



Vacancies and Appointments

Council will vote on the candidates for vacancies on City Boards and Commissions (drafts 14-86 through 14-92).

Second Readings

Council will vote on the second reading of the proposed change in the Civil Service position from full time to part time (drafts 14-62 and 14-63) and the authorization of the use of eminent domain for police station property acquisition (drafts 14-73, 14-75, 14-76 and 14-78).

Unauthorized Items

1. Donation from the American Legion Portage Post #496 (Draft #14 -95)

As a result of the new Kent Parks and Recreation Bingo Program operated by the American Legion Portage Post #496, the American Legion is donating last month's proceeds (\$1,093.67) raised from the bingo games to Kent Parks and Recreation.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation.

Council Action

Authorize acceptance of the donation.

2. Donation to the Kent Fire Department (Draft #14 -98)

Council is asked to accept a donation in the amount of \$75 to the Fire Department from the Kent State University's Admissions Office in memory of Beatrice Overholt.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation.

Council Action

Authorize acceptance of the donation.

3. Community "Bill of Rights" Ballot Initiative (Draft #14 -99)

The City Clerk has received and verified (through the Board of Elections) the names on a petition submitted to have a Community Bill of Rights placed on the November ballot.

Administration Recommendation

The City's legal staff have significant concern with the final language included in the Bill of Rights which seems to extend far beyond the proposed mission of the initiative to regulate fracking impacts in the City. However, the number of petition signatures have been verified and Council has an obligation to authorize the City Clerk to forward the ballot initiative to the Board of Elections for a vote in November.

Council Action

Authorize the submission of the proposed ballot initiative to the Board of Elections for consideration in the November 2014 elections.



Unauthorized Items (continued)

4. Unpaid City Utility Bills (Draft #14 - 105)



Dave Coffee has worked with Jim Silver to prepare the annual list of property owners (list attached) that have failed to pay their City utility bills and they are requesting Council's approval to submit that list to the County to be included on the real property tax duplicate for collection.

Administration Recommendation

Collection of outstanding payments has improved since Council authorized adding non-payment of utility bills to the tax duplicate and I recommend Council's authorization.

Council Action

Authorize the staff to submit the list of properties that have outstanding utility bills to be included on the real property tax duplicate for collection.

5. Unpaid City Bills Other Than Utilities (Draft #14 - 106)



Dave Coffee has worked with Jim Silver to prepare the annual list of property owners (list attached) that have failed to pay their City bills for code compliance fines, mowing fees, etc., and they are requesting Council's approval to submit that list to the County to be included on the real property tax duplicate for collection.

Administration Recommendation

Collection of outstanding payments has improved since Council authorized adding non-payment of City bills to the tax duplicate and I recommend Council's authorization.

Council Action

Authorize the staff to submit the list of properties that have outstanding City bills to be included on the real property tax duplicate for collection.

6. New Police Facility Land Acquisition (Draft #14 -104)



Council is asked to approve a land purchase agreement for property at 309 South Depeyster Street in the amount of \$209,000 that is required for the construction of the new Police Facility at the end of College Street. The Agreement includes a leaseback option for the landlord to honor their existing lease through the July 15, 2015.

Administration Recommendation

The land purchase meets the criteria established by Council and I recommend Council authorize the execution of the property purchase and leaseback agreement.

Council Action

Authorize the land purchase agreement for the acquisition of 309 S. Depeyster Street and approve the leaseback option.

Information Items

1. Planning Commission Meeting

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the Planning Commission agenda and staff report for the August 19th Planning Commission meeting. There are 3 items up for consideration: 1)Belli, 1551 S. Water Street, request to expand parking lot for additional spaces; 2)St. Patrick's School, 313 N. Depeyster Street, request to expand parking lot for additional spaces; and 3)Maplebrook at Golden Pond (phase II), 5221 Sunnybrook Road, request for approval to construct new senior housing complex. (attachment)