

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of Caucus Meeting August 6, 2019**

The following Council Members answering roll call:


Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Shannon Johnson	Present	David Klaber	Present
Amy Hitch	Absent	Luke Price	Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Topics Discussed – No Action Taken

- Bill Mitchell, Project Coordinator gave an update on the Regional Sewer Project grant and loan applications. One third is complete, and the next phase is being worked on. He said at best it would be Spring or early Summer before breaking ground.
- Department Reports:  
**Shannon Clem**-Police report shows the department has been very busy; Kentucky Colonel recognition was given by State Representative Mark Hart to Officer Steve Linville, and the department was awarded their accreditation after months of hard work and long hours.  
**Gary Lea**-Water/Maintenance departments had been busy flushing hydrants, routine water leaks, repair of one hydrant. He said when school starts, he will be losing the seasonal employee that has been doing the mowing. He was down two employees but had one potential for hire in the next week.  
**Ramona Williams**-She had attended the Clerk's Institute where she received the CKMC certification. She reported to Council there are grants available through the Department of Libraries and Archives that she would like to pursue in order to hire a person to work on archival documents in the storage. Records retention is something the City has not done in the past.  
**David Marquardt**-Arrived after a fire run but reported that in looking at the budget he needed to add a couple items to the capital outlay. He will need six sets of bunker gear and piece of equipment. He also discussed the trucks and need for either costly repairs or to be thinking of purchase of a new truck. There are two years left on the existing loan for the last equipment purchased in 2010.
- Discussion of the utility bills for property located at 707 W Shelby St. There was an agreement in 2017 (via minute discussion) that the City would "donate" utilities; however, there was no limitation set for duration of donation. Council needs to discuss and decide if they choose to continue this and/or a documented agreement needs to be in place.

- Council was presented with a preliminary budget to start the process. All were encouraged to look at it and contact Mayor and/or City Clerk with any questions.
- Mayor Stinson announced to Council the potential savings being seen the first two months since conversion to KYMEA. For the same time frame in 2018 with KU: May 2018 KU invoice \$135,584.63 and KYMEA May 2019 invoice \$110,226.03; a savings of \$25,358.60. June 2018 KU \$152,974.42 and June 2018 KYMEA \$ 121,408.06; a savings of \$31,566.36. With the potential monthly savings discussion took place on developing a capital improvement plan on how the savings might be spent. Suggestions were the new LED street lights, repairs/upgrades to infrastructure, and possible rebate to residents.
- There was discussion regarding abandoned properties and the city might move forward to remedy the situations. Several Council members stated they get complaints frequently and not sure how to address. Attorney Voelker had researched the permitted uses in the Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

  
Ron Stinson, Mayor

  
Attest: City Clerk