

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2017 7:01 P.M.**

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Good evening. I'd like to call the meeting to order. Our recording system is having an issue so please, if you are speaking this evening, the Aldermen especially, would you use your microphones so we can capture everybody's comments? At this time, I would like to ask Reverend Scott Hensley from Asbury United Methodist Church to come forward and lead us in prayer.

REV. HENSLEY: Let us pray. There is a sense of purpose when we gather together, oh Lord, in places such as these. There's always a sense of hope, of making a difference, of seeing things created in just our own concerns and our own needs. Of creating a community of warmth, of hope, of lives and of love, of care and concern for neighbors. There's a sense of joy that comes when we see things come together so well. And, so we give You thanks, oh God, this evening for this day. We give You thanks for those who have chosen to serve on this Council. We give You thanks, gracious God, for the many ways that people serve our community through being part of areas of protection from damage through fire or illness or injury, keeping our neighborhood safe Lord God. We thank You for their service. We thank You, gracious God, for the way that You call people to look at one another as neighbors. And as Your vision for our community is greater than anything from which, ah, our imaginations can ever arise. And, so bind us together as a people, gracious God. Grant us incredible wisdom and insights and care. Amen.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you. At this time I would like to ask the students from the Montessori Magnet Program and the Fine Arts Program at Lincoln Cultural Center to come forward and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENTS FROM THE FINE ARTS DIVISION OF
MONTESSORI MAGNET SCHOOL AND ALL: Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you. Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Crawford;
Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (13)

ABSENT: Swanson (1)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Regnier; Perkins; Kubal; Bohlen; Power; Dear; Tyson; Cross; Schmitz (9)

ABSENT: Bertrand; Yohnka (2)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: At this time I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017, meeting.

ALDERMAN OSENGA: So moved, Mayor Epstein.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Osenga.

ALDERMAN CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? Hearing none, all those in favor, aye. Opposed, same sign.

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2017

MAYOR EPSTEIN: The minutes are approved. There are no Petitions this evening. Under Communications this evening, it's our honor to have the Kankakee Fire Department with Acting Chief Perkins and Captain Michael Casagrande present three Community Partners Awards. Chief. Captain.

CHIEF PERKINS: In the past ten years, Kankakee has an average of 95 fires per year. In the last five years, that average has dropped to 73 per year. With that being said, last year in an effort to reach more students and their families, the Fire Prevention Bureau, led by Capt. Cassagrande and his staff, developed a Fire Education and Safety Program that brought fire education to 61 classrooms and 1,700 students. This program would not have been a success without the help and resources of our community partners, School District 111 and the Firefighters that taught each and every class. Tonight, we'd like to recognize our community partners in their support of the Kankakee Fire Department's Fire Safety efforts.

CAPT. CASAGRANDE: I'd like to present these awards. But, in order to present these awards, I need some assistance. Would Dr. Walters please join me up here? Dr. Walters was really instrumental in some of this program because with the School District's help, we were able to get this program put on an electronic basis for the students. The teachers made this part of homework so it was important for us to be able to reach all these students. I'd also like the assistance of the Mayor. Would you please join me?

NANCY SMITHBERG: Mike, would you use the microphone please? You can take it out of the stand.

CAPT. CASAGRANDE: All right. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Dr. Walters. The first party that I'd like to introduce is a representative from Domino's Pizza. Would you please come forward?

MAYOR EPSTEIN: We have a certificate for you and our appreciation.

CAPT. CASAGRANDE: This is heavy. Domino's Pizza. They provided pizza parties for over 875 kids. That was an amazing partnership. They didn't hesitate to come and help us out when we asked. Thank you very much for your Citizen's Community Action that you've done to help us out to get this Fire Safety message to our kids. *Applause* Can I have the representative from Pepsi Beverage Company? Again, this community partner stepped up and, of course, you can't have a pizza party for kids without having something to drink. So, they graciously offered to help with their services to our community and to the children of Kankakee School District. *Applause* And, not lastly, the folks at Ultra Foods, would you come up? *Applause* When someone's trying to open up a Grand Opening and get a store open and running for the public which was beautiful renovation which they did inside the store, they took it upon themselves to help us out, providing some of the essential needs that we have in order to do these parties. So, without Ultra Foods, we wouldn't have had plates, and service utensils and cups for drinks and the things that we needed to make this happen. Plus, the fact that he wanted to be a part of the community and do something for the betterment of the community. All these Community Partners were definitely a benefit to the community in this program. So, thank you so much.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you again to the Fire Department and our Community Partners for their service to the community. Tragically, we've had fires this year that have cost

children their lives. So, hopefully, the education program provided will keep any other children or adult from losing their life in a fire. So, thank you. Moving on, the next item on the agenda is, ah, the Will County and Grundy County Building and Construction Trades would like to do a tag day on June 17. And, do I have a motion to approve?

ALDERWOMAN WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So moved.

ALDERMAN BROWN: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderwoman Wells-Armstrong, seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion? All those in favor, aye. Opposed.

WILL-GRUNDY COUNTIES BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL
AND KANKAKEE/IROQUOIS COUNTIES BUILDING TRADES OF THE AFL-CIO ARE
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL DAD'S DAY TAG DAY ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

MAYOR EPSTEIN: The tag day is approved. Standing Committees. Building and Code. Alderman Tall.

ALDERMAN TALL: Yes, Mayor. I'd like to make mention of two things within the minutes. New World Software Program and Chapter 8 Contractor's Registration. Cliff, if you'd like to discuss this.

CLIFF CROSS: Sure, I'd be happy to. Ah, the Municipal Code which we are amending to go onto the web site. We're taking this opportunity to upgrade our current codes and Chapter 8 which we're working on multiple amendments and we will also be addressing the way we address our Contractor's Registration Ordinance. The primary purpose and benefit of the Contractor Registration is that you're currently required to pull a permit you have to be registered in Kankakee County. And, unfortunately, one of the drawbacks of that is that the City of Kankakee is not named as an insured on the Certificate. So, the Committee and the Code Department, we feel that it is very important that we start to require the contractors to register with the City of Kankakee so we can ensure that we are named as an additional insured on the Certificate. It both protects the City of Kankakee, the residents of Kankakee and also it protects the individual contractors on the site while they are working in the City of Kankakee. So, that's just one of the amendments that you're going to be seeing coming before you in the next couple months that we want to get done before we completely republish the Municipal Code.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you. Is that it, Alderman?

ALDERMAN TALL: Yes.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Ah, Danita isn't here. Is there an Ordinance? Okay, the minutes are in the packet. Economic Development. Alderman Curtis.

ALDERMAN CURTIS: Thank you, Mayor. We met and we spent the meeting, basically, two big functions. We reviewed a lot of our marketing tools that we put together in 2016. Different conceptual plans. The website and things of that nature. Ah, the website will be an ongoing progress throughout the year. In fact, we're going to be adding a mapping section to it that will talk about the Enterprise Zone, TIF Districts, zoning, things of that nature. So, it will be a process that will evolve throughout 2017. The other thing that we want to accomplish in 2017, we passed it out. Binders for everybody on the Committee and then any of the Aldermen that would like one. I can get you one. It

has all the conceptual drawings, the tools that we're using, ah, to market. You can share that with the residents of Kankakee to let them know what we are doing to try to increase the EAV through the City. And, one of the things that we've gotten, we will have a tracking program at each meeting as we prospect businesses and industries we will keep that updated and what the status is going forward so we can be held accountable throughout the year. One note that I did want to make, we're reviewing the, ah, website. An interesting fact that we don't have all the developments going on in Kankakee, but we took some of the larger ones since 2015 and it was roughly over \$95 million worth of new construction and renovation happened in the City of Kankakee. That's going to be positive for 2018-2019 when they're fully completed.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you, Alderman. Moving onto.....

ALDERMAN BROWN and ALDERMAN OSENGA SIMULTANEOUSLY: Mayor.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Oh, I'm sorry. Alderman Osenga.

ALDERMAN OSENGA: The Public Safety Committee meeting for tomorrow has been canceled. A lot of Committee members were not able to attend, so I decided to cancel the meeting.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Okay. Thank you. Public Safety's canceled. Alderman Brown.

ALDERMAN BROWN: Thank you, Mayor. Ah, this Thursday, February 9, we will have a Utility Managers Forum. All the Utility Managers going to meet. I have confirmed, ah, I contacted all but one has not confirmed. The ComEd representative will either come or send a representative. So, we'll have all of the guys there from Republic Waste, ComEd, Aqua Illinois, Comcast Cable, Nicor will all be there. And, we will provide food for those who will attend. So, because of the size of the meeting, we felt like it would be best that we move downstairs. Gratefully Chief Perkins has allowed us to use the Joint Training Room to hold that meeting so it will be first floor. It will be on the agenda. It'll be first floor instead of up upstairs in the smaller room.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Okay. Thank you, Alderman. Moving onto Report of Officers. Ah, I would like a motion to pay the bills.

ALDERMAN FAFORD: Your honor, I would we approve the Report of Officers, place the money in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$518,299.69.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Faford.

ALDERMAN TALL: I'll second the motion.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Tall to pay the bills totaling \$518,299.69. Are there any questions on any of the bills? Hearing none, roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien (*Although I abstain on check #71443.*); Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (13)

ABSENT: Swanson (1)

REPORT OF OFFICERS APPROVAL OF BILLS \$518,299.69

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. Thank you. Moving on, there's no Unfinished Business. Under New Business, we have an Ordinance to establish a handicapped parking spot at 972 S. Sixth Avenue. Do I have a motion to Suspend the Rules?

ALDERMAN FAFORD: So moved, you honor.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Faford.

ALDERMAN TALL: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Tall to Suspend the Rules that would interfere with the passage of this Ordinance. Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (13)

ABSENT: Swanson (1)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. A motion to place the Ordinance on Final Passage.

ALDERMAN FAFORD: So moved.

ALDERMAN TALL: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Faford, seconded by Alderman Tall. Are there any questions? Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (13)

ABSENT: Swanson (1)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 ESTABLISHING HANDICAPPED PARKING AT 972 SOUTH SIXTH AVENUE

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. The next item is an Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking at 512 S. Tanner. Do I have a motion to Suspend the Rules?

ALDERMAN CRAWFORD: I will motion.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Crawford.

ALDERMAN OSENGA: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Second by Alderman Osenga. Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (13)

ABSENT: Swanson (1)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. Motion to place the Ordinance on Final Passage.

ALDERMAN CRAWFORD: I motion.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Crawford.

ALDERMAN OSENGA: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Second by Alderman Osenga. Any questions? Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (13)

ABSENT: Swanson (1)

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, SECTION 231 ESTABLISHING HANDICAPPED PARKING AT 512 SOUTH TANNER AVENUE

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. The next item on the agenda is the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force Intergovernmental Agreement. Chief Regnier, did you want to speak to some of the specifics of the agreement, please?

CHIEF REGNIER: It is pretty much something that we do on a yearly basis. However, there are a few changes, one of them being the funding of the Tri-County Task Force which we've been a member for over 30 years. The funding is being withheld through the State. It's kind of a complex thing so we're.....we're saying that we're going to keep our officer in there until the funding comes through. So, ah, it's something.....we still have the need here in Kankakee. We do have an officer assigned to it and we'll continue to do that.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Are there any questions of Chief Regnier? Do I have a motion to.....

ALDERMAN TETTER: I have a question.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Oh, I'm sorry, Alderman Tetter.

ALDERMAN TETTER: So, this inter agreement, and I know we do this every year, but now this is to combat the stolen vehicle chop shops and things of this nature. Do we have that type of a problem here in Kankakee County? That we need to partner with.....

CHIEF REGNIER: Our biggest problem is people leaving their keys in the car. Ah, but we do have the need here. We do have legitimate stolen autos so us assigning the officer there, he is able to keep his entire focus on stolen autos. Or auto related stuff. They also do stuff involving trucks and carriers throughout the.....throughout the City.

ALDERMAN TETTER: In our jurisdiction?

CHIEF REGNIER: In our jurisdiction, yes, sir.

ALDERMAN TETTER: Okay, thanks.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Any other questions of the Chief? Do I have a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement?

ALDERMAN OSENGA: So moved, Mayor Epstein.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Osenga, seconded by Alderman Davidson. Roll call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYE: Tetter; Brown; Curtis; Baron; Wells-Armstrong; Tall; Faford; Crawford; Osenga; O'Brien; Gall; Kennedy; Davidson (13)

ABSENT: Swanson (1)

TRI-COUNTY AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion carries. Moving onto Motions and Resolutions. It's always a pleasure and honor to recognize, ah, one of our residents on achieving a milestone and I think 90 years old is a milestone to be credited. I know Alderman Brown, I believe you presented this.

ALDERMAN BROWN: Yes.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Ah, to Miss Wallace, so I would like to have a motion to approve the Resolution.

ALDERMAN BROWN: So moved.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Brown.

ALDERMAN TETTER: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Second by Alderman Tetter. All those in favor of the Resolution honoring Edith Young Wallace on her 90th birthday, say aye. Opposed, nay.

RESOLUTION HONORING EDITH YOUNG WALLACE ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

MAYOR EPSTEIN: The Resolution is approved. The next item, we have a Proclamation for the United Way declaring the awareness—the 2-1-1 awareness—from February 13-19. This is an information system that people can dial and find out the community services that are available throughout the County. Do I have a motion to approve?

ALDERMAN O'BRIEN: So moved.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman O'Brien.

ALDERWOMAN GALL: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Gall. All those in favor, aye. Opposed.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 18, 2017, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2017, AS 2-1-1 AWARENESS WEEK (*UNITED WAY OF ILLINOIS*)

MAYOR EPSTEIN: The Proclamation is approved. There is no Executive Session this evening. Ah, we have no one signed up for Public Comment. So, are there any Aldermen comments at this time? Alderman O'Brien.

ALDERMAN O'BRIEN: Mayor, I'd like to note that, ah, we are not acting tonight on the possibility of the proposed medical marijuana dispensary. As a point of reference, last Tuesday night we had a neighborhood meeting with the South Bank Neighborhood Organization and their residents and the developer and ultimately, as a result of that, there will be conversations between the developer and the City. The Mayor talked about a possible community benefit agreement that may be established as part of that conversation. So, ah, at the first meeting in March we'll have something to share and we'll be back with potential action to be taken. Just wanted to give you an update of where we are at this time.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Okay. Thank you, Alderman.

ALDERMAN O'BRIEN: One other point. We will not meet as a Task Force on February 21. That's the night of the City Council meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday because Monday is President's Day. So, there is a possibility we will meet in February, but we don't have a date yet. So, I will

keep everybody posted.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Thank you. Any other comments? Motion to adjourn.

ALDERMAN BROWN: So moved.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Motion by Alderman Brown.

ALDERMAN DAVIDSON: Second.

MAYOR EPSTEIN: Seconded by Alderman Davidson. All those in favor, aye. Opposed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAYOR EPSTEIN: We are adjourned. Thank you.

7:25 P.M.