

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KEWAUNEE COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2018**

Present: Mayor Christman, Alderperson Dworak, Jirtle, Schiller, Jelinek, Kickbusch, Griffith and Zimmerman

Absent: Alderperson Kuehl

Others: Administrator Schnook, Clerk/Treasurer Decur

Mayor Christman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Action: Primary Election Determination

Mayor Christman explained to the Council that by State Statute: 8.11 (1) (a), a primary may be held in any city for the nomination of candidates for city office. When a majority of all members of the governing body of a city decide upon a spring primary for any specific election, they shall so provide not later than 3 days after the deadline for filing nomination papers. This being said, we have three candidates who have filed papers for Mayor. The Council needs to decide if the City should hold a primary.

Discussion was held on the cost of having a primary, which is hard to determine until we know if the State is going to be holding a primary. The estimated cost could be anywhere from \$2,000 to & \$6,000, but leaning toward the \$2,500 to \$4,000. There is approximately \$2,000 in the Budget for the purpose of a primary. It was the consensus of the council that holding a primary election would in the best interest of the democratic principles for everyone.

Alderperson Griffith moved and Alderperson Jirtle seconded the motion to hold a Spring Primary Election on February 20, 2018, to determine the two finalists for the Spring Election of Mayor, held on April 3, 2018. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderperson Zimmerman moved and Alderperson Jirtle seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Decur