

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CORRECTED SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 4TH, 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, City 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 4th, 2020.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Roll of the City Council...

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, Hoffman, Ellexson, Brewer-Watson.

ADAM PHILLIPS: I am a 2nd Ward homeowner and resident. I want to express my concern with the obvious abuse of power and misappropriation of funds by Mayor Wells-Armstrong regarding the Executive Power ordinance that was voted on April 6, 2020 by the City Council, which passed, with an 8-6 vote. The motion was made by Alderwoman Swanson and 2nd by Alderwoman Lewis. I am also asking the City Council to not approve the Executive Power extension for the Mayor due to her abuse of power and misappropriation of funds. Mayor Wells-Armstrong not only underhanded the entire city council and I feel she abused the Executive Power and a

misappropriation of funds by spending \$167,000 on a brand-new ambulance without getting approval or a vote from the City Council. It was less than 36 hours after the vote for executive power was made that Mayor Wells-Armstrong made the ambulance purchase. The purchase of this ambulance had absolutely nothing to do with the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Kankakee City Fire Department already owns 4 Ambulances. Kankakee City also has deals set up with both local Hospitals, St. Mary's and Riverside to backup and support the Kankakee Fire department with their ambulances in case of an emergency. During the April 6, 2020 City Council meeting Alderman Tall and Alderman O'Brien specially asked and stated their concerns about section 3 of the ordinance. Section 3 talked about the "Emergency Spending" by the Mayor. Both times the Mayor was very forward stating the spending would be based on an Emergency Situation Only. Meaning she would only be spending money without city council approval in an event of an "Emergency Situation."

Which she used the example of a tornado coming through town and doing great damage. That indeed would be an emergency. The City of Kankakee has not had an emergency due to the COVID Pandemic to date, to justify spending \$167,000 without the city council's approval. Can anyone tell me what the "Emergency Situation" was 36 hours after the vote that the Mayor had Elizabeth Kubal the comptroller cut a check for \$167,000 out of the general fund without city council approval? The reason this ambulance purchase is abuse of power and Misappropriation of funds by Mayor Wells-Armstrong and not an emergency is because of the following... Mayor Wells-Armstrong and Fire Chief Damon Schuldt have been trying to purchase this ambulance for the last 6-8 months. The problem is the cities bond rating is junk. From my understanding with the cities bond rating so bad the city was not able to secure financing to purchase this ambulance back in the 4th quarter of 2019. Anyone want to verify this? I was also told the ambulance company even tried to get financing for the city to purchase the ambulance making three installments. Even the ambulance company was unable to secure financing because of the cities bond rating. As I mentioned above, this ambulance purchase had absolutely nothing to do with the COVID 19 Pandemic nor was it an emergency to spend \$167,000, 36 hours after the city council voted to give executive power. As I said Kankakee City Fire Department owns four working

ambulances. Plus, the Kankakee Fire Department has the support of two major local hospitals located in the City of Kankakee, St, Mary's and Riverside Medical Center. Fire Chief Damon Schuldt, you should be ashamed by your comment in the press release. "We are very pleased to have this new addition and I would like to thank Mayor Wells-Armstrong, Comptroller Elizabeth Kubal and the City Council for their continued support in providing much needed equipment to our department," said Fire Chief Damon Schuldt. "I would further like to thank our personnel who worked diligently in the decision-making process, and after the ambulance arrived, working to complete the necessary steps to place this ambulance in service in a very timely manner." Chief Schuldt, you are misleading the entire community making it sound like the City Council had voted and approved this purchase of a \$167,000 ambulance. When in fact that is not the truth. Mayor Wells-Armstrong ordered the Comptroller to write a check for \$167,000, 36 hours after the city council voted 8-6 to pass the executive powers ordinance. I will ask again, what exactly was the Emergency associated with the COVID 19 Pandemic to purchase a \$167,000 ambulance under executive powers without approval by the city council? I am asking all 14 of you elected Aldermen and Alderwomen not to renew Mayor Wells-Armstrong Executive Powers for another 30 days. The Mayor once again has proven she cannot be responsible and a good steward of your tax dollars. Mayor Wells-Armstrong has abused the executive power ordinance and she has misappropriated funds without city council approval on this \$167,000 ambulance purchase when in fact it was NOT an emergency or a COVID 19 Pandemic related emergency. I am also asking the city council to consider consulting with an attorney about filing a lawsuit in the Kankakee County Court system for the misappropriation of funds...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so you get the gist. Okay, so normally I don't respond in Public Comments but because of the false narrative as to the community I want to address it. So first of all, Mr. Phillips I'm going to start off the definition of misappropriation is to steal or to embezzle for wrongful fraudulent or corrupt use or others funds in one's care. That is not what happened here. On page 2, you make a reference that the city's bond rating is junk, that is also not true. The city has pension liability that goes back probably when I was a very young child of Mayors and city council's

making decisions to not fully fund our pensions that has been an ongoing problem before anybody that is sitting in the chamber today, even came into service for the city of Kankakee is an elected official. That's been a problem that went back several Mayors. Our bond rating prior to August was an A-. We received a document from S&P Standards & Poor which does are rating, where they suspended our rating, because they didn't have the most current information to assess our finances. So, a suspension is not a junk rating, you are not clear on that. So, I just want to make sure that I share that. It says G.O. debt rating information lax August 26 2019, that's an S&P Global Ratings. It says, S&P Global rating suspended this rating on Kankakee Illinois general obligation debt. SMP global rating, took this action because it lacked sufficient information to fully assess the city's credit quality in accordance with this applicable criteria and policies, and then down at the bottom it says this report does not constitute a rating action, so there wasn't a rating. So, I just want to make sure we're clear on that. We have had several conversations about the ambulance. We've discussed it for several months in both Budget Committee, and in Public Safety Committee, both of those committees have approved the purchase of that ambulance. I believe it was May 7th, 2019 the Chief Schuldt gave an in-depth discussion and presentation to the Public Safety Committee, they voted to move forward with a new ambulance pending Budget Committee approval. Then the Budget Committee... May 16th, 2019 budget committee unanimously approved recommending the purchase to the city council for consideration after June 3rd, 2019 meeting. So, I'm going to turn it over to Elizabeth at this time, and she will walk you through the broker and what happened with the broker.

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Thank you Mayor, As I've stated in several forums, I know Budget Committee being one of them, the broker was introduced to me via Chief Schuldt...a name that is very common within the ambulance purchasing fire truck field. I spoke with the broker I was completely upfront from day one as to our situation with trying to get caught up with the financials and such. He told me on that very first conversation that this would be no issue, the east and west coast, quite often run behind the sun no issue as soon as he had the fiscal 18 audit he could go ahead with it. When I gave that to him and he had all the documents in place we exchanged several emails, and at that point in time, the

COVID market had kind of started just to take over and the panic was setting in with all the lenders and such and he said at that point in time, we would not be able to go to marketplace and receive any funding. So that was the situation with the broker.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, in terms of this not having nothing to do with COVID-19, I'm not sure if you understand the seriousness of this virus but it attacks the respiratory system and if you cannot breathe that is a life-threatening situation. So, it was literally a matter of public health and human life. The ordinance that was passed, 8 to 6 that authorizes the executive powers in municipality; number eight states in Section 10-27, After the proclamation of a local state of emergency the Mayor may also in the interest of public safety and welfare and to address this issue cause threatened by emergency may take any and all of the following actions by executive order during the state of emergency. Number eight says, issue such other orders, as are eminently necessary for the protection of life and property that's under number eight. In terms of not renewing executive powers for another 30 days, I think you are confusing the executive role versus the legislative role. We don't pass an ordinance every 30 days the ordinance was passed and amended. Elizabeth and I, put in a system that anything purchased as an emergency would be coded on the list of bills that went before the city council twice a month. Alderman O'Brien asked if we could formalize that process we did that at the last city council meeting and amended the ordinance to include that in the ordinance. In terms of declaring the state of emergency, which is what I think you are referring to the Mayor does that, executive does that, the City Council does not declare the state of emergency. So, my actions have been consistent. This is a global pandemic affecting the entire world. We are all under a state of emergency, at the national level, the state level, and the local level. Our residence pay taxes, we know that our taxes are a little higher than some of our other surrounding communities and that's because we have a full-time fire department, and our residents expect that if they call for help, that they are going to get service. So, we have four ambulances; two are backups. One ambulance is 17 years old. The other one is 18 years old. Both of them are having significant problems that have been in the repair shop multiple repair shops, one has a cracked frame. The other one is having some issues as well. So, we have now

two functioning ambulances, one ambulance cutting off when the paramedics go out to start it and wouldn't sometimes start, they took it to several shops to try to find out what was going on with it, nobody can identify the problem. I am not in good faith, going to put residents of City of Kankakee in an ambulance that may not start up. I also send updates to the City Council every week. I tried to at least, and I sent updates out I believe was about April 3rd. Friday, April 3rd, I usually send them out at the end of the week. Number eight says Ambulance, Elizabeth was advised by the broker that he was working on financing for the City of Kankakee this week he informs her that his staff had been significantly reduced and with the time he had to pursue financing his typical national lenders in this time of COVID-19 are not interested in financing the ambulance, the local lenders want the most recent official data so that was our local people, they also wanted the most recent data before this has created a dilemma. Just as all of you, I want to protect the reserves, we have money and reserves, but none of us want to spend those monies, as you all know the budget is the guide, it did not include this ambulance in the FY 20 budget. We absolutely cannot have residents put in the current ambulance which is not functional. It sporadically cuts off and will not start and has other issues. Note: as the Executive of the Municipality, I view this as a public health issue, particularly with the increase of cases, we are having with COVID-19 and a death this week, related to the virus pandemic. We need to get an ambulance as soon as possible that was on Friday, April 3rd. I also sent another update out. Wednesday, April 8th, I don't usually do them twice a week but my sister had passed away her funeral was April 9th so I updated the council again to email on April 8th. Number four ambulances, Chief Schuldt...another operational issue with another other backup ambulances as I stated in my last update. I deemed this to fall under the authority of the executive to make an emergency purchase to protect and preserve human life. Therefore, I worked with Elizabeth today to take care of the transaction. The ambulance is anticipated to arrive within the next five days. This will give the City of Kankakee and more importantly our resident two operational ambulances, as you know, we cannot put residents in, inoperational equipment to transport our community members. So, I sent those updates on the third and eighth no one from the council contacted me with an issue regarding the purchase of the ambulance. Finally, I'm going to always prioritize

the health of people in their public safety. I knew that when I made this decision someone will probably not be happy with my decision, but as a leader, I made the decision so that I could protect and preserve human life. I don't think that anybody here is protesting that we have an ambulance, again, went from two committees. It was approved in two committees. So, we are basically we pay for this out of the general fund. We are going to be going to the market in June, no later than July and we will repay that back. It's already noted in Elizabeth records to refund that money. Correct Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

That's correct Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so I think I've given enough attention to Adam tonight. We're going to move on to the next person.

DIRK PANAZZO:

I have been a resident of Kankakee for most of my life. I also have owned and operated a business in Kankakee for the past 34 years. My business, as most of you may know, is a lounge with a liquor license and video gaming, (presently 1 of 42 in the city). I have been in contact w/ multiple other license holders and I am speaking on their behalf as well. During this COVID 19 situation, we were completely shut down on March 16 with a 12-hour notice. We were told it was originally 2 weeks, but that now has been twice extended until May 1st, and even that is now extended another month until June 1st. At that point it will be a 12-week mandatory shutdown for very expensive Business Liquor Licenses. All of which we've already paid full price for, and/or are expected to renew and pay again. This is not right. We have already endured great financial hardship from the loss of business, presently, 25% of our annual income is lost, never to be recovered. We agree that the right and humanitarian thing to do would be the same as the City of Manteno, and waive the Liquor License fee for the 2020/21 year. I was informed that this year's license wasn't even planned to be prorated for the unused time at all. This too, is not right. I want to state a few facts and figures as well. Since the video gaming has become legal in Illinois, the city of Kankakee has netted millions, yes, millions of dollars thanks to liquor license holders that have games. Just last year alone, 2019, the city made just over \$600,000 from license holders, (including only gaming revenue, city stickers and license fees). Simply stated, last year, Kankakee made \$600,000 from liquor license holders,

and that doesn't even include any sales taxes! We feel we are grossly underappreciated as high revenue producing businesses of Kankakee and this is horribly unjust. We are not asking for a precedent to be set here, actually quite the opposite. We are simply asking that due to financial hardship, that Kankakee appreciate their local businesses as much as Manteno does and follow suit with them and waive the license fee completely for the 2020 year to help offset out huge losses. Just one thing in closing, I want to repeat, Kankakee has made millions of dollars off of liquor license holders. We thank you for your time and consideration.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Just a couple points on that the State of Illinois establishes the Municipalities allocation that's not something that we establish the state does. I want you to know that when this was brought up during the city council meeting on April 6th, I called Alderman Osenga on Tuesday, April 7th. I spoke with him at about 10:30 that morning and I explained to him that in no way am I trying to harm the business owners and I informed him that no one had contacted me. So, I don't do business by hearsay you saying that you talk to three people or four people, I'm not going to do business that that way that's not professional. When I first became Mayor and we did a budget and pass an increase to liquor license holders for fees... Dirk, you and several other people from the community came to my office we set up an appointment it was you, someone from Victory Lanes. Heather, and Paul. I believe there was another gentleman there. We sat at the table we went through the budget and we work through it and we were able to work through it to a favorable outcome for everybody. So, I'm not understanding why you are not contacting my office. If you call you need to leave a message, or you can email me at Mayor@citykankakee-il.gov. Again, I spoke with Alderman Osenga, I spoke with Alderwoman Swanson. I shared with them that I was thinking about June 30th is the extension date. Again, no liquor license holder reached out to me and said this is the date that will work for us, or expressed any concerns to me. In terms of Manteno, I even brought that up to Alderman Osenga and he agreed that we could not do that and he was concerned about how much sales revenue, the sales tax revenue, we were going to be losing. I assured him that that I also was concerned and that we will work together and get through this. So, I had conversations to several people

about this again no one has contacted me directly. We are not ...Manteno has over \$20 million in their reserves, because they sold part of their collection plant to Aqua. The city is not in the same situation financially as Manteno and so, we cannot do what Manteno did. My grandmother used to say, closed mouths don't get fed so I'm going to encourage you all again that if you have concerns specifically, you need to contact me directly if you call the office leave a message if Linh is not there to pick it up, or you can email me at Mayor@citykankakee-il.gov It is not the intent to hurt the business owners, but I don't know what you are need if you don't communicate with me and you right now you all are not communicating with me. So, I'm done with that.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to the minutes for Monday, April 20th, 2020. The minutes will be provided at a later date. Moving on to Petitions.

PETITIONS

ITEM 7A:

PB2020-2-6 Ordinance Amending Section 12.05(B) (4) Public Notice of Section 12.05 (B) (Application) of Section 12.05(B) (Amendments) of Chapter 12 (Administration) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Kankakee, Illinois (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

MIKE HOFFMAN:

The Council members will remember we've got a lot of cases recently where people have come in to rezone the property, a lot of cases been single family homes that are zoned commercially. We've approved, each one of those individually. We went back and reviewed the entire zoning map for the city comparing it to existing land use and the fact found quite a few properties around the community that would appear to be...they're used for one thing, and they're zoned for another. So, to address that problem we propose the idea of kind of doing a ward by ward and rezoning those properties with the cooperation of the property owner. This amendment would allow us to do that in a cost effective delay essentially what it does is change the notification requirements bill requires a notification that was paid to the bill requires an a sign although we won't have to put a sign on every individual property that will put group signs essentially on major roads, we would still send

a notification to any property owner directly affected by this meeting, the property owner of the property to be rezoned. So, what we would not be doing is we would not be sending a notice to everybody within 200 feet. If we did that, we'd be talking, thousands of notifications and really expensive in a hurry. So, the proposals that drop a requirement, again, just for city-initiated re-zonings, and only when we're doing, at least five properties and a portion of the community. This could go to the Planning Board in April ... recommended approval, and also under the ordinance committee last week. They voted 4 to 2 moving on. There was some concern by some of the Aldermen that might not be the right time to proceed with this, or well that that was the amendment but the ward by ward rezoning, so there was some dispute about that. Overall, it passed the Ordinance Committee.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Just to remind everyone again we've had a number of people that have been trying to finance or refinance and because their properties are not correctly zoned, they're running into issues with their financing so that's what triggered this project. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passage of the Ordinance?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I make a motion to suspend the rules.

ALD GALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. 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: May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD GALL: Second.

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

ALD OSENGA:

We discussed this in the meeting the other day and I don't have a problem with doing some of those mass rezoning that we be discussed here. I know some of these properties are very old. My concern is, when and if we do pass this, the next step, they're going to start mass rezoning of these properties. At this time, I think we really need to look at our priorities here. We have some real budget concerns coming down the pike. I don't know that now would be a really good time to start doing a project like this, not knowing what the costs are going to be. I mean, what they're suggesting here is notifying people that's one thing, but we're still going to have some fairly expensive costs for the Planning Department, I'm sure. Just in the 3rd Ward we've got 113 properties that apparently are not zoned correctly and with the pandemic the way it is, our budget is unknown, as so many other municipalities. I think we need to prioritize the things we're going to do, and not spend any money unless we absolutely have to until we get beyond this so, we know where our monies are at.

ALD CRAWFORD:

One of my concerns too and I made this public at the Economic Development meeting. Not only do we have 113 properties but we also have 30-40 properties we would like to keep them commercial properties. If this does get passed, I would like to ask that maybe we would go to the end of the process. So that gives us time to get out there and talk to the different people that want to keep their properties zoned as commercial.

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

CLERK DUMAS:

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

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

ITEM 7B:

PB2020-4-1 Ordinance Issuing a Conditional Use Permit for An Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower Facility in an I-2 Zoning District –Eastgate Industrial Parkway off Grinnel Road in the City of Kankakee, Illinois (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

MIKE HOFFMAN:

This one is another application for adult use cannabis craft grower. Also, in the industrial park like the one we just did recently. This one is a little different though... north end of the park for a property, it's about 80 acres in size, and it is the new construction so they would construct the new 27,000 square foot building for an adult use cannabis operation would be enclosed in a fence. I have appropriate parking. This was heard by the Planning Board last month, recommended for approval. With a series of conditions similar to the last one that was approved and that they would need to get to adult use cannabis business license from the city. They would have to get the license from the state and obviously before we proceed with anything other than just to make sure that there's no outside noises or anything going on with the property and his site plan approved by the city. Again, it was recommended by the Planning Board for approval. It is 1500 feet from the one that we previously approved so in theory, the state could approve of both of them I don't know if they will but, but it would be possible for them to do that.

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

ALD TETTER: I so move.

ALD BROWN: Second.

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

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

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

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second.

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

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford,
Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone
Marshall, Prude

ABSTAIN: Curtis

(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

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

ITEM 7C:

PB2020-4-2 Ordinance Renewing a Conditional Use
Permit for a Solar Array Farm in the I-2 District - 2801
East Court Street in Kankakee in Illinois
(1st and 2nd Reading).

MIKE HOFFMAN:

This one is for a Solar Array...North off of Court, just south of the... house. This was approved for a solar farm two years ago by the city. At that time that was given two years to be construction, they did receive approval for tax credits from the state they are diligently working on their plans Neil and I have been reviewing them and that's pretty close to ready to go into construction they obviously were slowed down a little bit with COVID-19 things but they're about ready to go. They're existing conditional use permit will expire in the beginning of June, and there's no way they can have construction done by that time. So, they're asking for an extension of that conditional use we held a meeting with the Planning Board last month on this one they recommended to continue to hire to give them an extension I conditionally use...once it got built. Was it continue to operate and they would not have to do that. We also clarified the language a little bit so that it doesn't have to be renewed as long as they continue to operate. We also clarified the language to require them to submit a decommissioning plan. So, when they stopped using the facility as a solar farm. We've got provisions and mechanisms to get the property cleaned up and restored. In this case to agricultural land, and the Planning Board also reviewed the ceding plan for the project and suggested a mixture of include pollinators, and landscape the developer was more than open to doing that so the Planning Board is recommending approval on this extension of the existing conditional use...

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

ALD OSENGA: I'll make the motion.

ALD TETTER: Second.

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

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

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

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second.

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

ALD OSENGA: Mike, do we have any idea what the life expectancy of one of these solar panel operations is?

MIKE HOFFMAN: Over 25 years. I can't remember the exact number they told me but it's a pretty long time.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

ALD CRAWFORD: Mike, when it comes to decommission, some of the municipalities either required a deposit or a bond. Are we requiring a deposit or bond, for decommission on this?

MIKE HOFFMAN: Yes, it will be.

ALD CRAWFORD: Okay, thank you.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: Amita St. Mary's Hospital "COVID-19 Surge Event Emergency Ambulance Traffic Redirection" For Merchant Street at the Sixth Street Intersection which will be Surge Dependent (*Information Only*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving onto Item 9A Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9A: Budget Committee – Alderman O'Brien
The meeting on Thursday March 12th, 2020.
Highlights include: Ricky Rockets Proposal. At that point was kind of just becoming gaining momentum and Bert Odelson and Elizabeth and yourself gave reports about what the plan was in general. We discussed that and requested additional information which of course has become and we have moved on that. Elizabeth presented the regular monthly financial reports and that was the extent of the discussion at that meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Moving on to Report of Officers. Item 10 A City of Kankakee Bills for April 30th, 2020. 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 \$173,979.86.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to the City of Kankakee bills for May 4th, 2020. May I have a motion to approve?

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 \$399,650.74.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

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

ALD OSENGA: Check number 76366 Creative Forms & Concept \$3,548.00. What is that for?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes, the Creative Forms & Concept is for the vehicle sticker applications that we have to buy once a year.

ALD OSENGA: Alright. Thank you.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: You're welcome.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anybody else? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall
Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(12) Ayes (2) Nays (0) Abstentions

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

ALD SWANSON: I move to pay the CDA bills in the amount of \$9,081.50.

ALD OSENGA: Second.

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

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(12) Ayes (2) Nays (0) Abstentions

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

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus of the City of Kankakee – Kankakee Police Department – and Authorizing the Sale Thereof (*1st and 2nd Reading*).

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

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Brown. 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. Chief Kosman, can you speak to these items?

CHIEF KOSMAN: This ordinance would allow us to donate 25 bicycles to Project Recycle, which is an organization in town that reconditioned bicycles and provides them free of charge to low income persons. The other item would be for 50 Motorola APX 7000 radios that would be we disseminated our new radios to the officers, and this one we would plan option these radios off to an internet site called government deals.

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

ALD BROWN: I make that motion.

ALD OSENGA: Second

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

ALD CURTIS:

Chief, with the sale of the radios, any funds that we get from that would go back into the operating of the police or go back into capital, or maybe that's a question for Elizabeth.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

I don't think we go back into a police department account so it could be either capital or revenue for the for the city.

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Yes, the proceeds would go into the capital fund.

ALD CURTIS:

Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion?

ALD OSENGA:

Chief, do we have any kind of idea what these radios are worth? Do you have any idea what we can sell these things for?

CHIEF KOSMAN:

I really don't know I've, I just looked on the site. If there were some comparable right now on these types of radio's and there were no HP x 7000's, so I will confer with the organization and the representative from the government deal, and he was talking about selling them and lots, so maybe not all at once lots of 10 that we end up selling but there would be a better way of increasing the revenue.

ALD OSENGA:

Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other questions? Okay, 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 Items 12B.

ITEM 12B:

Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus of the City of Kankakee and Authorizing the Sale Thereof
(1st & 2nd Reading).

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

ALD BROWN:

So move.

ALD OSENGA: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. 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. James, I am going to defer to you on this item.

JAMES ELLEXON: We have over the last two years, advanced our copier machines and we have five currently from around the city that do not work sitting in our basement right now and we're looking to receive permission to dispose or recycle these five copiers.

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

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD BROWN: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga 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. Moving on to Items 12C and 12D

ITEM 12C: Ordinance Approving A Plat of Dedication for a Right-Of-Way at 800 North Kennedy Drive, Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).

ITEM 12D: Ordinance Approving A Plat of Dedication for a Right-Of-Way at 795 North Kennedy Drive, Kankakee, Illinois
(1st & 2nd Reading).

NEIL PIGGUSH:

These are related to dedications in order to do sidewalk improvements on the side streets as part of the IDOT's resurfacing project on Route 45 this summer. So, we had to acquire some right away, the existing sidewalks were either over the property line, or we need more right away in order to make them ADA compliant. So, these two properties are located at the North East and Southwest corners of Williams, and Kennedy Drive.

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

ALD TALL:

I will make that motion.

ALD LEWIS:

Second.

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

Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis Any discussion on these two items? 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 12E.

ITEM 12E:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 32 Article VII Section 115 of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois Establishing a Yield Right Of Way Intersection, East

Merchant Street in the Alley West of South Schuyler
(Behind Clock Tower) (1st and 2nd Reading).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I believe this was an issue raised by Alderwoman Gall and Alderman O'Brien in the Second Ward. We did have a Traffic Committee meeting based on the input we received...

NEIL PIGGUSH: The Traffic Committee held an online meeting on April 23rd, to discuss this and some other various issues. It was decided at this time we will put a yield sign on the southbound traffic coming from the alley, we've requested the accident data to evaluate it warrants a stop sign there but at this time we are recommending placement of a yield sign until further analysis can be done.

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

ALD O'BRIEN: So move.

ALD GALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. 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 O'BRIEN: So move.

ALD GALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. 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 Item 12F.

ITEM 12F: Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 Section 14-81 ET SEQ. of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois (1st and 2nd Reading).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This relates to ambulance fees. May I have a motion to approve the ordinance?

ALD OSENGA: 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, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Chief Schuldt are you on the line?

CHIEF SCHULDT: I am Mayor,

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay you want to just give a brief synopsis for the public so they have an understanding?

CHIEF SCHULDT: I would be happy to do that. The city entered into an Agreement some time ago... to participate in the... Program. That program the federal state initiative to allow ambulance service providers to get more money to Medicaid transport patients. They have just recently...the rates that we can get for those patients. We're actually follow a little bit on the chart that stops us so this ordinance to suggest a radius in certain areas so that we could not essentially not leave any money on the table. If any of the Aldermen and Alderwoman have looked at your email that the chart was emailed to all of you on Friday. You can pull that up and I would be happy to explain that to anybody that needs an explanation for anything. We're not raising across the board. Just areas that we are short on.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: And that was medicaid, correct?

CHIEF SCHULDT: The rates will be across the board because we can't pick and choose but we want to raise the rate so we'll get the cards and equally across the board. The...program does cover just Medicaid patients that is correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

ALD OSENGA: So move

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. 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. Item G...Barbie is this the one we want to pull?

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: Yes, per the Community Development Committee tonight. There's a couple of questions that they'd ask that they would like me to ask the seller. So, I've already reached out to the lawyer representing the seller already exchanged a couple of comments but looks like we'll try to talk and I'll try to get the Community Development Committee back together. I think that there's a couple of other people that are talking to this lawyer about buying, so I'm going back and forth via email right now. Hopefully, I'll have some more info to share with the Committee over this next week.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderwoman Swanson, you Chair that Committee. Is it your recommendation to pull it tonight?

ALD SWANSON: Yes Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright, we are pulling it tonight. Moving on to Item H.

ITEM 12H: Recommendations to Accept the Engineering Proposal from Piggush Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$96,130.00 for North East Ridge Drive Roadway and Drainage Improvements.

NEIL PIGGUSH:

This is for the design of the extension, as well as, some revisions to the existing road that was designed in order to add lighting to a 30-year pavement design change some of the geometrics of the road as well as revise the site plan to match any revisions that Ricky Rockets would plan on their side of things, as well as take responsibility for securing the IDOT permit for the roadway.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Neil, you usually bill us progress billing...anticipate bill after the interfund transfer, correct?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Well, our first bill would not be until June 1, so...

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

ALD BROWN:

I make that motion.

ALD TETTER:

Second.

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

ALD CURTIS:

This is good that we're going forward. Quick question... since our last meeting, I guess two weeks ago, had they executed a redevelopment agreement with us?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, I sent an email in my updates stating that it had been signed by both myself and...they were done in less than five days they were really fast, they turned it around.

ALD CURTIS:

Okay, I just want to make sure we got that in place before we start the engineering so. Excellent. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

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

ABSTAIN: Gall

(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. We do have some activity going on at this exit. Sent in my updates last week ...Construction was hired as the contractor they worked in the city previously

they. The Air National Guard facility for the Blackhawks, so that's who Mr. Hytner hired as the contractor, and then Neil, can you speak to some of the work is being done at exit 312 on the lanes? I'll get to you Mike Hoffman in just a minute.

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Yeah, so they're, they're reconstructing the bridge decks, over on I 57 Norfolk Southern Railroad as well as Grinnel Road. There's four bridge decks that they're reconstructing and then they're also widening them for the future expansion from two to three lanes on both the north and southbound interstate of mine so that is happening now. It's in Design, and they are doing some right away acquisition at this point. So, they're doing that anticipation of the interchange improvements at 312.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

...I'm not going to worry about it at this point. Thanks.

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

ITEM 12I:

Recommendation to Accept Engineering Proposal for Piggush Engineering and the amount of \$19,540.00 for the East Court Street Gateway Signage Project.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This will come out of special service area number five and as of April 22nd, there was \$98,510.48 in that special service account. May I have a motion to approve that recommendation?

ALD TETTER:

So, move your honor.

ALD BROWN:

Second.

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

CLERK DUMAS:

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

ABSTAIN: Gall

(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

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

ITEM 12J: Recommendation to Approve the 2020 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance Program in the amount of \$587,445.98 Section 20-00000-00-GM.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This is the maintenance program out for approval tonight. This includes the contract work which is roughly \$476,000 this year as well as materials work and engineering so we present this for approval tonight.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This is where Neil has consulted with all of our representatives on city council to give everybody the opportunity to prioritize the projects that your respective Wards. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD SWANSON: I will make that motion.

ALD COBBS: Second.

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

ALD OSENGA: Have we awarded a contract yet? Do we know who's going to do the work?

NEIL PIGGUSH: Right now, we're approving the program. We'll get the signatures from the city and then send it to IDOT for final approval and then we'll establish a bidding schedule, it'll go out the bid and then we will bring it back to the city for more.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

ALD TALL: Yes, this question is for Neil. I think we had a remainder of about, \$11,000. We had some projects that were in excess of \$90,000 in your assessment on a couple and \$75,000 on some more. So, we chose some of the lower priced items to get done. There are some sidewalks in our area that are raised sidewalks in a public right of way that we probably need to look at and doing...when we can shave the trees and the concrete, but we'll get another list together.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Neil will reach out to you and Alderwoman Lewis. Alright. We have a motion and a second. Alderman Crawford

ALD CRAWFORD:

We're going in about \$103,000 a month so there's going to be about \$500,000 extra. Is that \$500,000 extra going to different projects?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Well, we've got previously allocated money that we are accounting for and we're trying to be kind of responsible with the MFT money right now as far as not overspending or over allocating money this year so as far as this particular year it's hard to say so it's kind of a running balance that we're keeping track of things. So, we've you know obviously, we've committed some money to some other projects so that's, taken-into-account, when we establish what we want to spend any toward so as far as this year. We're also kind of a little concerned about what the allocation is going to look like because of the shelter in place order. So, I think that's another thing that we're kind of trying to be cautious of this year.

ALD CRAWFORD:

My next question to Neil. Can we roll some of that money over, we don't spend it all this year? And then next year's projects also?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Some of the Wards have done that with projects. Certainly, if there's something larger you want to do, we've been doing that with some of the Wards, they've kind of deferred some of their money in, you know, in lieu of a smaller program this year for a year so that's something we can talk about that... the 3rd Ward is looking to do.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anyone else? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

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

ABSTAIN: Gall

(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item 12K have Committee Appointments 2020-2021. I want to start off by thanking all of you. I think in March that the ordinance indicates the committee assignment should be set by the second meeting in May. Alderman Brown and Alderwoman Swanson, I spoke with both of them. So, thank you both for your leadership. The eight here are: Environment Services Utility, Budget, License & Franchise, Public Safety, Ordinance, Economic Development, CDA and Code. Recommendation was to

leave them set as they are, at this time. May I have a motion to approve those appointments to the committees.

ALD BROWN: I make that motion.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

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

ALD BROWN: I would like to make a statement. Alderwoman Swanson and I met to discuss committee assignments, very thorough and long. The hardest thing to do...some committees were questioned but we felt at the end of a day, Everything that we receive in the best interest of the council that we leave the committees the same, because one year is not enough for committee chair. So, we just feel like we'd like to leave it the same for this year and then next year, we will make some changes so that's where we are right now.

ALD TETTER: I think there has been quite a bit done given all of the distractions and things. With that being said, I think everything looks good. I will say, I would like to see Alderman Cobbs put in as Chairman for Ordinance and everything else left the same.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Does anybody else have a comment? Who made the Motion on the Committees?

CLERK DUMAS: Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderwoman Swanson.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: There is a motion to accept and leave them the same and that was by Brown and Swanson. Alderman Tetter go ahead...

ALD TETTER: I am asking for an amendment of the Ordinance Committee putting Alderman Cobbs as the Chairperson.

ALD SWANSON: I will withdraw my motion if I...if we are going with that amendment. That is not my second.

ALD BROWN: He didn't second. The amendment requires a second.

ALD CRAWFORD: He needs a second. He needs a second and he needs two thirds vote to approve it.

ALD TALL: Roll Call.

ALD BROWN: He don't have a second on the amendment.

ALD COBBS: Second.

ALD TALL: You can't.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, hold on. I'm the Chair of the Committee. I will give the floor to the perspective persons. So, we have a motion by Alderman Brown and second by Alderwoman Swanson. At discussion, Alderman Tetter is proposing an amendment with a second by Alderman Cobbs. Let me go to the other screen to see if anybody else... Do you all want to go back and discuss and get this... it just sounds like you're not on the same page. Alderwoman Swanson you have the floor.

ALD SWANSON: He can't second a motion to make himself the Chairman. Alderman Cobb can not make a second to make himself the Chairman of the Committee. I would have to feel that is a conflict of interest isn't it?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Well you all... I'm trying to find a list in my packet, give me just a second. I have printed out the current list. All of you are voted to make yourselves I mean here the chair here it is. You're the chair Alderwoman Swanson on CDA. Brown is the chair on Public Safety so all of you are well, for those of you who are chairs you are voting for yourselves to be...

ALD SWANSON: Alright. So, okay.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Where am I still. Okay, go ahead.

ALD SWANSON: I just I feel like a Chairman, like... Alderman Brown said we had a very lengthy discussion about this. I know we talked to you also and this is what we came up with, and we're, I mean him and I are not in favor of that amendment. I mean, can you do a roll call on his? I mean I don't understand.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Did you all talk to each other? City Council members that you will talk to Swanson and Brown?

ALD BROWN: Yes, I emailed the committee assignment out, and I got several responses. Most of them was...some was about what the amendment is about and some of them about leaving it the same. It was open to everybody and I think I emailed everyone, stating that Alderwoman Swanson and I will be discussing that Monday and we welcome comments and feedback. I think we did that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderwoman Swanson, did you get feedback as well?

ALD SWANSON: No, I mean, from what was discussed I know that Alderman O'Brien said he was happy with the way things went at our prior meeting and yeah; no.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Alright. We have a motion. Where's Mike McGrath?

MIKE MCGRATH: Right here Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Hold on. Let me see...

MIKE MCGRATH: As far as the question, it's not a conflict. Alderman Cobbs can make the second to the amended motion. Typically, person who made the original motion would be willing to amend the original motion. If Alderman Brown and Alderwoman Swanson don't want to amend that then Alderman Tetter's motion to amend the motion would be properly seconded by Alderman Cobbs and then it will have to go to a vote. If that passes then that is just an amendment to the motion then there would be a second vote on the actual amended motion for approval.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay so right now we're voting on the amended recommendation of committee?

MIKE MCGRATH: Yes. The motion made by Alderman Tetter, which is an amendment to the original motion, which was seconded by Alderman Cobbs to have Alderman Cobbs as the chair of the Ordinance Committee.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so I am going to a roll call.

MIKE MCGRATH: Yes.

CLERK DUMAS: So, we are withdrawing Swanson's second?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: She did not choose to amend her second on the motion, Alderman Brown you made the motion so...

ALDERMAN BROWN: No.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. So, Brown and Swanson are not willing to amend the motion for the recommendation that Alderman Tetter gave so now we're voting on Alderman Tetter's amended motion to approve with a change on Ordinance to make Cobbs the Ordinance Chair?

MIKE MCGRATH: Yeah, it's a vote to approve the motion not to approve the substance of the motion, there would have to be another vote to carry forth the actual motion, which would make Alderman Cobbs the Chair of the Ordinance Committee.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Please don't speak out of turn. Please raise your hand. Hold on...

ALD CRAWFORD: *(inaudible)*

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Mike, were you done?

MIKE MCGRATH: It takes a two-thirds vote for an amended motion to amend a previous motion.

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I'm going to ask that you follow the order Alderman Crawford.

ALD CRAWFORD: I didn't know if you could see my hand.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Okay, so we are voting on...Mike McGrath can you say what we are voting on?

MIKE MCGRATH: You are voting on...just whether or not to allow the amended motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: So, the amended motion was Tetter and Cobbs correct?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Tetter made the amended motion and Cobbs second.

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I didn't hear Brown's vote...

ALD BROWN: No.

CLERK DUMAS: He said no. (9) Nays (5) Ayes

MIKE MCGRATH: If it fails Mayor then it goes back to the original vote.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson to keep the Committees the same.

ALD COBBS: Point of order Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Who?

ALD COBBS: Alderman Cobbs Mayor. Point of Order. I didn't hear the final count.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: Sorry. It was...

CLERK DUMAS: It was (9) Nays (5) Ayes

ALD COBBS: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So the original motion was made by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson to keep the Committees assignments the same as 2019. So, 20/21 to leave the Committees the same. Motioned by Brown and seconded by Swanson. Any other discussion? Roll Call

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. So, the Committee assignments will remain the same. Moving on to the Library Board. Kent Wade's term has expired and he would like to serve again and Victoria Kosman was appointed not long ago to fill a vacancy of Beth Tripple that left two months on her term. Now that term has expired and I am reappointing Victoria

Kosman. Then Vena Burkes of the 1st Ward is a new person and her resume is included and she wishes to serve on the Library Board at this time. May I have a motion to approve those appointments?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second

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

COUNCIL: Aye

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? Motion carries. Moving on to the Police Pension Board. Again, this is a renewal. Maureen Kambic our Assistant Comptroller who knows our finances well. We requested that she comes back and she would like to continue to serve. May I have a motion to approve her for the Police Pension Board?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries. Moving on to the Planning Board. Beverly Hood and Arthur Lax are two people are the two people that have already been serving as well so I did not include their resumes. Both would like to continue serving. Motion to approve the Planning Board?

ALD TETTER: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion Carries. Moving on to the Fire Pension Board. This position was held by who has been ill and passed away. Ben Clark his resume is attached...would like to get involve so I am asking for a motion to approve the appointment to the Fire Pension Board.

ALD PRUDE: So move Mayor.

ALD COBBS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Prude and seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? Motion carries. Thank you. Moving on to Item 13 Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We are under the Governor's Executive Order until May 30th. It requires no action. Moving on to Item 13B.

ITEM 13B: Proclamation Declaring May 2020 As Motorcycle Safety Month (*A request came in by the Motorist Awareness Program, Mayor reads Proclamation*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion to approve.

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign. Motion is approved. Moving on to Item 13C.

ITEM 13C: Resolution by Economic & Community Development Agency Establishing a Tax Increment Financing Policy and Application.

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: The Economic Development Committee has been working on this before I was even here, since last year. So, what we are bringing to you is now called the Tax Increment Financing Policy and Procedure. The application is in the D section that we'll be talking about next. But this is an internal policy and procedure for the City on how we will be accepting applications, incentive disbursements, and what the policy and procedure will be for looking with those applications and scoring them, and then the process of processing them up through ECDA to Economic Development through the Capital Team, Economic Development Committee, and the City Council for approval. So, it just has an internal policy and procedure on how we will be able look at those development incentives through our TIF districts.

ITEM 13D: Resolution By Economic & Community Development Agency Establishing A Development Incentives Applications.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Do you want to go over D as well?

BARBI BREWER-WATSON: D is a Development Incentives Application that we will be using...for anyone who is looking for incentives from the City through our TIF funds. If they want information about enterprise zones, or opportunity zones, having them build the application gives us an understanding of what their project is and what their needs are so that we can better talk about the impact of that development in our area and score that application so we know what incentives, we may be looking at to disperse. The other thing too is in the future we're looking at developing some other city-wide incentives for small businesses and this application would be what they would use to apply for those as well.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Barbi. Alderwoman Swanson this is the Committee that you Chair is there anything you would like to add?

ALD SWANSON: I just want to thank Barbi and her team for all the hard work that they do.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections, I would like to combine Items 13C and 13D. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD SWANSON: I'll make that motion to combine C and D.

ALD FAFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Faford. Any discussion on these items? 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 13E.

ITEM 13E: Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for the 2020 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance, Section 20-00000-00-GM.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This is just the corresponding MFT resolution authorizing the MFT funds for the maintenance program that was already approved tonight.

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

ALD TETTER: Motion to approve.

ALD COBBS: Second.

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

CLERK DUMAS: **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. We will skip Executive Session and Move on to Item 16, 17 and 18.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD SWANSON: I just wanted to let alderman brown know that I will not be able to attend the public safety meeting tomorrow night.

ALD TALL: Thank you Mayor. At last month's city council meeting, there was mention of resident on West Stone Street having a tree in the right of way. There was no tree in the front of her house, nor in the back of her house that was in the city right of way, that was in an electrical lines position. So, I don't know weapons person was talking about either did they call me or email me so just wanted to make the update.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I think I had Pete look into that situation and that tree was not in the city's right of way. Right Pete?

PETE SCHIEL: You are correct Mayor. It was in the fence line and we went ahead and deferred that to ComEd because it was in the power lines.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We did Alderman Tall and Alderwoman Lewis. That's in your Ward, we did make her aware that it was not in the city's right of way. Alderman Crawford.

ALD CRAWFORD: One of the comments I have is maybe we can look into when we have zoom meetings to send out packets to all the Aldermen and not just to the committee people on that committee. Thank you

ALDERMAN CURTIS: Thank you. I want to remind everybody that Thursday we will have the License & Franchise committee meeting, so we'll be setting that up. Hopefully, everybody can make that. We still have to deal with the liquor ordinance and keep moving forward. I'd like to make another comment with a budget coming up on, I believe next Monday. If we can plan, I'd like to request if we could have some length and time to talk about finances and details. Obviously, it's not just the City of Kankakee, there was articles in the paper this past weekend and today with Municipalities and County and quite frankly, statewide and just we're losing, you know, we're gonna be shut down for basically 25% of the year. I think we need to look at a lot of things, until we figure out when our spendings coming in, which could take 90 days and I know it's a long time, but you know things like utility taxes are probably using a lot of businesses being shut down or using less water, which is going to be also less electrical, that tax will come in lower obviously sales tax is going to take a great hit. There's a lot of things

that our revenues are going to take a great hit and so I know we've got a couple job positions open. I know we need to keep doing work in the city moving forward but maybe we could even slow down on a couple of job positions, I'd rather if they've just come open that's great. I'd rather seek that instead of a layoff or something of that nature that we might have to do going forward. I hope we don't have to do any of that but I'm gravely concerned, we can talk about this in great detail on Monday, that'd be excellent.

ALD TETTER:

In light of all that's going on with the Corona Virus, Alderman Curtis mentioned. We have been looking at the residency requirements for the city, and I think more and more is going to become... My question is, do we have any information in this probably ... *(inaudible)*

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tetter, you asked if any one has any background information on residency ordinances?

ALD TETTER:

I asked if there was any updated information regarding residency requirements for the City of Kankakee. The general council was working on something but we have not heard anything more. This is probably a question only general council can answer.

MIKE MCGRATH:

Mayor, if I can put together a short memo and I can circulate it later this week.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL:

Thank you Madam Mayor. Okay, I was just wanting to let the council know that with the current condition where people are dumping a lot of things on other people's property, empty lots. Big items are not being picked up by the garbage people, we were considering having a spring cleanup and we really wanted to get some input on that, and we will be discussing it further in our next code meeting, to see if we could possibly see about having a dumpster put in the different wards at different times so that we would have some place where people could put their items, say like when they purchase new furniture, and then their furniture, you know they have to figure what to do with it. And some of the people are not as fortunate as others to pay for getting rid of it. They're doing the best they can just to be able to purchase something. So, we will be discussing that at the meeting, and if anybody has any ideas I would ask that they will share them with me or share them with the committee.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Anyone else? Moving on to Department heads.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: In terms of hiring, what positions. Is it just Code?

JAMES ELLEXSON: Code has a position as to replacement, the positions that we have posted right now are all replacement, and they were budgeted positions. There are no new positions posted right now. We are looking at those right now I am in contact with Elizabeth, we are trying to be conscious of budgets and need, and it will take us a little bit of time before we hire any of these and I think we'll have a better idea on where we're standing. But we do want to get them out so we can start getting some resumes in. So, we started reviewing and find the best candidates.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. That's a good segue into Tomora. I think she's down to three code officers

TOMORA NELSON: I actually I wanted to comment on this anyway. I just wanted to let everyone know that we are short staffed. We also lost someone in April. So now we're down to three code officers. We have two code officers doing two wards, and we have one code officer is taking care of three wards, and it's just overwhelming. So, we really do need help I understand you know the finances, but the code department really need help, we need staff, and especially since we just lost one recently, we're really behind. We need that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I know we have made some adjustments under COVID-19 we had not scheduled inspections for landlords but now that grass, we're getting the weather's kind of crazy it's going to be back in the 30s this weekend at night but we're anticipating that you know we have warmer weather and we're getting into grass season. Can you speak to that?

TOMORA NELSON: Grass season we do every year, we do that all the time. But since we're not doing inspections, it helps us with trying to keep up with the grass, but we continue to do grass, trash, and exteriors. If it's a hazard in the house or something we will deal with that whenever it comes in, but we are still doing the grass, trash, and accumulations. If a landlord had an inspection schedule. We issued them temporary rental license to January, 2021, just in case it was a section eight

or something so won't mess up their funding. So, and then those that we're not scheduled, we are taking their applications and just holding on to it, until after this pandemic is over, then we can start back doing inspections, but since we're not doing inspections now, we are focusing on the exterior is grass trash and exterior cars on grass and house numbers and things like that. With that being said, the property on the corner of Schuyler and Water. I guess that was a big deal over the weekend. The inspector was already in contact with the owner, when we... house or something goes on the property. We have to send notice. We send notice to the owner, we have to give them an opportunity to clean it up. So, we were already in touch with the owner, they were already in process of getting it cleaned up and today, we reached out to them one more time and everything is all cleaned up so it's not like we did not know anything about the property, we were dealing with the property we had just...we have to give people an opportunity to correct the problem. So, we were addressing the property. It wasn't in their time frame, I guess. Something else that I want to bring up, the county trustee bills properties in October to people, they can buy properties at a tax sale and since they've been doing that. We drafted a letter to speak to all of the new property owners. Just a courtesy letter telling them that they have to maintain the grass, maintain the trash. Make sure the property is secure, because if they don't have the deed they can't actually go in and work on the property, but they have to maintain the exterior of the property. So, we did that is so far it's been working out, I've got comments back about it. Some people didn't know. I had a lady told me that she thought it was a courtesy from the city to cut grass. No, you have to cut your own grass. So, we did that. And then lastly, back in August, the inspectors went to building a fire Code Academy, and they get a certificate in understanding the 2018 property maintenance code. So, they are continuing to get training. They got lead certified. So, they are continuing to get training. I believe they know what they're doing. But as long as we continue to train them. I think they'll be fine. We can't do any training because of the pandemic, but as it comes up and brought to us...then they will continue to get training so they have been getting trained with doing their job. I think that's all I have.

PETE SCHIEL:

Thank you Mayor. No comments. I just want to share my gratitude with Jasmyne helping out, and alderman who

have stepped up to the plate with this zoom technology, just wanted to thank everybody for their efforts. Jasmyne and I are going to continue this process with everybody.

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Thank you Mayor. Just a couple of quick updates, we're working through the South Schuyler biking project, the layout on that we'll have to get that approved by IDOT since it's being paid for out of MFT funds and we are going to be reconfiguring some lanes on South Schuyler, South of River Street which is actually State Route. The East Riverwalk...The survey work was completed last week we'll be getting that to Hitchcock for them to start drawing up some concepts for that. I know there's still kind of working through their public outreach plan and all they anticipate on doing that in the middle of the pandemic. But I know they wanted to keep moving forward. That ties in with the OSLAD grant revised appraisal were submitted...we are waiting on a reply back on those before we can make offers to the property owners and then Hobbie Avenue, the geometry was finalized, Christopher Burke is moving forward with generating those plans. Brookmont Blvd, we just got updated layouts for the final...that's going to look like based on the current drainage alternative selected for the...year plan. So, they are working through...highways for those to acquire easement, right of ways...project. They also requested variances from CN, they have two of them and they are still waiting to hear back on the 3rd so that project is still moving forward and should pick up here pretty quickly...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: They are still inspecting the bridge on River Street Correct?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

They have a contractor on board and they are finalizing scope. They didn't give me a date when he would be out there but they asked about closure of River Street. They think the work will take about two weeks to scale the bridge. My recommendation is we close the road while work is being performed during the week and we can open on the weekends. In the interest of Public Safety...

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Thank you Mayor. I just want to state that I have been in quite a few discussions with budget situations. I sat on two different phones with the...of Illinois Officers Association. Two different round tables there is another one this week that I will be attending. As of right now, no one has said anything that I have not thought of or what I have on a list.

It will be the working of drafts, full participation on everyone's part...I plan on completing this budget with completeness like all the other 6 I have since I have been with the City of Kankakee. The process will be challenging but we will figure this out.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

I would like to thank you and members of the council, it's been a 1 year. It was the first meeting in May when I was appointed. Thank you for your support.

JASMYNE HUMBLE:

Thank you Mayor. I just want to be clear on how the meetings are set up. It is up to the host or the chairman to change those setting on those meetings. There was a comment made that the settings were changed during the Ordinance meeting and I just want to point that out. The host chose to set up that meeting. We are here to help as always, if you need anything just let us know we are here to help as usual. Pete and I have conducted several trainings and I want to thank all the Alderman for being patient with that as well. I also want to say, thank you to the community for sending all the Love My City photos they have been great and we have been getting a lot...

STEVE BERTRAND:

Thank you Mayor. First, I would like to thank the Council for approving our Board Members this evening bringing our board up to full staff. Secondly, we are initiating a system to get or renew Library cards online so those that are expired they can fill out on line...ID's, business mail at least 30 days old to prove their residency. We are doing this because...so people can still check things out on line...e-book and a movie collection. That has gone out on facebook and this evening it will be on website. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: There is a COVID 19 tab on the website and we posting throughout the day very regularly regarding COVID 19 data and resources so please encourage people to follow our social media sites and continue to share information. There were a number of organizations that gave out masks last week and I thank people for doing that. I mentioned Ricky Rockets, they have hired the contractor for the project. The auditors will be on site May 6th on Wednesday this week. I want to remind everybody that Aunt Martha's have a drive through site. They are located at 1777 East Court Street. Testing is available Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. You do need to set

up an appointment and you can find that information on our website and social media. Riverside is also going to state some testing in the Community as we will get information out on that as well. Jasmyne mentioned Love My City, Love My Grad. We wanted to do something to acknowledge the seniors, we are proud of all of you. We know this is not the way you want to celebrate graduating high school from the City we are trying to do something to uplift our graduates open to all the High Schools. We are encouraging students to send I their photos to display on our website and social media. I have been in a number of discussions with the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra regarding fireworks so I need input from City Council. There are organizations cancelling meetings. I was on a call last week and there was a meeting scheduled for August 23rd that meeting has been cancelled. Because we are in a pandemic, we don't have a contract with a fireworks vendor, we would have to enter into a contract but Melrose which is who we have used in the past and the only one responded...if we cancel on them they are going to require us to pay. So, is it the consensus of the city council that we do not move forward with fireworks July 4? I asked you all to give me an answer tonight in my updates on Friday. Anjanita are you still on?

CLERK DUMAS: Yes, I'm still here.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Did you all get a chance to look at your updates? Alderwoman Swanson go ahead?

ALD SWANSON: I have that email at work and I didn't get an opportunity to read it. I think fireworks is a way you can social distancing. Sit in their car...I think you can still have fireworks and have people separated.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Swanson is a yes.

ALD FAFORD: I would like to see them but I don't want to be too close to anybody.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That's the concern of the Symphony...on Riverside Board...people are canceling these large events. The concern is even if the Shelter in Place Order is lifted at the end of the month, that they are still not recommending crowds of people.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Faford in the middle. Crawford where are you at?

ALD CRAWFORD: I would be a no. They are canceling all sporting events...a certain amount of people are going to social distance but a certain amount aren't going to. With our finances and what's going on, I'm a no.

ALD OSENGA: I agree with Crawford. Maybe this can help us cut down on some spending. I'm a no.

ALD TETTER: I will be a no, at present.

ALD BROWN: What is the price? How much would we have to pay if we don't?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: \$15K and if we sign the contract and cancel we still have to pay expenses.

ALD BROWN: You don't have that number?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: It's \$15K to do it...

ALD BROWN: That's okay, I will say no.

ALD GALL: I'm for cancelling.

ALD O'BRIEN: I'm in favor of cancelling.

ALD CURTIS: I agree, it's a place we can cut money. I'm all for fireworks but right now it's better to say no this year.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I think it would be wise for us to cancel at this point.

ALD PRUDE: No.

ALD LEWIS: No.

ALD TALL: No.

ALD COBBS: You know, I understand the financial situation we have been put in due to this virus, I respect that. Last year when we didn't have fireworks, my neighborhood sounded like a battlefield. I don't think there will be social distancing on the 4th of July.... I'm a Yes.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I think I have everybody. My... Concern is the spread of

the virus. Even if the order is lifted, it does not give adequate time to plan. I don't want to spend tax payers money...my biggest concern is even if we are off the shelter in place they are not going to want crowds of hundreds...Thank you for you feedback. The consensus of this group is to cancel fireworks. I secured a \$10K grant at the National League of Cities in March when the pandemic was starting. We are planning a Kankakee United Town Hall Update. We will give out information to the Community...our efforts to work that initiatives even during COVID 19. Without anything further we can move to Executive Session. I need a motion to go into Executive Session. Mike McGrath?

MIKE MCGRATH: For purposes of pending litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ALD TETTER: So move your honor.

ALD COBBS: Second

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign.

ALD CURTIS: Mayor, do we need a roll call?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, 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: We are now in Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion to return back to Open Session.

ALD CRAWFORD: So move.

ALD FAFORD: Second

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 are back in Open Session. No action resulting from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ALD LEWIS: So move.

ALD FAFORD: Second.

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

COUNCIL: Aye.

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