

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

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

Absent: Alderman Gilbertson, Council Youth Representative JJ Vollenweider

Others: Administrator Ellefson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jackson, Public Works Director Murphy, Police Chief Salentine, Fire Chief Hlinak, Susan Grosshuesch, Mark Reiff, Ron French, LaNea Bartel, Elizabeth Truckey

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 Council received the Finance Committee minutes of October 12 and October 26, 2015.

Christman moved and Griffith seconded to approve the October 2015 Accounts Payables in the amount of \$153,436.57. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Council received the Public Works Committee minutes of October 27, 2015.

The Council received the Personnel Committee minutes of October 13, October 22, and November 2, 2015.

The Council received the Beautification Committee minutes of October 13, 2015.

The Council received the Lighthouse Preservation Committee minutes of September 24, October 8, and October 15, 2015.

Jirtle moved and Dworak seconded to approve the October 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and October 22 and October 27, 2015 Special Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Vollenweider moved and Griffith seconded to introduce the second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 571-15, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF KEWAUNEE, WISCONSIN, ENTITLED "STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Jirtle moved and Vollenweider seconded to introduce the second reading and adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 572-15, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF KEWAUNEE, WISCONSIN, ENTITLED "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS." Motion carried unanimously.

Kickbusch moved and Christman seconded to approve RESOLUTION 1035-15, EXISTING EMPLOYER OPTION SELECTION RESOLUTION WISCONSIN PUBLIC EMPLOYERS' GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. Motion carried unanimously.

John Griffith addressed the council regarding his desire to have the Tug Ludington reverted back to the LT4 Army boat it was originally and repainted battleship gray with a black bottom. There would be no expense to the city as the paint and labor would be provided based on donations and volunteered time.

Upon Mayor Blaha's recommendation, Jirtle moved and Vollenweider seconded to appoint John Griffith Intermin Lighthouse Committee chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ellefson provided the council with an update on the health insurance quote process and advised that we are having difficulty getting a final quote from the insurance companies. Jirtle motioned and Griffith seconded to rescind the initial motion to withdraw from the Wisconsin Public Employers Group Health Insurance Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ellefson provided a review of the 2016 draft budget. The Public Budget Hearing is set for Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Griffith motioned and Vollenweider seconded to move forward with a 3% Wisconsin PSC simplified water rate Increase for 2016. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Kickbusch motioned and Griffith seconded to move forward with a 6% sewer utility rate increase for 2016. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Ellefson presented a purchasing policy to be effective 1/1/2016. Christman moved and Kunkel seconded for adoption of this policy. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upon Mayor Blaha's recommendation, Jirtle moved and Griffith seconded to appoint Messman Law Office to represent the Planning Commission. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blaha addressed the council regarding the proposed design for the harbor improvement project and ask that they consider his suggestions and concerns regarding the proposed design before making any decisions.

Vollenweider moved and Kunkel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.