

CITY OF WHITING – AUGUST 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, August 7, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Councilman Jennings.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Spebar was in the building attending to an emergency situation.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 10, 2012, rescheduled regular Common Council meeting.

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

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes of the July 24, 2012, special Common Council meeting.

Councilman Stolman moved to approve said minutes, as submitted. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Greer, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, and Stolman voted aye. Councilman Zubeck abstained from voting, due to his 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

No report was given.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

No report was given.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Adam informed the Council there were two additions to tonight's claims:

1. A donation to Whiting Lions Club for their second annual 'Battle of 119th Street' Barbecue event;

2. Tort Claim Notice paid to Maria Padilla for an improper tow from Whihala Beach, in the amount of \$195.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Civil City Accounts Payable Vouchers Checks #15043 - #15134 inclusive, electronic check #7E, and Payrolls #36 and #37 for approval.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said Checks and Payrolls, as amended, for payment; seconded by Councilwoman Greer. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar arrived at the meeting.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

No report was given.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Councilman Stolman reported on the Shared Services Committee (SAVES) meeting of July 19th:

- City staff will check the status of the Historic Register listings for the Library, the Whiting High School smokestack, and the Schrage house.
- The issue of the Comcast truck parked on New York Avenue was discussed; it was suggested that the police put up a No Truck Parking sign.
- Ways to combat excessive home overcrowding /false residences were discussed, as these are used to give a Whiting address so that children can attend Whiting public schools. These instances should be brought to Bob Kark's attention, since these conditions present issues regarding safety and City code.
- The City Safety Team will set up a meeting featuring Mr. Harker to review the School's Code Red procedure for the coming year.
- The School asked about the absence of the speed bumps along Center Street. This was a temporary facilitation for the Whiting/Hammond After Midnight bike event on August 4th; the speed bumps will be replaced prior to the start of school.
- The Library would like a copy of the City disaster plan; a copy with redacted personal contact numbers will be supplied.
- The School has agreed to let the City use the football parking area to supplement concert parking. The use of the lot will be under the Shared Service Agreement rate at 2 hours credit per use. The School asked to be listed as coinsured on the City's insurance policy to cover any liability issues.
- It was suggested that a meeting be held prior to the school year with Mark Harbin, Superintendent Martinez, Bob Kark and Mr. Milenkoff attending to set this year's theme and goals for the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.
- The dead Nathan Hale pine trees are to be removed in the near future.
- It was suggested that the School look into using an outside vendor to clean the rubber mats for the cafeteria. Presently the City power washing machine trailer washes the mats each Friday as a Shared Service charge to the School. However, during the winter months, that process is unfeasible. It would be more practical to outsource the cleaning process, if it can be done economically. DeNormandie and Porter Cleaners will be contacted to see if they provide such a service and at what cost.

- Mark Murzyn submitted information on a more competitive source for trash bags. The City will compare that company with their source to see which offers the best price.

The next Shared Services meeting will be held August 16th at 3:30 p.m. at the Library.

Mayor Stahura asked to attend the advance planning meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory committee. He noted that the City disaster plan cannot be released without discussion of the ramifications of doing so. The Mayor stated that any source for trash bags must be in compliance with City purchasing policy, noting that local vendors deserve preference if there is not a significant price difference.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Sarvanidis reported that the Whiting/Hammond After Midnight (WHAM) bike ride event was a huge success, with over 700 riders. The event was very well-organized and went smoothly.

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to hold a special meeting of the Common Council on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room to approve claims and other Council business. Councilman Spebar seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Councilman Jennings thanked everyone who helped make this year's Pierogi Fest a success, especially the Street Department. The Mayor agreed, and noted that everyone from all Departments helped wherever they could.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MARK S. ADAM, Clerk-Treasurer