

CITY OF WHITING – OCTOBER 1, 2013

**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, October 1, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Mayor Stahura. A moment of silence was held in memory of Councilman Jennings's wife and dear friend of the city, Diane Jennings.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilwoman Greer was unable to attend the meeting.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 3, 2013, regular Common Council meeting.

Councilman Spebar moved to approve said minutes, as submitted. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, 1 abstention. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 17, 2013, regular Common Council meeting.

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

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

Councilman Sarvanidis requested that a memo from the Clerk-Treasurer stating the Sanitary Commissioners gave a favorable recommendation on the adoption of the 2014 Sanitary District Budget be entered into the record.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

None

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Spebar presented the following Ordinances for first and possible second readings:

1. Ordinance No. CC-2013-1899, the 2014 Civil City Budget
2. Ordinance No. CC-2013-1900, the 2014 Sanitary District Budget
3. Ordinance No. CC-2013-1901, the 2014 Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials
4. Ordinance No. CC-2013-1902, the 2014 Salary Ordinance for Civil City Employees; and
5. Ordinance No. CC-2013-1903, an Ordinance providing for the transfer of funds.
6. Resolution No. CC-2013-14, a Resolution transferring funds within the various funds.

Councilman Sarvanidis presented the following Resolutions for first and possible second reading.

1. Resolution No. CC-2013-13, a Resolution Amending Declaratory Resolution of the Whiting Redevelopment Commission,

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Civil City Accounts Payable Voucher Checks #16835- #16899 inclusive for approval.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said Accounts Payable Voucher Checks for payment. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Sejna has a court date set on Wednesday for three tax sale properties.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

No report was given.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Sarvanidis presented Resolution No. CC-2013-13 which amends a declaratory Resolution of the Whiting Redevelopment Commission.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2013-13 by title only for first reading.

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING
APPROVING AMENDING DECLARATORY RESOLUTION OF THE WHITING
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND APPROVING AN ORDER OF THE
WHITING PLAN COMMISSION

Councilman Sarvanidis moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2013-13; seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis noted that the Whiting Redevelopment Commission will hold a Public Hearing on its declaratory resolution.

Councilman Spebar explained that Ordinance No. CC-2013-1899 is the Civil City Budget for 2014. This is the first year that the County Income Tax affects the Budget. The Budget shows a modest increase as it absorbs salary and insurance increases for the coming year.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1899 by title only for first reading.

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Councilman Spebar moved to take the Ordinance to second reading. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1899 by title only for second reading.

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2013-1900 the Sanitary District Budget for 2014. There is funding room available for new hires or transfers.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1900 by title only for first reading.

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Councilman Spebar moved to take the Ordinance to second reading. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1900 by title only for second reading.

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Councilman Spebar requested for the Common Council to open up the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2013-1899 and Ordinance No. CC-2013-1900.

Clerk-Treasurer Adam presented Proof of Publication of tonight's Public Hearings, which were published in the The Times and Post Tribune on September 12 and September 19, 2013 for both the Civil City and Sanitary District.

Mayor Stahura opened the Public Hearing and asked a first time for Public Comment on Ordinance No. CC-2013-1899 or Ordinance No. CC-2013-1900. No one spoke.

Mayor Stahura asked a third and final time for comments on the 2014 Civil City Budget and the 2014 Sanitary District Budget. Hearing none, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2013-1899 and Ordinance CC-2013-1900.

Mayor Stahura thanked Clerk-Treasurer Adam and city employee John Haynes for all their budget work.

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2013-1901 that fixes the salaries of all elected officers of the City. Elected officials will receive a 2% salary increase and levels have been added with respect to education and certifications in their fields.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1901 by title only for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF ALL ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

Councilman Spebar moved to take the Ordinance to second reading. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1901 by title only for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF ALL ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2013-1902 that fixes the salaries of city employees and Police and Fire departments.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1902 by title only for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARMENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014

Councilman Spebar moved to take the Ordinance to second reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1901 by title only for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARMENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2013-1903 provides for the transfer of appropriation for several departments.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1903 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

Councilman Spebar moved to take the Ordinance to second reading. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2013-1903 by title only for second 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

Councilman Spebar moved to allow Clerk-Treasurer Adam to make all preparations for a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2013-1903 at the next Council meeting on October 15, 2013. Seconded by Councilman Stolman. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar presented Resolution No. CC-2013-14 providing for the transfer of funds within the various funds.

Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2013-14 by title only for first reading.

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilman Spebar moved to adopt Resolution No. CC-2013-14. Councilwoman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura thanked the Council for their action on the Salary Ordinances, recognizing educational success for the future of the City.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

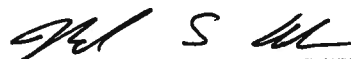
None.

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 6:47 p.m. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



MARK S. ADAM, Clerk-Treasurer