

Mayors of Kewanee—1897 to 2010

() indicates obituary available in museum files*

Prior to 1897 Kewanee had village form of government; from 1897 to 1911 the mayor council form of city government; from 1911 to 1986 the commission form, and from 1986 on the manager-council form. Under the village form from 1867 to 1897 the official title of the "mayor" was President of the Village Board.

- John Pierce—1897-99 *
- Frank Whiffen—1899-1903
- E. C. O'Connor—1903-05 *
- Samuel Bradbury—1905-09 *
- Alexander McLean—1909-11 *
- B. F. Baker—1911-1919 *
- James H. Andrews—1919-1935 * (one of two 4-term mayors)
- Mark A. Saunders—1935-1943 *
- Daniel Bates—1943 (died in office) *
- Fred Brown—1943-1950 * (elected in 1947, resigned in 1950 to re-enter military during Korean War)
- Edwin Peterson—1950-51 * (completed Brown's term)
- E. E. Stull—1951-55 *
- Campbell Andrews--1955-59
- Emerit F. Lindbeck—1959-75 * (one of two 4-term mayors)
- Dr. Edward J. Goetzman—1975-79 *
- Leonard Holton—1979-83 *

- Al Hill—1983-87 *
- Emerit D.Lindbeck—1987-89 * (removed from office)
- Joseph Quagliano-1989-90 (appointed, then resigned)
- Bonnie Younglove Tomlinson—1990-91 (appointed)
- Dewey Colter—1991-95
- James Burns—1995-2007 * (only 3-term mayor)
- Bruce Tossell—2007-2015)