

CITY OF WHITING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA**

The Common Council of the City of Whiting met in special session on Thursday, September 13, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak and City Attorney Sejna.

Councilwoman Greer and Councilman Sarvanidis were unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Stahura read aloud Notice of this Special Meeting, which was faxed to the Post Tribune, The Times and WJOB Radio on August 28, 2007, by Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak. Agenda was listed as follows:

1. Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2007-1774.
2. Any other matters to come before the Council with suspension of rules.

Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak presented two Proofs of Publication of Notice of this Public Hearing, which was published in the Post Tribune and The Times on Friday, August 31 and Friday, September 7, 2007. Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak read pertinent sections of the advertisement aloud.

Mayor Stahura opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2007-1774, the 2008 Civil City Budget, and asked a first time for comment on this Ordinance. No comments were made.

Mayor Stahura asked a second time for public comment on the 2008 City Budget. No one spoke.

Mayor Stahura asked a third and final time for public comment on Ordinance No. CC-2007-1774. Hearing none, Mayor Stahura closed the Public Hearing section of the meeting.

Councilman Spebar moved for suspension of rules for approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers and possible third reading on Ordinances No. CC-2007-1775, 1776 and 1779 and possible approval of Resolutions No. CC-2007-22 and 23. Councilwoman Unate seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jennings presented Ordinance No. CC-2007-1776, an amendment to the City Animal Ordinance.

Hearing no questions, Councilman Jennings moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2007-1776 to third and final reading. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jennings read Ordinance No. CC-2007-1776 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1168 AND ALL
SUBSEQUENT AMENDING ORDINANCES THERETO AND WHITING
MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3 ANIMALS TO ADD NEW DEFINITIONS
AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VICIOUS AND POTENTIALLY VICIOUS
ANIMALS

Councilman Spebar explained that Ordinance No. CC-2007-1775 is the Salary Ordinance for Civil City employees for 2008. Most employees are scheduled for a 3% raise, but the Whiting Police Department will receive 4% and the Whiting Fire Department will receive 2.75% per their contracts.

Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2007-1775 to third and final reading; seconded by Councilman Jennings. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2007-1775 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE
DEPARTMENTS, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, COMMENCING
JANUARY 1, 2008

Councilman Spebar explained that Ordinance No. CC-2007-1769 appropriated monies to various funds, including an appropriation to the Local Road and Street Fund in the amount of \$281,726.00. At the request of the Clerk-Treasurer, this appropriation is to be repealed through the provisions of Ordinance No. CC-2007-1779.

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2007-1779 to third and final reading; seconded by Councilman Zubeck. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2007-1779 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2007-1769 TO
REPEAL AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE LOCAL ROAD
AND STREET FUND ONLY

Councilman Spebar stated that Resolution No. CC-2007-22 transfers funds within the various departments of the General Fund, as follows:

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>Electrical Department</u>		
Salary Helper 112		\$3,000.00
Materials 244	\$1,000.00	
Communication & Transportation 321	750.00	
Repairs & Maintenance 325	1,000.00	
Subscriptions & Dues 355	<u>250.00</u>	<u> </u>
Total	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>Community Development Department</u>		
Asst. Comm. Development Director 112		\$16,365.06
Printing and Advertising 324	\$1,000.00	
Services Contractual 326	9,000.00	
Special Events 339	4,865.06	
Equipment 472	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u> </u>
Total	\$16,365.06	\$16,365.06

Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-22 by title only.

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN THE VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF WHITING,
INDIANA

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-22; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar stated that Resolution No. CC-2007-23 reduces the amount of necessary expenditures for the remainder of the current year in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and the Redevelopment Commission Operating Fund. The reductions were made as part of the 2008 Budget process, to ensure that these individual budgets are appropriately funded for the coming year. Reductions are as follows:

	<u>Decrease</u>
Cumulative Capital Development Fund	
Improvement Other Than Building 471	\$99,597.00
Redevelopment Commission Operating Fund	
Services Contractual 326	\$37,271.00

There being no questions, Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2007-23 by title only.

A RESOLUTION REDUCING LINE 2 OF THE 16 LINE STATEMENT
PERTAINING TO THE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
AND THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OPERATING FUND

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2007-23; seconded by Councilwoman Unate. Roll Call: Councilmembers Jennings, Spebar, Stolman, Unate and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Drewniak presented Civil City Accounts Payable Vouchers #2069 - #2136 inclusive for approval.

Councilman Spebar moved to approve said Vouchers for payment; seconded by Councilman Jennings. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Unate moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MARGARET DREWNIAK, Clerk-Treasurer