

CITY OF WHITING – MARCH 6, 2012

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

The Common Council of the City of Whiting met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Councilmember Greer.

I. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Adam, City Attorney Sejna and interested citizens.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes of the February 21, 2012, regular Common Council meeting.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said minutes, as submitted. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) Councilmembers Sarvanidis, Zubeck voted aye. Councilmembers Greer, Jennings and Spebar abstained due to their absence from said meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

Mayor Stahura read aloud the following Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements:

- Councilman Spebar, who is employed by the City of Whiting as its Street Commissioner.
- Councilman Sarvanidis, whose wife Carolyn is part owner of a sign company, Region Signs, which may do business with the City of Whiting.
- Clerk-Treasurer Adam who also serves as Controller/Administrator of the Whiting-Robertsdale Community Improvement Corporation.
- City Attorney Sejna, whose friend George Stoya may be hired by the City and Sanitary District to provide paralegal services on an as needed basis.
- Councilman Stolman, whose wife Nancy is a realtor who may work for the City of Whiting.
- Councilman Stolman, who is employed by the City of Whiting as Captain.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Stahura said that he will not be able to attend the next council meeting on March 20th because he will be in Indianapolis for a Mayor's conference. Due to scheduling conflicts, he might not be able to attend the April 3rd meeting. Councilman Sarvanidis will run the meetings.

Mayor Stahura announced that the City of Whiting will be hosting Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference April 11-13. Mayor Stahura thanked Mark Harbin for his work as he continues coordinating this event.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Spebar reported the following will be presented tonight for Council consideration:

- First and possible second reading on Ordinance No. CC-2012-1871, which allows for the issuance of tax anticipation warrants.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Accounts Payable Voucher Checks #14379 - #14432 inclusive for approval.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said checks for payment. Councilwoman Greer seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

No report was given.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

No report was given.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report was given.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Spebar reported that Ordinance No. CC-2012-1871 allows the issuance of warrants in the amount of \$2,200,000.00, payable to the general fund, with an interest rate not to exceed 8%. The warrants must be paid back on or before January 31, 2013. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no questions or comments, Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance No. CC-2012-1871 for first reading by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA TO MAKE TEMPORARY LOANS TO MEET CURRENT RUNNING EXPENSES FOR THE USE OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE ISSUER IN ANTICIPATION OF AND NO IN EXCESS OF CURRENT TAXES ASSESSED IN THE YEAR 2011 FOR COLLECTION IN THE YEAR 2012, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY LOAN TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOANS AND THE SALE OF SUCH WARRANTS TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASERS; AND APPROPRIATING AND PLEDGING THE TAXES TO BE RECEIVED IN SUCH FUND TO THE PUNCTUAL PAYMENT OF SUCH WARRANTS INCLUDING THE INTEREST THEREON.

Councilman Spebar asked again for questions or comments. Hearing none, Councilman Spebar motioned for a second reading of Ordinance No. CC-2012-1871. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jennings. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmember's voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1871 by title only for second reading:

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Mayor Stahura said that due to tax caps and the cycle of property tax bills, it was necessary to issue tax anticipation warrants.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

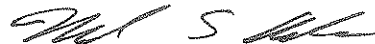
None.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



MARK S. ADAM, Clerk-Treasurer