

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CORRECTED SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I would like to call the meeting to order. I will start the meeting off with prayer and move forward with the Pledge of Allegiance by the City Council. The meeting is viewable on the City's YouTube Channel, Website and Comcast Channel 4. Moving on to Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Due to COVID 19 and Social Distancing, the City of Kankakee has modified procedures in order to accept public comments. The following public comments were submitted to: publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov by 3:00 P.M. on Monday, May 18th, 2020.

FRANK HASIK:

Good Evening Mayor Wells-Armstrong. I am a resident of the 1000 block of West Vanmeter Street. My question is in regards to your "stop acting like yall the hero" comment. I was wondering who you were referring to? We have many hero's in our city and we do need to give them recognition if they deserve it. If it was a different meaning, to whom needs to receive an apology from you?

CANINE ESSENTIAL:

Concerning Case Number PB2020-5-3
A short direct statement. I find it hard to believe the city of Kankakee is going to do this. You want to install a Dollar General at 8th and West Jeffery Ave. I have to wonder if you (the City of Kankakee) have even considered what this will do to the small businesses that are currently on West Jeffery Ave. There is Three Brothers at West Jeffery Ave near 3rd. This locally owned store is already competing for what little business that the area has to offer and could potentially go out of business. There is the Convenient Food Mart at West Jeffery Ave and 6th, and there is also the Casey's Gas station at West Jeffery Ave and Westlawn. They most likely will also show a loss. What I see is that in the long term you are going to lose revenue and will hurt the current businesses for a Dollar General. The Dollar General at Washington and River is going out

of business. Why not use the ready-made building instead of building a new one. Do we really need another empty building? Maybe you should consider the current situation we are living in and how this will impact the area. It is also apparent you do not care about what the people that live near-by have to say about it. We don't want the store and we don't need the store. Please reconsider this plan.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So again, there is not a name attached to this. I encourage you if you have a question for someone to contact them directly. This is located in the 4th Ward so that is Alderwoman Swanson and Alderman Faford. So, if you are in the ward and have some concerns contact them or if you have any direct questions for me you may contact me directly. Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call of the City Council...

AMY MARQUEZ: **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.

AMY MARQUEZ **PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Nelson, Bertrand, Hoffman, Ellexson, Brewer-Watson.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to the minutes for Monday, April 20th, 2020. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA: So move Mayor.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion on the minutes from Monday, April 20th? Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes. So which minutes are we approving here? There were two different podcasts out there. One of them was for two hours, six minutes and seven seconds. And then there was another one for two hours, five seconds or five minutes and 34 seconds.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Minutes for Monday, April 20?

ALD CRAWFORD: April 20th...It was it was actually the comment that Frank Hasik made. There was a total of 33 minutes cut out of the original plan 33 seconds, that was cut out of the original and are we doing one from two hours in six minutes. Are we approving the one, they cut out the hero statement?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: First of all, the meeting was adjourned when the statement was made. So, the city council was adjourned. We don't cut the meeting, they trim the beginning and the end of the video they don't cut in the meeting. So, we're gonna move on.

ALD CRAWFORD: So, are we approving the one the one they trimmed the seconds off ?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: They only trim the beginning and the end of the meeting. If I am up here moving around or in my purse, they do trim the beginning or the end. The comment was made after City Council was adjourned.

ALD CRAWFORD: Okay. Okay.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, we have a motion.... I'm sorry I lost count...it was Osenga and Cobbs. Okay, any further discussion? Okay. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign.

ALD CRAWFORD: Opposed.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay Crawford opposes.

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome. Item B. The May 4th Minutes will be provided at a later date. Item 7 Petitions...Pete correct me and Jasmyne, you all are on regarding the meetings.

PETE SCHIEL: We are allowed to trim the meetings. We don't want to have too much idol space on there. We can't trim anything in between. We can only trim the beginning and the end.

COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you. That meeting was adjourned. Okay, we have no petitions. Item 8A under communications we have a presentation by the Kankakee Police Department of the 2019 Annual Report. Again, I'm going to ask you all to hit mute. I'm gonna turn it over to Chief Kosman.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

Mayor, members of council. Thank you for allowing me to present our 2019th annual report. This report covers crime and statistical data for the year. The performance of our divisions and units in partnership with the community and accomplishments of our personnel. During 2019, we hired five new officers and myself. One of those officers was a lateral transfer from other departments so we did not have to go to an academy, but two of them attended the Police Training Institute at the University of Champaign and the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, both of those Academies have 560 hours or 14 weeks of training. So, we have to send them to that training, and then they take a test become Certified as police officer. Then they go through a 12-week trip field training period here with our Police Department. So, we do invest a lot into the new officers that we have and the lateral transfer would also go to our field training program. We also during the year. Commander Dave Skelly retired and also Sergeant Ray Paisal or retired from the department, which led to the promotion then of Michael Snead to Lieutenant, and then two officers were promoted to. That was a Brad Latham and Michael Coash. So, we replenished our ranks and command staff here with supervisors. They also. We have an ongoing training here at the Department, which is emphasized so we had the department had 4460 hours of in-service training for the officer so which it averages to about 65 and a half hours for the year per officer. So, it has an emphasis our department to make sure that we stay up to date with all the changes in the law and all the newer techniques and tactics that perspective or professional police force. We have a City Inspector, who handles our investigations for complaints of a for any officer. He handled 15 complaints this past year, 11 of them were unfounded or the complainant did not wish to pursue the manner of didn't cooperate with investigation. Four of the investigations and were founded as sustained. So, there was discipline taken during the year. Three of those disciplines

that could result from those complaints or it could also be other things that had come to the attention of the supervising command staff. Three officers were given counseling or addiction training in a manner where they were found to be lacking. Three were issued verbal commands, two were given written commands and one officer received a suspension day for his action. On the other hand, we had 22 commendations that were given to a police officers, they had to for exemplary police work during the year. 11 of those involved the arrest and confiscations of cases were for firearms. We had a number of them involved, either traffic stops, or coming up on suspicious persons and finding out that they had handguns. Usually when it's self-initiated we will go and give a commendation to officers doing a fine job like that. Next, I'd like to go in with...covered under crime in statistics for last year. First off, there was about 62,000 incidents, and then includes self-initiated incidents like business checks, and also calls that we receive on our dispatch center KanComm 165 per day and that's divided pretty evenly if you check the report between the five beats that we have in the town. There were 2878 traffic citations were issued, 1839 city ordinance tickets for that includes parking tickets were issued. There were 2438 foot patrols so the officers get out of the beat and in walking two beats which are reported to the aldermen at the Public Safety meetings. There were 13 times it should be mentioned that officers use Narcan to resuscitate person that have overdose from heroin. Our crimes are divided into Part 1 and Part 2 crimes. Part 1 crimes are slightly down. In 2018, there was 1069. I'm sorry there were slightly down, 61 crimes in 2018 and 1054 crimes in 2019 to Part 1 crimes. They consist of the categories of murder, negligent homicide, rape, or criminal sexual assault, robbery aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny, or theft, and in arson. Beginning just more specific sentences different categories and murders. In 2019 there was four. In 2018, there was also four. We had two shootings. one stabbing and interesting was killed deliberately by, by being hit with a vehicle. One of the shootings remains unsolved. At this time, there was a Criminal Sexual Assaults were the same number as we hit in 2018 and 2019 and that was 34. Robberies were up... 6 to 53, the aggregated from the batteries in assaults are up 6 to 97 from 90, 197 burglaries were up...to 155 in 2019 ...were down, 23, to 660 or 662. Auto thefts were down three from 46 to 43. In arsons were

down 5 from 11 to 6. Last year, on the category to Part 2 crimes. Part 2 crimes are offenses that are considered a crime, scenarios that are simple assault counterfeiting forgery, embezzlement, receiving stolen property, weapons violation, so they're still serious crimes, but they're possible. They're classified as Part 2 crimes. In Part 2 crimes a little better news we're down to 5% from 3256, such crimes in 2018, to 3184 crimes in 2019 over there was one area of concern that we have a major concern that we've had. We have an ongoing problem with shots fired calls and reports to remember calls or when we just get a call about a shots fired but the officers don't find any evidence, we don't have any witnesses around, we don't find the casings or anything on the ground, and then shots for reports, or when there is evidence that there was actually we were able to locate for where the shots happened, either through witnesses or we find the casings on the ground or any other evidence that might collaborate the shooting. Shots fired calls were up 57 calls so we had 332 of those last year. Shots fired reports were up 40 to the number of 120. So that begs the question of what we're doing in order to fight this this shots fire, kind of a calls and we were contesting it with a number of different fronts, we have with law enforcement, we have a KMEG...Streets Suppression Unit that handles narcotics plus also weapons offenses. We had the Gang Enforcement Unit, which now is the director patrol unit, which is more, we were able to direct them and concentrate on wherever we're having kind of weapons offenses and making traffic stops and trying to prevent them from happening in the first place. We have the Sergeant...Taskforce which investigates gun crimes but also is proactive in trying to do buys people selling guns and make an arrest in that matters, and the undercover kind of investigations, and I'll touch on them later when we're in investigations. We're also trying to improve participation with the community. One of the big things that we started last year was the ring app, which were we able to try to use as investigative tool in order to ask people to contact us if they do see or have any information regarding any shootings as well as any other kind of crimes. We are also this year applying for a grant for a program called Shot Spotter, which should be able to triangulate, and notice know exactly the location, whenever shots are fired. So, when we do have shots and is difficult to find where shots are fired people hear shots reporting but they're not sure exactly where that happened. Somebody just heard this

would be able to take us to the exact location, we'd be able to be get there more quickly and be able to find the locations on someone shooting in the yard. We'll know what yard, it is, and we'll be able to go and talk to the residents right there, or I say either to get witnesses, or fine offenders quicker. So hopefully that would address this kind of a problem. The report goes and talks about the different divisions that we have one is being a patrol division, which is led by Commander Austin. So, the outlines are three shifts, each shift contains about 13 personnel, but it's linked by Lieutenant, and two sergeants, and then 10 officers. So, we have a day shift afternoon shift and a midnight shift. We have a traffic unit with a Sergeant and two or three officers depending on how many we can have in time because some of them are reassigned to patrol when people are sick or out for a prolonged period of time. Our traffic unit is very active and counts for up to 66% of the traffic tickets that are written. They also coordinate the IDOT grants that we get for over time for selected traffic enforcement, especially around the holiday different periods so different campaigns that they have for traffic. We have so tied in with the, with the patrol division as an alias mobile field force, which provides a rapid response for civil disorder incidents. We have a Sergeant Ivy's commander with the regional unit, and we have 10 officers that are assigned also to the field. So, if anything would happen in town, or in the region, we'd be able to address any kind of civil disorder incidents. We also have a tactical incident, a tactical response team, which handles critical incidences like high risk search warrants and barricaded subject kind of incidents Commander Austin leads that team, and it consists of their...last year consists of 11 officers and two firefighters. I'd like to thank Chief Schuldt for letting us have two fire fighter as serving paramedics that were able to help us. They were...for three events last year, which are outlined in the annual report, and also on patrol we have an honor guard, which we just realized...run by Sergeant Raimondo, and there's nine other officers with him that are in the unit. Next, we have the, the outline of the investigation's division, which was initially began last year was led by commander a Dave Skelly when he retired then Sergeant Chrysler, he took over from May through September when Commander Edsel was assigned to be in charge of that unit. So, we now we have the two Sergeants that change... we have a second Sergeant to the investigations or detective unit, and that's Sergeant Hunter.

We also have six detectives. Now, Sergeant is the one thing that has changed, we have assigned Sergeant Hunter to the afternoon shift and he's there with a rotating detective. On the afternoon shift so we when things happen in the evenings, we have our detectives right there that solves two purposes, reduces over time because we have detectives already on duty, so they don't have to be called in and they are right there quicker and are able to support patrol much quicker in incidents that need the assistance of the detectives who are trained evidence technicians, and they are utilized to collect evidence or major crime scenes. One of the detectives is also the evidence custodian. He handled 1221 items that were submitted evidence just past year in the 378 items that are submitted to the state crime lab for analysis. We also have assigned to the investigation divisions our school resource officer who's assigned most to the high school scientists, the district the school district but most of our time is spent over at the high school while it's while it's in session. We have a Sergeant assigned to the ATF Task Force, the ATF Task Force handle those 134 cases and they made 14 arrests, where they seize 31 firearms last year. We have another special agent, started with the Tri County Auto Theft Task Force which was reactivated back July 1. We have one special agent. The Task Force handles 150 incidents, so it handles incidents that happen here in Kankakee, in Will County, and in Grundy County. They handle 150 incidents and before made 40 arrest since they started in June. They've also helped us with numerous incidents where vehicles are involved in a lot of us stolen cars or different kinds of issues that are involved, they'll come and help us. We have a Lieutenant and two officers assigned to KAMEG, they've handled 159 cases this past year with 99 arrest, 20, or 29 of those were Class 6 felonies, and they seized 36 firearms. So, as you can see from that we have a lot of emphasis on now, and finding a kind of crimes involving firearms in that is a priority for us. Another thing that the detective agency or detective bureau handles is registering sex offenders, they registered 130 for sex offenders in a check on them also during the year. So, that's kind of what they do. We also talk in reference in the annual report about our community oriented policing efforts are the major ones last year, to try to gain more partnership with the community, we adopt the shared principles board meeting so you're all aware that we partnered also with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Kankakee School District to

host the World...event for high school students at the Kankakee High School, which was well accepted and explained our shared principles. They talked about how we can implement them here in Kankakee. We conducted two citizen police academies during the year one in English and one in Spanish. So, we tried to reach out more to the Hispanic community and get them involved in our crime fighting endeavors. We have partnered with a Garden of Prayer Youth Center, a unique partnership to distribute a certain, Super Heroic shoes that tries to inner self-confidence and partner, with the youth in the community to help them become more supportive as they grow older and everything with the Police Department. We participate in Regional National... which is a big success in the area with Bradley, Bourbonnais, and the other communities here in the County. We participate in a community bike ride last summer. Officers completed 219 project sheets which address quality of life issues in town... what we call a project sheet and 219 those are done. Some of those were done are also involved our chronic nuisance abatement ordinance, and we issued 35 notification letters to landlords are people that own property, about chronic nuisances in that area and one of those as we all know was referred to the State's Attorney's Office for Civil action. I think that covers the highlights of the annual report, unless there's any questions anyone might have in reference to it, I can answer them now.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Very thorough report Chief. Thank you very much. Aldermen and Alderwoman do any of you have any questions? Raise your hand, let me know. Alderman Curtis.

ALD CURTIS: Thank you Mayor, I appreciate it. Chief, I do agree that was a very interesting report, very thorough. I'm looking forward to continue to look at that. One thing I did notice in reviewing the report is the City of Kankakee, we do not have a Hispanic officer that holds a Sergeant or Lieutenant ranking are in a command position and with our city nearly 20% of being Hispanic race, I believe it could be very beneficial in our community if we had a ranking officer that is Hispanic or Latino, and I know earlier this year, I was suggested that we reduce the sergeant positions from 12 to 11. After our last Sergeant promotion that we just had, and the Council agreed to that and that includes myself. In retrospect, I believe we made a mistake, quite frankly. In reviewing the promotion list, the next two officers up for

promotion are Hispanic, and for the advancement of our City. I think it could be very beneficial that we pushed through the promotion of a Hispanic officer for Sergeant position when it becomes available. I would just like the Council to consider or reconsider the vacating or the reduction in number of positions that we did for Sergeant earlier this year because it's been talked about before we need to have our police department reflective of the makeup of our city and that is a leadership position that we, I believe we are sorely in need of and I'd like us to think about it and talk about it going forward, back to 12 Sergeants because we do have two on the list that are ready to be promoted. If we have a vacating spot. It's an ideal time to put a Hispanic officer into leadership position.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Chief do you want to respond to that?

CHIEF KOSMAN: I understand it's really not a question for me but it is something that to be considered. We were doing the reduction for financial reasons, because we're going to take the position of the Administrative Sergeant position. That would be decision by the City Council, you know the policy, and how we would want to proceed there might be other openings for Sergeants in the coming time... there's no guarantee. There would be...it's basically a financial position and you could see where it would be beneficial, I think, under the city policies is to have a police department that reflects the community. So, on that would be, but it's also to be financially responsible. So that is the balancing act that I think the City Council and the Mayor would have to wait...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Chief. Alderman Crawford go ahead.

ALD CRAWFORD: I also agree with Chris there too. My other question along with that is how much time do we have left on the promotion list before that promotion list is done?

CHIEF KOSMAN: Both promotion for Sergeants and Lieutenants expire in January.

ALD CRAWFORD: 2020?

CHIEF KOSMAN: 2021.

ALD CRAWFORD: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so first of all Alderman Curtis I'm glad to hear that you agree with me that our police department should reflect the community that it polices. In terms of promotions, when they're made they're made for people who are qualified we don't make promotions just based on people's ethnic backgrounds. I don't think there's anybody more excited to get an officer promoted for Hispanic or Latin descent because we have never had one in our city's history, but we make those decisions based on who's qualified and as you know people go through a testing process and they're scored and ranked. Furthermore, this was a financial decision that was made and given that we are at a minimum of \$1.2 million that we're facing of a gap that we need to fill, I don't think it's fiscally responsible to be adding positions. If we don't need to add them at this time. We certainly this whole Administration has worked very hard to diversify. All of our departments, all of our boards all of our commissions and those types of things. So, thank you for your comment. Alright...

ALD CURTIS: I appreciate it Mayor. Just like I said, I just know we have two officers on the list right now that are both Hispanic, so they are qualified and have earned that ranking on those promotion lists so, I just think it's an ideal time, if something comes available.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Standing Committee Reports.

ALD O'BRIEN: Mayor before we go, I have a few questions for the Chief is it still time to do that?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, go ahead.

ALD O'BRIEN: Is that alright?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yeah, I apologize.

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you. Thank you, Chief, I appreciate the thoroughness of the report. Just a few general questions. We've had legal cannabis recreationally in Illinois for about four and a half months now. What's the take of the police department, have you seen much of an impact on your daily patrols and that sort of thing?

CHIEF KOSMAN:

There hasn't been really much of an impact for one way or the other crime statistically, I should say, in reference to that. Now there's nothing that we could point to.

ALD O'BRIEN:

Okay. Interesting. Secondly, you mentioned the chronic nuisance ordinance I just want to mention how that's really important tool for. I know me and Alderwomen Gall and the 2nd Ward, we try to use it quite a bit and we appreciate your support for that and you know that's really great resource and tool for us so thank you. Hopefully, we can continue to use that quite often as needed. Then, you mentioned a lot of different things in the report, are there any things that are sort of priorities of the Department for this year? I know we are a few months into the year 2020 if there are certain things that are kind of top of the list and important is far as the department from your perspective?

CHIEF KOSMAN:

I mentioned the one that shots fired program and firearms. I think that's the largest actual issue that that we're working on right now. We're also actually next week, or this later this week we're giving a test project with cameras on body; a body camera system. So, we're testing those we have a couple vendors out that will be checking their product, and it's something to financially sound are trying to arrange grants in reference to that also to implement that system. Also, and we're trying to technology to make our work habits work more efficiently and effectively in order to kind of a program to check into license plate readers, that would be something that we would like to put up near, Court Street around I 57 if that's possible. Maybe have one portable on a car. So, we would be able to collect the license...data, and have a car description, we'd be able to save the cars, based on that with the license plate reader system...suspects.

ALD O'BRIEN:

I'm sure it's somewhat of an unknown, but do we know is that in the plans to have another citizens police academy. Sometime yet this year?

CHIEF KOSMAN:

I would like to still have this to police academies as far as long as we can, the COVID 19 situation.

ALD O'BRIEN:

Yeah. Understood. Thank you. That's all the questions I have.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman O'Brien. Alderman Osenga?
You have a floor.

ALD OSENGA: Can you hear me now?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

ALD OSENGA: I'm sorry. You talked about the City Inspector and did investigations on citizen complaints and things like that, who is our City Inspector currently?

CHIEF KOSMAN: It's Ron Bartlett.

ALD OSENGA: Okay. I know he was before. Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman. Anybody else? Okay, we will move on to our standing committee reports. Item A Budget Committee Alderman O'Brien you chair that committee, you have the floor.

ITEM 9A: Budget – Alderman O'Brien
The meeting was held Monday April 13th, 2020
Highlights include: The focus of this meeting was the update at the time of the Rick Rockets agreement. It was kind of just starting to really gain a lot of steam at that point. Bert Odelson gave us a report as did yourself and Elizabeth. Then over that next 10 days or so we continued to finalize things. In addition, we had the regular review of financial reports from Elizabeth and questions from the Council. Then we don't have the minutes yet from our May meeting but the focus of the May meeting was really the beginning discussion about our next year's budget. So, I think it's safe to say we have our work cut out for us, but we're interested in...I think everyone will work together and do the best, we can to find common ground and get it taken care of. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Item 9B Ordinance Committee.

ITEM 9B: Ordinance Committee - Alderman Tall.
The meeting was held Tuesday, April 28th, 2020
Highlights include: Just briefly, both ordinances, under New Business was passed on to the City Council at our last meeting. The first one was a rezoning notification from Zoning and Planning Committee that passed on to the

council. The second ordinance was the ...billing, which also was passed on to City Council both passed.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Tall. Moving on to Item 9C.

ITEM 9C:

Public Safety Committee – Alderman Brown

The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020

Highlights include: Chief Kosman have already kind of went over my report. So, I'm just repeating a lot of stuff that he's already said. The one thing is that my report reflects two months of the month of March and the month of April. I just want to just highlight the bill what the bills amount and what kind of bills what repairs are what you reimburse below that on the fire side. Surely, you know that because of COVID19 our public education program by the fire department was cancelled, not only for March, but for April...In April reflects same type of reports. So, I don't think I need to go through that. Chief Kosman on the police side of the report. He reported that the bill was more than \$85,000 include three vehicles that were purchased in the month of March. It also indicates everything that he has talked about earlier for Part 1 and Part 2 Crime indexing and overtime. You know, I got to say this, I'm very proud of Police Department in the Fire Department, because the overtime budget is not as severe as we thought it was going to be and that's the, that's the due diligence of the two Chief's working and trying to solve everything. I know the police department is full strength right now. I know they've been working with some officers off sick. The other thing is Chief Kosman talked about the grant for that shot spotter that grant he says about \$49,000 and you get more on that later. He already went over the annual report. I don't think I need to go over that so that's the end of my report.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, Thank you Alderman Brown. Moving on Item 10A Report of Officers City of Kankakee. May I have a motion to approve those bills?

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 \$533,123.61.

ALD LEWIS:

Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Okay. Alderman Osenga you have the floor.

ALD OSENGA: Yes, Mayor. I apologize I didn't get a chance to call Elizabeth today and talk to her about this but check, 76382, for \$843.00...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I believe that's some type of ambulance refund but I'll defer to Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Mayor, that is correct. It was.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, let me just check the other page. Anybody else with any questions on the City of Kankakee bills. Okay, Roll Call.

AMY MARQUEZ: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien (*abstain on check #76400 and 76401*), Gall (*abstain on check #'s 76416, 3014 and 1182*), Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(12) Ayes (2) Nays (0) Abstentions

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

ALD SWANSON: I would like to make a motion to approve the CDA bills with the total of \$91,519.26.

ALD OSENGA: I will second that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Any discussion? Okay, Roll Call please.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 11 Unfinished Business we have none. Item 12 New Business.

ITEM 12A: Ordinance Amending Chapter 32 Section 231 Entitled Handicapped Parking of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Rescinding Ordinance No. 1999-101 Establishing a Handicapped Parking at 382 South Elm Avenue (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passage of the ordinance.

ALD GALL: I so move.

ALD O'BRIEN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Roll Call please.

AMY MARQUEZ: **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 order on final passage?

ALD GALL: I so move.

ALD O'BRIEN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Any discussion? Roll Call please.

AMY MARQUEZ: **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 12B.

ITEM 12B: Ordinance approving an Agreement Regarding the Purchase of 591 South Elm Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois. (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: This is in partnership with the Kankakee School District United Way and the city of Kankakee. As we work on bringing strong neighborhoods house in the 2nd Ward which is our Ward that has documented the most gun violence. I will defer to Barbie.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: Thank you Mayor. Most of you we've already talked about this so this isn't new information. I just want to remind you that the School District Staff is going to start working on updating those items that were in the home inspection as soon as we close in the next few days. Then this house is going to go into use right away so we will work with the police department and the school district is going to be putting in technology and cameras and moving their office in there and working with the school resource officer, and then we will be really, as you heard from the school district they're going to use it right away. And we'll start doing public services out of that house as well, and start meeting the needs of the residents in the 2nd Ward. We will address some of the public safety issues that the residents have, the have been very vocal about so it's time, we've been working really hard on this.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, you have thank you. This house will also allow for a police substation as well. Correct?

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: Correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Alright. Alderwoman Gall is there anything you want to add?

ALD GALL: No, I think the neighbors will be very thankful to have the support and I'm very thankful myself.

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you. I think in general it's a great thing I'm abstaining on this because I'm on the board and the United Way so I can't be on both sides of the transaction, so to speak, but in general I think the strong neighborhoods plan is a great thing and we'll have a great impact on the 2ndWard but also of course it's right on River Street immediately south of the 6th Ward so it's in a central location and hopefully we'll have a very large impact. Right around it and then a greater radius as well.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that would

interfere with the passage of the ordinance.

ALD SWANSON: I will make that motion

ALD GALL: Second.

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

AMY MARQUEZ: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTENTIONS: O'Brien
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

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

ALD SWANSON: I will make that motion

ALD GALL: Second.

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

ALD TALL: Yes, I'm a little bit concerned about the cost of this house. Seeing that it has several issues, mechanically, but I'm in favor of doing this, even though the cost was high, and there was some mechanical issues. I just wanted to bring that point out. I think the project is a worthwhile project. I just wish that the cost was a little bit lower for us.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Barbie, do you want to speak to that?

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: Yeah, I mean we've talked about that several times in the committee meeting negotiating the price and where we're at. There was two other offers that were coming in at the same time. So, in a perfect world, yes, I would have gotten it lower, but given everything that we're going through right now and knowing the need and what's going on with meeting the need for the school districts. We just... this is...the timings right and we're going to start working right away and the house ready, we don't have to do too much work to get it up to safety. The school district is willing to pay for that work but, yes Alderman Tall, I totally understand.

ALD CRAWFORD:

Yes, do we have any plans to add another house so a different location coming up in the near future?

BARBI BREWER-WATSON:

Thank you, the school. In the 1ST Ward right by Proegler, and there are conversations. The very next step though we're not moving on to another house right away. The very next step is the intergovernmental agreement between the school district in the city of Kankakee and United Way, and then we're going to be doing that the next couple weeks, while the school district is moving in at the police department and working with them to get them done. And then, serving starting those services that are going to come out of the house. I imagine probably in the fall. We will meet to talk about the house that the school district owns, and we will see what dollars we have to help rehab that house, all that great stuff. There are more funds coming available for the strong neighborhoods program and other public safety programs that we're going to be working on. So, in cities for the next couple months, there's lots of information about how we're going to be able to implement it, the costs of this current house on Elm, and another house, and then in the future probably other houses and other vulnerable neighborhoods. So, you're right, if you've heard about another house, there has been very low-level conversation, but this program is going to expand it's got a lot of support, and some new funding streams are coming around, now that people know that we're really going to be doing this and getting started, so lots more good information coming down the pipe in the next couple of months.

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

AMY MARQUEZ:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTENTIONS: O'Brien
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

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

ITEM 12C:

Recommendation to Approve Engineering Proposal from Piggush Engineering, INC., in the Amount of \$6,780.00 for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Rebuild Illinois Fast Track Public Infrastructure Grant Application for the North Schuyler Avenue ADA Lighting Improvements.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: In my updates, I sent them to you again on Saturday I ... Friday night. So, Governor Pritzker is moving fast and he announced \$25 million just last week in grants for shovel ready projects. So, Neil and I had several conversations trying to identify what we had done to the city of Kankakee that would be considered shovel ready and Neil reminded me of the streetscape project so as you all know, when I first became Mayor and we decided to do street scape. I wanted to get the five blocks that are part of the downtown footprint on Schuyler Avenue and that goes from Station Street, all the way down to Locust Street. We dream big and have high hopes and then the numbers came back and we could not get all five blocks completed. So, we did...for the project and so we were able to do three blocks, as you know. This would allow us to get the rest of the project done so we'll pick up the 200 block of North Schuyler which is where the Paramount Theater is, this is also when a KDC downtown footprint. I know Mr. Johnson who owns Paramount would be greatly appreciative. He's been a good partner with the community, and then it would also pick up the 300 block of South Schuyler as well. We will be doing the same thing. This project has already been scoped, and engineered. So, it would include lighting, because there are poles that are rusted out the streetlights, repaving, addressing the sidewalks and the curbs that are not meeting ADA compliance and of course the landscaping. So, we hit some points on the application, they favor the project because it's an opportunity zone. It does connect to mass transit because the 300 block of North Schuyler is right there where the River Valley Bus system is, of course, ADA, these are all criteria where we get check marks for having met those criteria on the application. It's also going to create a more attractive corridor for Business and Economic Development. There is no match required on the grant, however, to make our application strong, we would like to commit 5 to 10% of the project. Neil is estimating about one and a half million to do these two blocks in construction costs...his final engineering. The light poles, we can use ESU as the match, as they did on the reverse of the streetscape. If they bought the light poles the street lamps and then we put in we provided the labor to city side, so that's it. I've already spoken with State Senator Patrick Joyce I saw him last Thursday and he asked me and encouraged me to submit something I told him about this project so we didn't have

his support on it as well. So, if I could have a motion to approve the recommendation.

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I will make that motion to move ahead on this project.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Madam Mayor Thank you so much. I was asking. Now what are the blocks that this will be pertaining to?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: 200 North, where the Paramount Theater is and the 300 block of North Schuyler.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That's the entire footprint of downtown on Schuyler Avenue. Any other...Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Did you say 300 North or 300 South?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: 300 North

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The other thing too. Neil reminded me that we have what's called a library green. It was an alternate in the plan. If you remember the renderings right outside of the Public Library. There was a space adjacent between the library building and Schuyler Avenue and it was an area for seating but it was covered and it has the landscaping. That is owned by someone that would have to give us an easement. I did reach out to that person today as well to see if they will be totally willing to do that if we were able to give that in the project. Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Once again, is this going to be grant funded that it's gonna take care of this project or are we going to have to take money out of our general fund?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: No, this is a grant the fast track grant that was released last week by Governor Pritzker.

ALD OSENGA: All right, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome. Roll Call please.

AMY MARQUEZ: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTENTIONS: Gall
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Re-proclamation of Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Right now, we are still under the executive order until the 30th which is approaching fast. I am working with State Rep Lindsay Parker's who wrote a letter to the Governor. Also, as Senator Joyce, we both were interviewed by WTTW last week. I just want to be clear that of course I want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to keep our residents healthy but I don't think that we necessarily need to be grouped in with Chicago. You know the Governor has put our state and regions and Kankakee County has been lumped in with Chicago. So, we've been asking for them to reconsider the resources that we have in the community in terms of our medical providers, we've been managing our case is based on what has been reported by medical providers, we have two hospitals, as you all know, which is not unusual for town our size. So, we are asking them to reconsider that and I will keep you updated. But for now, this puts us through May 30 which is the date on the current order.

ITEM 13B: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Real Property.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This is related to the IDOT project at exit 312 off of Hammes Avenue. They need a part of this property for their plan to reconfigure that exit anyway. Mike McGrath... anything to add there?

MIKE MCGRATH: Very small parcels \$500. The resolution to be approved.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, Mike Hoffman, do you have anything.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Not on this Mayor.

ALD TETTER: I will make that motion your honor

ALD BROWN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion on that Item? Roll Call please.

AMY MARQUEZ: **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 do have a need for an Executive Session this evening but I am going to skip to Item 16 first and then we will stop recording.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD TALL: Thank you. Earlier, I was going comment on the Sergeant's position. I think that anytime that we create a policy that creates a glass ceiling, either for any class of people, or persons, right now we don't have any women in our Police Department who hold any supervisory positions we don't have any Hispanics and I think going forward, we need to look at that. Creating a glass ceiling limits the person's ability to move forward and upward. I think it's the wrong thing to do. That's all.

ALD SWANSON: I just was curious I did go get the COVID testing over at the Space Center, just because I think it's a good idea for what and when I talked to them they thought that you guys had expected 246 tests, I just wonder if you actually like know how many people got tested, and what the results are. Do you have those numbers?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: James coordinated this for so I'll turn it over to him.

JAMES ELLEXSON: We have about 50 people from the city that signed up. They didn't come I combo it with the county court. So, it just wasn't our employees that were getting tested and they get

their test. We don't get results from those tests, we're not paying for them. It was just a service to try to get people to go get tested and find out what their status is and then obviously, take precautions if they have come back positive. So far, we didn't have anyone from that grouping that has told me they tested positive, or have any of that, I don't, I don't believe anyone at this point is tested positive.

ALD SWANSON:

Thank you.

ALD OSENGA:

Yes, Mayor, I think Alderman Brown must be mad at me. He failed to list me on the public safety meeting, even though I was in attendance. Just for the record I was there.

ALD BROWN:

Yes, I will update and I apologize. This is my first virtual meeting, and I was more nervous...he can leave me off the June meeting...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Alright so Alderman Brown will update the record to reflect that all the no single was present. Anybody else city council comments?

ALD LEWIS:

Mayor, I just want to say thank you for all the updates you have been providing they are really helpful.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL:

Thank you Madam Mayor. I just wanted to say that we have an extremely large amount of rain this past few days, and I just put you know the notices out because it always floods over on Hobbie, but I know that it floods, all over and with the amount of rain that we've had in the last few days, it was flooding all over the city and over in other areas. I just want to remind the council that Hobbie is a thoroughfare for us over in this area, and that there's a lot of traffic and when it does flood like that people still continuously try to go through this street, even though it's flooded. They take a chance, cars are stalled over here, people have to be pushing cars out, tow trucks have to come and pull them out, and I just appreciate that police did come out and they said until we could get the street blocked off, but I still wonder if there is any other avenues that we can take in order to prevent the flooding in areas where it has been going on continuously for years, and I would like to know if we will look at those areas and see if there's anything that could be done, especially like when there's

different grants going around being offered to the city, if there's anything for that type of work. I would hope that we could look for that. Thank you, Mayor.

ALD PRUDE:

I just want to commend Tomora and the Code Enforcement Department on their the work they've been putting into 1st Ward. Carolyn Mitchell has been doing an excellent job now that she's covering three wards. So, I just want them to know what I think, while they're doing, and Tomora is getting out and helping with that. So, I just want that to be recognized that they are doing an excellent job in the 1st Ward.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Prude. I'm sure the employees appreciate hearing the positive feedback.

ALD O'BRIEN:

Yes, thank you Mayor. Like Alderwoman Malone Marshall, I've got a lot of calls from people who had flooding issues people who said they've never had flooding in the past and that's happened so also renew or request that there's a lot of places that are historically and continually don't drain well so I asked that we do what we can do address those places in the 2nd Ward it's kind of across the board everywhere. There's sort of our hot spots where we know River Street is one, the intersection of Chicago and Greenwood in Rosewood but also other places north and south of there as well. I also think it's important to reiterate and the code folks can help us as well. It's something seemingly minor, but when people shoot their grass clippings into the streets those are very effective...rains unfortunately and turning into the problems that we have flooded streets, flooded intersections, flooded basements, so I think that's an important issue to talk about as well. Thank you.

ALD TETTER:

Thank you. I'd like to echo the sentiments of Alderman O'Brien and Alderwoman Malone Marshall. This was a significant amount of rain in a very short period of time. There were several...over here in the Mary Crest area that actually were under water. So, if there's anything that we can do to take a look at...we can change what God does but if there's anything we can do to improve some drainage down in the lower portions of Mary Crest, I would appreciate it. This includes Fairmont and Cedar was flooded as well. So, that's the main thoroughfares where as well. So, I just want to express that. And let everyone know

that we did get several calls regarding that and people have been basements flooded, furniture flooded, and so that's going to be good to get some of that stuff out there and that dumpster for them. So, I just want to just make sure the same sentiment that we, if we can find a way to remedy some of this problem, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

ALD CRAWFORD:

Yes, I also have to agree with Michael O'Brien, there's been I don't think there's been a place to be the whole city of Kankakee that hasn't had problems, me and Alderman Osenga today and went to a few houses in the 3rd Ward and people have problems with 3-4 foot of water in their basements. Crawl Spaces and a lot of the issues are probably old clay tiles that are busted up so, you know, hopefully we can look at it through the whole city and possibly get some grant money to take care of some of these issues. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anybody else? Okay, Department Heads.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

JASMYNE HUMBLE:

Yes, Thank you Mayor. Yes, I'm in the lobby. I just want to remind everyone that when you're reporting cases that we're reporting on to the Kankakee County Health Department. That goes for the confirmed cases of COVID-19. Last week we received a lot of phone calls, a lot of emails through our website as well about possible cases in the community, but I just want to make sure that everyone is alerting our health department we do keep track as well but our Kankakee County Health Department is the one who's tracking firm cases so I just wanted to remind everyone that so they're aware. Then the only other update that I have is that the City...Mayor is hosting a food drive we partner with our local grocery stores. Jewel-Osco I wanted to thank them because they were very timely in responding to us and Berkots as well in joined the initiative right away so we're collecting food through June 5th. So, we're collecting food at our public safety building here you can enter the first lobby but the doors are still locked but we do have bin for the public as well. Jewel Osco...again and again that's through Friday, June 5th, just wanted to thank our local grocery stores for that as well.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Jasmyne, just for clarification the grocery stores have the bins as well. Correct.

JASMYNE HUMBLE:

Jewel and Bearcats put a bin right when you walk in the door of the grocery stores, and we've been working with your staff daily to check in on donations as well we have received some so far.

PETE SCHIEL:

appreciate everybody's patience during this time. Our team ended up calculating that from Thursday till Sunday, there was about 2.15 billion gallons of rainwater that came down in our community. That's a significant rainfall event. Our team has been scrambling non-stop since. Without much rainwater, the ground is saturated. Keep in mind that if the residents have any cracks in their foundation hydraulically, the water will take the path of least resistance into their basements. What's also happening and will be a lot of individuals are taking their sump pumps and rather than discharging them outside, they're placing those discharge of the sump pumps right into the sanitary sewer. Keep in mind when you flush or use the bathroom facilities, kitchen sinks, that's only a momentary hit to the storm water system. Keep in mind that if you're your neighbors yourself, everybody in the entire block everybody in the entire city is pumping that clean water into the sanitary sewer system, it ends up surcharging the system and causing the issues. So, a lot of the backups that we've responded to are based on a lot of these surcharged sewer lines so hydraulically, it's going to take the path of least resistance to individual's basement. When we ask the residents, if they are pumping their sump pumps into the sewer. We hear complete silence. So, we kind of know so Jasmyne went ahead and thank you Jasmyne for doing that, sending out that press release about, you know, tying your sump pumps into the sanitary sewer is actually illegal. And that should be discharged on the outside of your house rather than into this sanitary sewer system. So, Jasmyne I think we're gonna go ahead and send that out again for us. So keep in mind if there's any issues, please give us a call, where rather than an email you can follow up with an email, but please call us 24 hours a day seven days a week, we have crews that are on call and they have been on call all weekend (815)933-0446 to record, you know to report any sanitary issue that you may have. But once again, thanks for everybody's patience. I've responded to several of you already, but that's kind of the dilemma of aging infrastructure...compromises as we spoke about at the Utility Board, but as Alan mentioned too the waste

treatment plant is struggling quite a bit right now. I think they're just charging they're getting more water than what they can handle so. But thank you everybody for that, if your constituents asked you or tell you all flooding, ask them if they have their sump pump discharging outside, and we're trying to encourage as many people that disconnect those that'll relieve the infrastructure. Thank you

TOMORA NELSON: Thanks Mayor. I don't have anything, but I just have a question for Alderwoman Malone Marshall.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, can you talk to her offline this is just to give comments.

TOMORA NELSON: Okay. I don't have anything.

MIKE HOFFMAN: We have a planning board meeting tomorrow night to the residents comment earlier about Dollar General, there is a proposed plan on the agenda for tomorrow night. It's not a debate on land use and in fact, other plans have been changed since it was originally reviewed and address some of the resident comments that we heard that neighborhood with changing the access to Jeffrey from Eighth Avenue so this is improved from the original proposal. But the plan is on the agenda so if someone wants to come make a comment on that tomorrow night they're welcome to. And we also have on the agenda for just going to public comment discussion on a proposing to do a entry gateway sign at the 312 Interchange that would involve the closure of Hammes Avenue and Court Street, it is going to do that for years with their interchange improvements anyway, we're suggesting maybe accelerating that a little bit to facilitate this gateway treatment. So residents have interest in the matter of concerns or questions. Attend the meeting tomorrow night and voice your comments, it'll be the same format as this broadcast online on the city's website, and people can email comments to publichearing@citykankakee-il.gov

ALD SWANSON: Mayor, Can I ask a question, please for Mike Hoffman?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I really want to get through our updates. So you guys...

ALD SWANSON: I just want to know, do they Zoom the public hearing meetings or do we have to go on to the website and get a

link for that or do the Alderman get a link sent to us for that meeting?

MIKE HOFFMAN:

We've just been sending it to the planning commissioners, but you can just go on the city website and view the meeting online there.

ALD SWANSON:

Thank you,

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Yes, Thank you Mayor. Just a quick reminder we're still working on all the same things we've been working on. As we talked about most of you were at budget this week, but just want to let everyone know we still have eight of those audit booklets to pick up downstairs. If you need me to make an arrangement with you, please reach out to me. We can also work with the police if that's a needful situation for you so please just reach out, also the police department dropped off beautiful color copies of the presentation tonight. All 14 of those beautiful copies are still downstairs by those artists by your mailboxes so I just wanted to give you that information this evening.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Elizabeth, you don't need to be spending your time getting people's packets to them. So Chief if I can have... if the City Council members need someone to drop off that information to their homes. If you can coordinate that; that would be great.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

Okay, we can do that.

ALD COBBS:

Can we get in the building?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Pete you say yes. If you have your bracelet or your card to get in the building.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON:

Thank you Mayor. I just want to let everybody know that there will be a press release coming out in the next couple of days, but we will start accepting applications for the Bounce Back Kankakee Residential and Business Program on Tuesday, May 26th. I know that many of you have been asking and calling so I'm just letting you know, but that press release will be coming out from the Mayor's office in a couple days, so just be on the lookout for it. The applications will be online, and it'll come straight to our department and we will process them, and work with each applicant one on one, through the process. So, more to

come. Please call me, I'll answer your phone call and we can talk and I can walk you through everything that you need to know if you have a lot of people calling me right now. So, but I imagine that I'm getting the same voicemails that you're getting from the same people. So, we will get everybody, the assistance they need. And just please note right now, we don't have the Cres Act funds. Right now, we're using the funds that we identified from last year's ECDA budget HUD gave us in addition to the Cares Act Fund. So, we will be able to start allocating money but the bulk of that funding won't be here until June, so just want to let you know we're getting started, I hear you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you, Barbie. Did I get all the Department Heads? Was there any Departments here that I missed? Okay, alright, so my updates. We talked about the food drive, Jasmyne, thank you for helping to coordinate that with Jewel and Berkots and I just want to say thank you to Jewel and Berkots as well for partnering with the city of Kankakee and thanks to those who are making contributions. Again, I want to thank Pete and Zach and that whole team that assisted with flooding. Alderwoman Gall and Alderwoman Malone Marshall, I appreciate your communication if we don't know about it. We can't do anything about it so I appreciate both of you reaching out to let us know the impact of the flooding was happening. The Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, took the position that you were in an agreement about not doing a fourth of July fireworks show because of the fact that we're still under an executive order. So, they asked me to ask the City Council about Labor Day and I sent an email out and about half of you responded. So, if we were to do something the Labor Day weekend, which was, I believe we got a couple for Saturday and Sunday, the contract has to be signed by July 1st for fireworks. So, I just need to know from you all where you know how you feel and they certainly understand the situation that the city is in, and also the uncertainty of COVID-19 but I need to kind of poll you guys. So, I'll start ...if we cancel for any reason they keep out money of \$15K.

Fireworks Poll

YES: Malone Marshall, O'Brien (yes, but hold off as long as we can), Swanson,

NO: Prude (due to COVID 19), Gall,

Osenga, Crawford, Curtis, Faford, Tall (definite no with financial crunch the city is in...layoffs. I chose people over fireworks), Lewis, Curtis, Cobbs, Brown, Tetter

(11) No (3) Yes

It is not the consent of the Council to spend \$15K for fireworks for Labor Day weekend. I will follow up with the Symphony and let them know.

The only other thing, the infrastructure projects and flooding issues that you all mentioned, as you all know these are not brand-new issues to the city. We have been working very hard to make sure to address issues with the entire city. This is why that project on Hobbie is especially important. I mentioned it in my updates. I know that Alderwoman Malone Marshall grew up in the 1st Ward and other residents have shared with me that they literally would take canoes out when we had heavy rains like this and play...this has been a huge issue for many years. This is the MPO Project that we have that the city has waited years to get and this is important we have 4 million in federal funding and we have to have a ...4 million has been allocated to Hobbie Avenue. We are focused on getting that done. We have done drainage improvements on Pine Street, Pierson Parkway and we will continue to seek every grant opportunity and funding sources we can to continue to upgrade our infrastructure. I asked Pete if the drains had been checked, Alderman O'Brien brought that comment up making sure those drains are cleaned out. Some people put their grass clippings in drains and that can be problematic. As far as glass ceilings. We don't create glass ceilings, particularly talking about the Police Department. It's very hard to change the structure of the police department especially when you have a unionized police department which we do. We have been very intentional in diversifying our police Department the leadership in the Police Department. I just want to say that Chief Kosman and Deputy Chief Willie Hunt are very mindful of these issues as well and I want to thank them for their leadership...in terms of women, I have spoken to officers there to encourage them as well but one thing. A police department is predominately male as you all know...consistent across the country but we have to make sure we are creating an environment where women are welcome to participate and to lead. Once we are in those positions ...respect their leadership. I want to note that and I think we have the right people in place to foster that. We

will continue to encourage our women and minorities those positions. That's all that I have. Thank you all again... We now need to go into Executive Session and I will need a motion to do that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MIKE MCGRATH: State the reason for Executive Session. The purchase of real estate.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I make a motion to go into Executive Session.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs to go into Executive Session. Roll Call.

AMY MARQUEZ: **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 are now in Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to return to open session?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We are now back in Open Session. Roll call please.

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

ACTION RESULTING FROM OPEN SESSION

ITEM 15A: Ordinance Approving an Agreement Regarding the Purchase of 182 South Washington Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

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

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call

AMY MARQUEZ: **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 LEWIS: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call

AMY MARQUEZ: **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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ALD LEWIS: So move.

ALD COBBS: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

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