

**CITY OF WHITING – NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

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

The Common Council of the City of Whiting met in rescheduled regular session on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. with Councilmember Sarvanidis presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Councilman Jennings.

**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.

Mayor Stahura was unable to attend the meeting.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read aloud in its entirety Notice of this rescheduled meeting of the Common Council, which was faxed to The Times and the Post Tribune on November 1, 2012 by Clerk-Treasurer Adam. The meeting was rescheduled from November 6<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup> due to the election.

**II. MINUTES**

Councilmember Sarvanidis asked for consideration of the minutes of the October 23, 2012 rescheduled regular Common Council meeting.

Councilman Stolman moved to approve said minutes, as submitted. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) Vote: 6 ayes, 1 abstention from Councilmember Greer.

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

None.

**IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

None.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilman Spebar stated that the following will be presented tonight for first and possible second reading:

1. Ordinance No. CC-2012-1885, transfer of funds.

Councilman Sarvanidis stated that he will vacate chair to introduce the following:

1. Ordinance No. CC-2012-1884, amending city code to establish districts according to state statute.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Civil City Accounts Payable Vouchers Checks #15494 - #15540 inclusive for approval.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said APV Checks for payment; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Spoke with mayor, reported he is doing well.

**VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Spebar stated that Ordinance No. CC-2012-1885, transfers funds between several departments.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1885 by title only for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FOR THE GENERAL FUND, AS REQUESTED BY THE CLERK-TREASURER AND FORWARDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR ACTION AND PASSAGE PURSUANT TO IC 6-1.1-18-6

There being no questions Councilman Spebar moved to pass Ordinance No. CC-2012-1885 to second reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Zubeck. Roll Call: (ALL) Vote: 7 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. 2012-1885 by title only for second reading.

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Councilman Sarvanidis vacated chair to introduced Ordinance No. CC-2012-1884. Councilman Sarvanidis explained that this is an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances of the city of Whiting, Indiana, to establish the councilmanic districts of the city in accordance with IC.36-4-6-5(j) and to repeal any ordinances in conflict therewith. The ordinance would reduce number of council members from seven to five. The city would have three districts with two at large.

Councilman Sarvanidis asked if there are any questions or comments prior to first reading.

Councilman Jennings commented everyone is entitled their opinion concerning the ordinance.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2012-1884 by title only for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, TO ESTABLISH THE COUNILMANIC DISTRICTS OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH IC. 36-4-6-5(j) AND TO REPEAL ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

Councilman Jennings moved to take Ordinance No. CC-2012-1884 to a second reading. Councilman Sarvanidis stated that some details need to be finalized and the ordinance committee is not ready to proceed with second reading.

Councilman Jennings asked if his motion is denied and for clarification on the law. Discussion ensued on what the council's rules and procedures are and its past practice. Second reading on Ordinance No. CC-2012-1884 did not occur.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

City Attorney Sejna stated that prior to the meeting she received certificates of compliance with the nepotism policy and the contracting with unit policy that are required to be executed by councilman for 2012.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam stated that it is required to publish Ordinance No. CC-2012-1885 in the paper prior to adoption. Due to timing of meetings, it was published beforehand. Councilmember Spebar moved to ratify authorization for early publication. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stolman. All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

City resident Bryan Ciers of 1831 LaPorte thanked the city for its ethics seminar. He stated it was very useful and looks forward to similar experiences.

Councilman Jennings talked about how rewarding it is to represent his district and help the people in his community.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilman Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Councilman Spebar seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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MARK S. ADAM, Clerk-Treasurer