Unauthorized Items

1. Donation from the American Legion Portage Post #496 (Draft #14-146)
   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 ($1,044.97) 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 from the Dudince Sister Cities Association (Draft #14-145)
   The members of the Kent-Dudince Sister Cities Association have made a donation in the amount of $100 to the Kent Fire Department.

   Administration Recommendation
   I recommend Council accept the $100 donation.

   Council Action
   Authorize acceptance of the $100 donation.

3. Transfer of Taxes From the County
   In order for the County to transfer the tax proceeds for 2014 to the City, Council must adopt an ordinance authorizing the transfer to be made from the County Treasurer to the Director of Budget and Finance for the City of Kent. (Draft #14-149)

   Administration Recommendation
   Adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer of the 2014 tax proceeds.

   Council Action
   Adopt the resolution authorizing the transfer of the 2014 tax proceeds.

   Staff is requesting Council’s authorization to renew the City’s contract with the Portage County Office of the Public Defender for the purposes of legal counsel to indigent persons for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

   Administration Recommendation
   This is an annual contract renewal that Jim Silver and I recommend for Council’s authorization.

   Council Action
   Authorize the renewal of the Portage County Public Defender’s contract for 2015.
Unauthorized Items (continued)

5. OPBA Labor Contract Extension (Draft #14-156)

The Administration has agreed to terms with the OPBA for a new 3 year contract. The terms of that contract are currently being updated in the original contract documents for final sign-off. The union and City representatives have recommended extending the existing contract (expired October 31, 2014) through the end of the year (December 31, 2014) to allow for the administrative time required to complete the new contract filing.

Administration Recommendation
I recommend Council authorize the contract extension.

Council Action
Authorize the current contract extension.

6. FOP (Dispatch Unit) Labor Contract Extension (Draft #14-157)

The Administration has agreed to terms with the FOP for a new 3 year contract. The terms of that contract are currently being updated in the original contract documents for final sign-off. The union and City representatives have recommended extending the existing contract (expired October 31, 2014) through the end of the year (December 31, 2014) to allow for the administrative time required to complete the new contract filing.

Administration Recommendation
I recommend Council authorize the contract extension.

Council Action
Authorize the current contract extension.

7. FOP (Officers Unit) Labor Contract Extension (Draft #14-158)

The Administration has agreed to terms with the FOP for a new 3 year contract. The terms of that contract are currently being updated in the original contract documents for final sign-off. The union and City representatives have recommended extending the existing contract (expired October 31, 2014) through the end of the year (December 31, 2014) to allow for the administrative time required to complete the new contract filing.

Administration Recommendation
I recommend Council authorize the contract extension.

Council Action
Authorize the current contract extension.

8. FOP (Civilian Unit) Labor Contract Extension (Draft #14-159)

The Administration has agreed to terms with the FOP for a new 3 year contract. The terms of that contract are currently being updated in the original contract documents for final sign-off. The union and City representatives have recommended extending the existing contract (expired October 31, 2014) through the end of the year (December 31, 2014) to allow for the administrative time required to complete the new contract filing.

Administration Recommendation
I recommend Council authorize the contract extension.

Council Action
Authorize the current contract extension.
Unauthorized Items (continued)

9. AFSCME Labor Contract Extension (Draft #14-160)

The Administration has agreed to terms with the AFSCME for a new 3 year contract. The terms of that contract are currently being updated in the original contract documents for final sign-off. The union and City representatives have recommended extending the existing contract (expired October 31, 2014) through the end of the year (December 31, 2014) to allow for the administrative time required to complete the new contract filing.

Administration Recommendation
I recommend Council authorize the contract extension.

Council Action
Authorize the current contract extension.

10. Fire Department Homeland Security Grant Application (Draft#14-164)

Chief Tosco has requested Council’s authorization to submit a grant application to Homeland Security for 11 sets of new fire and rescue turn-out gear. The grant request is in the amount of $29,700 with a City match at 10% ($2,970). The Chief will fund the match out of his existing operating budget.

Administration Recommendation
Last year the City was successful at receiving grant funds to replace 12 sets of turn-out gear and I recommend Council’s authorization to the submit the grant request for 11 sets of turn-out gear in the new grant cycle.

Council Action
Authorize the submission of the grant application to Homeland Security for 11 sets of turn-out gear.

Information Items

1. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports
Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for October 2014. Permit revenues were $27,337 for the month with the most permits being issued for residential electrical (18 permits). There were 56 code enforcement items in October, most of which were related to property maintenance. (attachment)

2. Kent Police Statistics
Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for September 2014. In 2014 calls for service are up 10% (1,643 calls); traffic citations are up 13% (309 tickets); accident incidents are down 3% (20 incidents) and serious crimes are down 11% (76 cases). (attachment)