

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE  
CITY OF KEWAUNEE COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2015**

Present: Mayor Blaha, Aldermen Kunkel, Vollenweider, Jirtle, Dworak, Gilbertson, Griffith, D. Kickbusch, Christman

Absent: None

Others: Administrator Kranz, Public Works Director Petersen, Police Chief Salentine, Fire Chief Hlinak, City Attorney Wolske, Youth Representative JJ Vollenweider, Jennifer Brown, Ron Heuer, Tony Jeanquart, Willard Kickbusch, Tom Kleiman Jr., Tom Reczek, Librarian Grosshuesch, Ambulance Director Steiner, Terry McNulty, School Superintendent Joseph Innis, Karen Trembl, Jason Karnopp, Brian Vogeltanz, Robin Kinn, Dennis Shimanek, Karen Yancey

Mayor Blaha called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. whereas the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by prayer and meditation.

The Kewaunee School Board appeared before the Council to provide information and answer questions on the upcoming referendum question on the April 7, 2015 election ballot regarding the borrowing not to exceed \$16.2 million for school improvements and demolition of the Hillcrest School.

Jennifer Brown, Kewaunee County Economic Development Corporation (KCEDC), appeared before the Council to update them on the preparation of a request for qualifications followed by the preparation of requests for proposals regarding the development of the Hamachek property. She also reminded the Council of the upcoming Door/Kewaunee County Legislative Days for April 15-16, 2015.

Kewaunee County Chairman Ron Heuer appeared before the Council and presented a power point presentation on the costs of operating the Kewaunee County Landfill, considerations to expand and open another cell, and ways to generate additional revenue. He informed the Council that the Landfill Committee has recommend to the County Board to eventually close the landfill due to its operations continuing to lose money.

Police Chief Salentine presented the 2014 Police Department Annual Report.

Fire Chief Greg Hlinak presented to the Council the 2014 Annual Fire Report.

Ambulance Co-Director Joe Steiner presented to the Council the 2014 Annual Ambulance Report.

Librarian Sue Grosshuesch presented to the Council the 2014 Library Annual Report.

The Building Inspector 2014 Annual report was received by the Council.

The Council received the Finance Committee minutes of February 9, 2015.

D. Kickbusch moved and Griffith seconded to approve the issuance of Operator's Licenses as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Kickbusch moved and Jirtle seconded to approve the February 2015 Accounts Payables in the amount of \$1,066,713.19. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Council received the Public Works Committee minutes of February 24, 2015.

The Council received the Public Property Committee minutes of March 3, 2015.

Gilbertson moved and Dworak seconded to approve the 2015 Afternoon Summer Recreation Program contract with Holy Rosary Child Care in the amount of \$6,130. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Kunkel moved and Christman seconded to approve the 2015 Kewaunee County Slugger League Program contribution in the amount of \$870. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

D. Kickbusch moved and Gilbertson seconded to approve an executed offer to purchase to be prepared by the City Attorney for Kunkel's Restaurant to purchase the 307 Ellis Street property for \$20,000, \$10,000 due at closing, and over a five year period as an economic incentive, forgiveness of 20% of the balance due for each year conditioned on Kunkel's Restaurant operating a business and employing at least 24 employees for each year. In addition, an option to repurchase agreement will be executed at time of closing providing for the City to repurchase the property should construction not commence within 18 months of the execution of the agreement and completion of a building addition within 18 months from the date of issuance of a building permit. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried with Kunkel abstaining.

Griffith moved and Vollenweider seconded to authorize the obtaining of bids for an old barn demolition and wood reclamation owned by the City within the future Business Park on the north side of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council received the Personnel Committee minutes of February 25 and March 3, 2015.

The Council received the Beautification Committee minutes of February 10, 2015.

Kunkel moved and Jirtle seconded to approve the 2015 Decorative Planters Planting & Maintenance proposal with Euclid's Flowers at a cost of \$2,623. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Kunkel moved and Gilbertson seconded to approve the February 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Kranz reviewed with the Council information regarding its unfunded pension liability with the Wisconsin Retirement System and acknowledging that if the City continued to pay as it has in the past, 1.8% pay period by pay period, it would probably never pay it off and the amount owing would continue to increase over time. In order to alleviate this debt, the City can obtain a 20 year loan at 3.75% from the Wisconsin State Trust Fund. The amount needed to pay off the liability as of May 1, 2015 would be \$481,887.

Griffith moved and Vollenweider seconded to authorize Ehlers Associates to proceed with a State Trust Fund Loan application for the City's unfunded pension liability. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Kickbusch moved and Kunkel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.