

**CITY OF WHITING – FEBRUARY 7, 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, February 7, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Mayor Stahura.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**II. MINUTES**

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes of the January 17, 2012, regular Common Council meeting.

Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES**

None.

**IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Stahura informed the Council that the Shaner Agency was able to keep the City health insurance premium increase this year to 4.5%.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that the following will be presented for Council consideration:

- Resolution No. CC-2012-02, which approves new software for the Clerk-Treasurer office and the Whiting Water Utility Department.
- Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869, which appropriates monies from unappropriated funds. A Public Hearing will be held at today's meeting, and the emergency clause was attached to the Ordinance to approve these appropriations as quickly as possible.

**VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER**

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Accounts Payable Voucher Checks #14234 - #14305 inclusive, and Payrolls 2, 3 and 4 for approval. All claims totaled \$611,962.73.

Councilman Stolman moved to approve said Checks and Payrolls for payment. Councilman Jennings 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**

Councilman Stolman presented a recap of the last Shared Services Committee meeting:

- The School City of Whiting has entered into a maintenance contract with Elite Elevator Service, moving away from Long Elevator which was purchased by Montgomery.
- The Whiting Public Library is considering switching from Long Elevator for maintenance service.
- The Memorandum of Understanding for the coming year of Shared Services was presented to Dr. Martinez to deliver to the School Board for approval. The 2011 tally of shared service hours showed that the School City of Whiting began 2012 owing the City of Whiting 48.5 hours of service.
- The Whiting Public Library announced that it will be offering downloadable e-books, e-audio books, and free music downloads for Whiting residents.
- The Library asked the School City to consider the feasibility of School maintenance personnel running their sidewalk snow plow on all Library public sidewalks when the School is cleaning their own walkways.
- The School asked for information on the videographer that the City has used for its promotions. The School City of Whiting is considering producing a video about its schools.
- Bob Kark invited the School to participate in the City's 'Whiting only' exhibit to be held April 6 – May 3 at the Highland Visitor and Tourism Center.

The next meeting of the Shared Services Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m. on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall.

Mayor Stahura stated that the Whiting exhibit at the Visitor Center promises to be very interesting, and is a great opportunity to showcase all Whiting has to offer.

### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Sarvanidis presented Resolution No. CC-2012-02, which adopts a new software system for the Clerk-Treasurer and the Water Department. The new system will streamline procedures and provide more functionality. The procedures and forms are approved by the State Board of Accounts and the DLGF. The Resolution provides that any updates or revisions will also be approved by the SBOA.

Hearing no questions, Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2012-02 by title only.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BS&A FINANCIAL SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR THE CLERK-TREASURER DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITING MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT AND REQUESTING THAT THE INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS APPROVE ALL FORMS

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-02; seconded by Councilman Jennings. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis presented Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869, an annual procedure to appropriate monies in various funds of the City from unappropriated funds. The appropriations are as follows:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED</u></b>
Park Non-Reverting Capital	\$3,310.25
Park Non-Reverting Operating	\$45,000.00
Local Supplemental Probation	\$18,000.00
Local Law Enforcement Cont. Ed.	\$3,600.00
Clerk Record Perpetuation	\$3,000.00
Econ. Devlp. Proj. Inn Tax	\$5,000.00
Economic Development Comm.	\$17,251.00
Rainy Day	\$246,000.00
Special Taxing District Bonds 09	\$235,000.00
Riverboat	\$150,000.00
Excess Fire Pension	\$45,000.00
Excess Police Pension	\$75,000.00
Lakefront Commons Allocation	\$55,000.00
New York Ave. Allocation	\$24,000.00
RDA Lakefront Grant	\$19,000,000.00

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869 by title only for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS AND TO DECLARE AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

Hearing no questions, Councilman Sarvanidis moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869 to second reading. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869 by title only for second reading.

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Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Proof of Publication from The Times of legal notice of today's Public Hearing, which was advertised on January 26, 2012. Notice was also posted in the lobby of City Hall.

Mayor Stahura opened the Public Hearing, and asked a first time for comments on the appropriations authorized in Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869.

Bryan Ciers of 1831 LaPorte Avenue asked for an explanation of the Riverboat Fund. Mayor Stahura explained that the City receives approximately \$60,000 - \$70,000 annually from the riverboat tax, which is distributed by the County. The funds must be appropriated so they can be used.

Mayor Stahura asked a second time for comment on Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869; no one spoke.

Mayor Stahura asked a third and final time for comments or questions on the appropriations authorized in Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869. Hearing none, Mayor Stahura closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Sarvanidis moved for suspension of rules to consider Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869 for third and final reading. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869 to third and final reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1869 by title only for third and final reading.

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**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 6:43 p.m. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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MARK S. ADAM, Clerk-Treasurer