

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
CITY OF KEWAUNEE COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2016**

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

Absent: None

Others: Administrator Ellefson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jackson, Public Works Director Murphy, Police Chief Salentine, Asst. Police Chief Kleiman, Ambulance Co-Director Joe Steiner, Dan Kassner, Brian Vogeltanz, Brett Guilette, Joanne Guilette, Karen Yancey, Brian Hinrichs, Bill Brose, Michael Raimonde, Craig Harley, Janita Zimmerman

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 December 14, 2015.

Christman moved and Griffith seconded to approve December 2015 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$932,077.72. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Council received the Personnel Committee minutes of January 5, 2016.

Kunkel moved and Dworak seconded to keep current seasonal employees on the pay schedule that they started on. Any new seasonal employees will start at \$10.00 per hour with a \$0.50 increase each year they are re-hired with a maximum of \$12.00 per hour. Any employees working additional years after reaching \$12.00 per hour would receive standard city pay increases. Any seasonal employees with a current wage less than \$10.00 per hour will be moved to \$10.00 per hour. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried with Kickbusch voting nay.

Administrator Ellefson provided an update on the status of the new building inspector appointment and stated that Inspection Specialists LLC had received their credentials from the State of Wisconsin. Brett Guilette of Inspection Specialists LLC was present and answered any questions and concerns the council presented. Griffith moved and Gilbertson seconded to approve a one year contract with Inspection Specialists LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council received the Lighthouse Preservation Committee minutes of December 10, 2015.

The Council received the Public Property Committee minutes of January 6, 2016.

Public Works Director Murphy provided details of a proposed lease of land from the City of Kewaunee to American Transmission Company. Jirtle moved and Kickbusch seconded to approved the land lease to American Transmission Company for a sum of \$3,000 for the contract period and an additional \$500 per month beyond the contract period. Upon

a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Captain Kleiman presented a proposed antique fire equipment display building to the council and requested permission to build the fire museum on a city owned property near the grandfather clock on Dodge Street. Griffith moved and Christman seconded to approve the building of a fire museum on the city owned parcel. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Jirtle moved and Dworak seconded to approve the December 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and December 21, 2015 Special Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Vollenweider moved and Gilbertson seconded to approve RESOLUTION 1040-16, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY IN WISCONSIN'S MID-LAKE REGION AND POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF KEWAUNEE COUNTY'S COASTAL AREAS. Motion carried unanimously.

Jirtle discussed the possibility of a sex offender ordinance that would prohibit sex offenders that have no ties to the area being moved to our community. Mayor Blaha asked Police Chief Salentine to contact individuals to speak about the laws regarding sex offenders at the February council meeting.

Kickbusch moved and Christman seconded to appoint Art Schiller to the Zoning Board of Appeals at Mayor Blaha's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Foth reviewed the Statement of Qualifications they submitted for the Harbor Improvement Project. The team consists of Foth, Smithgroup JJR & Ayres Associates. Griffith moved and Vollenweider seconded to select Foth as the engineer for the Harbor Improvement Project. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blaha thanked the Kacer family for giving the minutes book dating back to 1883-1887 to the City of Kewaunee.

Mayor Blaha addressed the council regarding the mayoral election and indicated that a primary is not required by statute and that a primary would not be held since the council had not previously decided to hold a primary within 3 days after the filing deadline for nomination papers.

Griffith moved and Vollenweider seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.