

**CITY OF WHITING – MAY 1, 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, May 1, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Councilman Spebar.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, and Stolman were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Adam, City Attorney Sejna, the Whiting High School Science Olympiad team and coaches, and interested citizens.

Councilman Zubeck was unable to attend the meeting.

Councilman Spebar moved for suspension of rules to honor the Council's special guests with a Resolution. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura noted that the Council often gives such accolades to outstanding School City of Whiting sports teams, and expressed satisfaction at being able to honor the academic achievement of the Whiting High School Science Olympiad team on this occasion.

Councilman Sarvanidis announced that the Whiting High School Science Olympiad team placed third in the State competition for the second year in a row, just missing a chance to go to the National competition. He noted how impressive that accomplishment is when one considers the size of the schools they compete against. Councilman Sarvanidis noted that Whiting finished first in State in three categories: Anatomy & Physiology, Experimental Design, and Game On, a trial event that has students create a computer video game in 15 minutes using special software from MIT.

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that the City is very proud of the Science Olympiad team, and acknowledged the long hours, dedication and hard work it took to achieve this success. All applauded.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2012-03 in its entirety.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING  
INDIANA HONORING THE 2011-2012 WHITING HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE  
OLYMPIAD TEAM**

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-03; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis read the names of the team members and coaches aloud as the Mayor handed out Certificates of Recognition:

Vaytta Arroyo	Alex Bajzatt
John Blood	Joe Bondi
Andrew Campos	Mark Casanova
Alvaro Castelan	Jon Dietz
Steven Duha	Matt Filipek
Kate Forrestal	Paige Guiden
Mary Gundich	Alivia Jakubowski
Kelly Kertis	Kevin Lema
Lauren Markovich	Mason Markovich
Luke Matulewicz	Nolan Michniewicz
Alexis Osoria	Luis Perez
Samantha Smith	Jorge Vazquez
Leslie Zarate	Sergio Zarate
Brianna Scivinsky	
Coach Dan Nichols	Coach Jeremy Long

After applause and photographs, Mayor Stahura returned the meeting to the regular format of the Common Council.

## **II. MINUTES**

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

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said minutes, as submitted. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, and Stolman voted aye. Councilwoman Greer abstained from voting, due to her absence at said meeting. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays, 1 abstention. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

## **IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Stahura reminded everyone to vote in the primary elections next Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Stahura announced that the Farmer's Market will open its season this coming Saturday in front of City Hall.

## **V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

1. Possible third and final reading of Ordinance No. CC-2012-1873, which regulates pawnbrokers, cash for gold businesses and scrap dealers; and

2. Resolution No. CC-2012-05, approving an Intralocal Agreement among various City entities.

Councilman Spebar stated that Ordinance No. CC-2012-1874, which amends current street parking provisions, will be presented for possible third and final reading.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Accounts Payable Voucher Checks #14640 - #14697 inclusive and Payrolls #25 and #26 for approval.

Councilman Stolman moved to approve said Checks and Payrolls 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**

None.

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

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that Ordinance No. CC-2012-1873 was explained in detail at the last meeting, and would regulate pawnbrokers, cash for gold businesses and scrap dealers in the City of Whiting.

Hearing no questions, Councilman Sarvanidis moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2012-1873 to third and final reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1873 by title only for third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA TO  
REGULATE PAWN BROKERS, 'CASH FOR GOLD' BUSINESSES AND SCRAP  
DEALERS

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that Resolution No. CC-2012-05 approves an Intralocal Agreement between the Board of Public Works and Safety, the Whiting Municipal Waterworks Board, the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, and the Redevelopment Commission for purchase, operation and maintenance of a city storage facility located at 1449-51 Fischrupp Avenue. The Redevelopment Commission will actually purchase the building, although all entities will contribute to the purchase price and help with costs to operate and maintain the facility.

There being no questions, Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2012-05 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTRALOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
VARIOUS CITY ENTITIES**

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2012-05; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar explained that Ordinance No. CC-2012-1874 increases the beach parking prohibition area as well as Resident Parking Only restrictions in certain areas of the City.

Hearing no questions or comments, Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2012-1874 to third and final reading. Councilwoman Greer seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, and Stolman voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1874 by title only for third and final reading.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA TO  
AMEND THE WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING BEACH  
PARKING AND THE RESIDENT ONLY PARKING SCHEDULE AND ANY  
ORDINANCES APPLICABLE THERETO**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Councilman Spebar noted that he and Councilman Jennings attended a surprise party for Precinct Committeeman Tom Michniewicz last Saturday, and wished him a happy birthday.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilman Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 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