed their concerns and I appreciate that people care. Business owners for over 30 years know downtown it's how they survive. Knowing what works and what will harm them do not take that lightly. Most small business operate on the edge, we need to do what we can to help them. Last night a downtown Pizza Business announced on Facebook they are closing by the end of the month if things do not turn around. Think about that the next time you impose another fee. Think very hard about the businesses that are telling you that removing parking will have an effect...we have talked about the safety of the bike lanes and moving it to a lane less traveled. It's time to take action on this tonight...you are opening a liability. I don't understand why we can't compromise...

JOSIE ALANIZ:

I am at 155 North Schuyler the old Jimmy Holmes building. Some of you may not understand why Lance is hyper about this but I do. I had a small business there but I had to close it and now I have a renter there who has given up everything to try to make their business work. It is not going to work if you do this. We need parking. I asked Stacy when she was our Alderman to help us do something about parking and now you are taking it away from us. It's really unfair. A lot of nice things have been done but there are more important things. It will hurt our businesses. The last time Aqua dug our old buildings are fragile and it broke the foundation of my building and I have to pay for it. I hope you take that into consideration.

CARISSA GRINNAN:

I reside on Schuyler in one of the apartments. I previously

had a business on Schuyler that I did have to close. I am not saying it was due completely to parking but there were many challenges. One of the things that affect the small store front was the planters that completely blocked it and no one knew it was there in spite of advertising. I am saving money to purchase a property in the downtown area and one of the things that will affect that dream is the availability of parking and access to the stores. I believe it will be difficult in the winter walking several blocks to the business. Please consider making it accessible and a place people want to visit. I am with you in that dream and I look forward to working with you in that direction.

LAQUAN HARVILL:

I am here today to speak about Duane Dean although you don't have any jurisdiction over that. I am hoping to make this a community...for the father's that need help like myself. I am here to see if we can put something together to help the father's and the mothers, the kids that need help living in poverty. I am just asking that Kankakee County put something together other than Aunt Martha's. Prairie State does not have funding...there is no help no hope around here. It's discouraging...depressing as a father trying to do what's right.

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

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(14) Present (0) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Skelly, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman, Ellexson, Koehler. Thank you.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Minutes for Monday March 4th, 2019 will be available at the next meeting for approval. Moving on to Petitions we have none. Under Item 8 Communications if there are no objections I would like to combine Items 8A and 8B.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A and 8B:

(A). St. John Paul II Catholic Parish is Requesting Street Closure to Host Their “SANTACRUZAN 2019 PARADE” on Saturday, May 11th, 2019 from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00P.M.
(B). Bishop McNamara Catholic School is Requesting Street Closure to Host Their Annual “FIGHTIN’ IRISH 5K KEN KLIPP CLASSIC” on Monday May 27th, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections, may I have a motion to approve?

ALD SWANSON: So move.

ALD FAFORD: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

ITEM 9A:

Building & Code-Alderman Crawford. The meeting was held Thursday February 21st, 2019. We discussed the updating of the 2018 Code Book that is being reviewed by Council. The next meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 27th, 2019.

ITEM 9B:

Ordinance-Alderman Tall. The meeting was held Tuesday, February 26th, 2019 and continued to discuss the fee structures. We will be meeting next Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 to continue the discussion. There are several items that will go to the legal department for further review and we hope to have other things done by the end of next week.

ITEM 9C:

License & Franchise-Alderman Osenga. The meeting was held Thursday, March 7th, 2019. Melissa Kahoun of Aqua attended to explain the maintenance projects for this summer. Also updated us on Aqua Aid where people donate money for people having trouble paying their water bills...\$3000.00 was paid out to assist those in need.

Mr...from Comcast presented the Franchise agreement which is a 10 year agreement that is about to expire in June 2019. I dropped a copy off to the Mayor's office for review before signing.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 10 Report of Officers. May I have a motion to approve 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 \$473,973.11.

ALD TALL: Second the motion.

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron (abstain from check#74640), Lewis, Tall

ALD TALL: I have a question...check # 74596 Adcraft Printers in the amount of \$1,721.30?

CLERK DUMAS: Those are my business license for 2019.

ALD TALL: Thank you.

CLERK DUMAS: Continued... Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (abstain from check# 74640), Malone Marshall, Kennedy
(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: Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the City Code of the City of Kankakee (Sewer Rates SEC. 34-104.1.2 and Solid Waste, Garbage and Rubbish SEC 34-107.2)
(First Reading).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We had a thorough discussion in the ESU meeting. As Alderman Tall stated, they will continue looking into fee

structure and we bringing it back to the agenda at the next meeting.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: We need to have it passed by April 1st, 2019, so the agencies will have 30 days.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tall will follow up with us after the Ordinance Meeting Tuesday, March 26th, 2019. Moving onto Appointments.

ITEM 12B: Appointments.

1. Community Development Agency Executive Director-
Barbara J. Brewer-Watson.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to appoint Barbie to this position?

ALD BARON: I so move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

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

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Barbie will start on April 1st, 2019.

ALD BROWN: Can we go back and put Chapter 34 on Second Reading?

MIKE MCGRATH: It will be on the next agenda.

ALD BROWN: Maybe I am misunderstanding. I thought we had to have it approved by April 1st, 2019...there is no City Council meeting before April 1st, 2019. Am I wrong?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: City Council meets April 1st, 2019. Moving on to the next appointment. Alderman Baron will be leaving us in his role with the City and he also submitted his resignation to the KRMA Board.

2. Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency Board-Elizabeth Kubal.

ALD BARON: Elizabeth Kubal is a great choice for the KRMA Board. I can't think of a better person. I move that we approve your
MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Baron and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Any Discussion? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis,

ALD TALL: Before I vote, I think we pick the same people over and over again. I think Elizabeth is a fine person. I think we are over working her. She's on probably four different boards.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Right now I am not on anything for the City...currently.

ALD TALL: Okay (I vote yes).

CLERK DUMAS: Continued... Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Kennedy
ABSTAIN: Malone Marshall,
(13) Ayes (1) Abstention (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Alderman Tall I appreciate your concern about employees and their workloads but I also want to get good people on boards to represent the interest of the City. Moving onto the next appointment.

Both 3 and 4. Police and Fire Pension Boards-James Ellexson.

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

ALD TETTER: I so move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

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

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- ITEM 13A:** Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property Commonly Known as 355 and 365 North Dearborn Avenue in the City of Kankakee.
- MIKE MCGRATH:** The two options were bid or appraisal. The property was appraised and accepted. The closing will take place in the next 30 days.
- MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to approve the resolution?
- ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** So move.
- ALD TETTER:** Second.
- MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion?
- ALD OSENGA:** I am not opposed to selling it at all...the price says \$5800 then the next pages state the Ryder shall pay closer \$1400...in essence that's less...
- MIKE MCGRATH:** It's valid. I wasn't aware of the Ryder...
- ALD OSENGA:** ...Shouldn't it say \$3100? We are not getting \$5800...
- MIKE MCGRATH:** The City will get \$5800-closing cost also the appraisal fee. It needs to be modified... The financial impact to the City should be correct.
- KRIS SCHMITZ:** Lots were purchased for \$647 times 2.
- ALD BARON:** The purchase price says \$5800. In a contract you will say who pays the closing cost. Paragraph 3 – the buyer pays all expenses... buyer shall pay seller...in the contract the buyer pays the cost. The financial impact to the City is a financial analysis...
- ALD CURTIS:** ...\$5800...appraisal...
- ALD OSENGA:** It doesn't make sense.
- MIKE HOFFMAN:** I did not see the Ryder...

ALD O'BRIEN: ...Is it in the best interest of the City...we have talked about a transfer station extensively...which will cause this property to go up in value. Maybe the City should hold on to this for an extended period of time. I don't know if Auto Lab...has to expand right away. I doesn't make sense...trying to be a good steward of tax payer money...

MIKE HOFFMAN: They are anxious to get started...no impact in terms of the bus...

ALD O'BRIEN: What are the plans?

MIKE HOFFMAN: Expansion of Auto Lab...

LARRY AND WANDA: Our plans is to provide a larger fleet secured area. We need a secure lot larger than what we have. Also, developing property for training not only for us but other business and the City...

ALD CURTIS: Will the property be improved with asphalt?

LARRY AND WANDA: Yes. Improvements include paving...a 2-3 year plan there will be a facility...

ALD FAFORD: Alley at that point...close...

LARRY AND WANDA: We have no desire to closing it.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Baron, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall,
NAYS: Tall, O'Brien, Kennedy
(11) Ayes (3) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving onto Item 13B.

ITEM 13B: Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the city of Kankakee and Kankakee School District #111 Regarding the Cost Sharing of the 2018 COPS School Violence Prevention Program in the Amount of \$500,000.00

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I want to express my gratitude for this partnership. Everything has been worked through. The City has to have a separate audit because the amount of the grant. May I

have a motion to approve the resolution?

ALD GALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any Discussion

ALD O'BRIEN: For clarification, in the Preamble the 3rd paragraph states where as on August 6th, the City Council...COPS grant...technology...when I went back through the minutes this was table no action was taken. I think we need to remove that from the resolution.

MIKE MCGRATH: We can strike that whole paragraph,

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. The School Resource Officers come up...Moving on to Item 13C.

ITEM 13C: Resolution Approving a Third Extension to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Kankakee, City of Kankakee, City of Momence, Village of Bourbonnais, Village of Bradley, and the Village of Manteno to Promote Tourism.

STACY WILKEN: ... We serve as a storyteller throughout Kankakee County each with their own identity. The resolution before you is the third extension.

ALD BARON: Attached to the resolution is the extension agreement. On the third whereas...didn't we extend it originally to 2018?

STACY WILKEN: Go one more paragraph...

ALD BARON: Yes but the third whereas says extended to 2019...

ALD CURTIS: The second expiration is off. I wasn't 2019...

KRIS SCHMITZ: I wasn't aware of the 5 year extension...

ALD TALL: There are also other corrections to be changed...I make a motion that we approve with an amendment to the language showing June 30th, 2024.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MIKE MCGRATH: Are other Communities voting on this? They will notice this too...

ALD CURTIS: I'm confused on what we are voting on...

ALD BARON: Paragraph 4 says this agreement is in a term of 5 years...

STACY WILKEN: That's what I am asking you to approve tonight.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall to adopt the intergovernmental agreement in a term of 5 years (3rd extension) and any dates inconsistent with that the language will be amended and Seconded by Alderman Crawford.

ALD O'BRIEN: Have you heard anything about the IMRF?

STACY WILKEN: No we haven't heard anything yet...

ALD O'BRIEN: Can you give us a two minute overview...

STACY WILKEN: Riverfront and Schuyler Street Scape ...recently named...Wright trail...to help bring tourism to Kankakee. Right now we are working on...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:Roll Call.

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item D

ITEM 13D: Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single Family Repair Program.

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

ALD TETTER: I so move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MAYOR WELLS- ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We do have a need for Executive Session For the purpose Union Contract Agreement between the City of Kankakee and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399, AFL-CIO. May I have a motion to go into Executive Session?

ALD SWANSON: I so move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. We are now in Executive Session. Roll Call

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. We do have an action resulting from Executive Session regarding the agreement between the City of Kankakee and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399, AFL-CIO. May I have a motion to Approve agreement?

ALD OSENGA: I so move.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Alderman Tall, we also what to do a clean up. Stacy informed Alderman Baron that we are not looking at the same document. She will send a clean copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement –Tourism to us tomorrow. May I have a motion to vacate?

ALD TALL: I so move.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call.

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving onto Alderman Comments.

ALDERMAN COMMENTS

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN: I want to thank Lance...15 years ago the Farmer's Market came and it took my parking and I had to move my

business. I agree 100%, taking the parking away will hurt the businesses. I would like to see the bike path move. We are not losing the MPO project more discussion will take place to see what the priority is. Hobbie is still funded...Niel will be overseeing the MPO compliance. The Engineering will take 18-24 months and phase 1 on Engineering will continue. There is a meeting March 27th, at 3:00 P.M. on the 4th floor. There are a lot of things that have not been done before and we just want to make sure we are using the right funds for the right project. Is there a shelf life for surveys...the only thing that could possibly need to be redone are the environmental clearances & IDOT... I have several questions...how do we rotate our services pertaining to vehicle maintenance? The other thing is the bike lanes. Could we possibly reconsider putting bike lanes on those three blocks? With the weather changing there are a lot of potholes. A temporary repair was made to Nelson and Maple. Is there a plan in place? Nelson and Maple is actually an Aqua repair. A permanent fix will take place when the asphalt companies open in May. As it relates to the bike lanes, we have a responsibility to read the information provided. We took a vote and now to come up with another way (inaudible)...When we approve the budget it is up to the departments to stay within the compliance of the budget. As far as the bike lanes anything can be amended. The council can amend anything that comes before us. It's been done before. How we spend dollars...it's my understanding...we are fiscally responsible. There are some recommendations we should be making. All credit cards...for approval regardless of who it is or what it is. Regarding bills...(inaudible). In Florida there are bike paths everywhere you look and people don't use them because of too much traffic. That last week I was down there 2 people were killed. Please take another look at this.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: When we pass a budget, every department has a budget. When something is charged on the credit card it goes on the line item in that department.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes, there has been a delay because of when things are charged then when the statement comes we collect the receipts.

ALD BROWN: *(Tribute to Alderman Dennis Baron)* In the Cooley High Movie is about all these young guys that hung out together.

There was one that looked out for everybody. There is no one more dedicated and caring. Dennis I will miss you. We have had conversations on how we can pull people Together. I won't be far behind you. As an Alderman of the 7th Ward & Taxpayer, I will miss you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This is not his last meeting. Alderman Baron will give remarks at his last meeting. We will have the State of the City address on the last Thursday in April following that we will have a reception in honor of Alderman Baron. The FEMA Grant appraisal process will be addressed this week. Youth...Violence Week April 9th. Phenomenal Woman event...COPS Grant with District 111 signs off April 7th. James and I are finalizing some of the Police Chief search information. Thank you for your feedback. National League of Cities...policy agenda...supporting infrastructure, local broadband leadership, financial tools, additional housing, lack of affordable, Community Engagement...Public safety...I will be Chairing with Alderman Tall, Chief and Deputy Chief to address trauma for first responders. I did lobby Senators Durbin...we do not have a federal lobbyist. Coffman Foundation...Mayor plus one staff in May...covering ... and meals.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ALD CRAWFORD: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

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