

CITY OF WHITING –MAY 6, 2015

**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 Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Councilman Zubeck.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Sarvanidis was on vacation and Councilwoman Greer was unable to attend.

Mayor Stahura read into the record the notice to the public published in the Times on April 22, 2015 that the Common Council of the City of Whiting, Indiana has rescheduled their regular meeting on Tuesday May 5, 2015 to Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

This meeting will be held at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at Whiting City Hall, 1443-119th Street, Whiting, Indiana.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of minutes April 21, 2015 regular Common Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2015 meeting. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

None.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Stahura gave congratulations to the all the victors of the election that was held yesterday.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Spebar introduced four Ordinances:

1. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1933 amending the traffic code.
2. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1934 amending the penalty clause in the violations bureau.
3. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 appropriating unappropriated funds.
4. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 amending the salary Ordinance.

Councilman Stolman introduced one Resolution:

1. Resolution NO. CC-2015-05 for Whiting High School Teacher and Coach Paul Laub.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Accounts Payable Voucher Check #s 2265-2341, 67-71E, Payroll #'s 148 inclusive for approval.

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

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1933 amends the traffic Ordinance by prohibiting beach parking on any city street, beach parking violation will be issued by any authorized officer of the City. Any parking violator is subject to a fine of \$100.00 unless a different fine is specified by the Ordinance.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1933 for the first reading in title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY INDIANA,
AMENDING WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17 VEHICLES & TRAFFIC,
ARTICLE XI PARKING, AND ALL ORDINANCES RELATED THERETO

Councilman Spebar made a motion to take Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1933 to the second reading. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1933 for the second reading in title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY INDIANA,
AMENDING WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17 VEHICLES & TRAFFIC,
ARTICLE XI PARKING, AND ALL ORDINANCES RELATED THERETO

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1934 amends the violations bureau by reducing the amount of parking violations at Whiting Park and Whihala Beach to \$50.00 from \$100.00, the second parking violation at Whiting Park and Whihala Beach will continue to be \$250.00. Subsequent violations will issued a court citation. Technology will be available to the enforcing agent to determine the quantity of the violation or violations.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1934 for the first reading in title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY INDIANA,
AMENDING WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XI,
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU, ORDINANCE NO. CC-2009-1816 AND
ORDINANCE NO CC-2014-1928 TO AMEND CIVIL PENALTY FOR PARKING
VIOLATIONS WITHIN WHITING LAKEFRONT PARK AND WHIHALA BEACH

Councilman Spebar made a motion to take Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1934 to the second reading. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1934 for the second reading in title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY INDIANA,
AMENDING WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XI,
ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU, ORDINANCE NO. CC-2009-1816 AND
ORDINANCE NO CC-2014-1928 TO AMEND CIVIL PENALTY FOR PARKING
VIOLATIONS WITHIN WHITING LAKEFRONT PARK AND WHIHALA BEACH

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 concerns the appropriations of unappropriated funds. This Ordinance will be described in detail at the next Common Council meeting.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 for the first reading in title only.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE PARK NON-REVERTING
OPERATING FUND OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM
UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Councilman Spebar made a motion to prepare for a public hearing to be held at the next Common Council meeting on May 19, 2015. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 amends the salary Ordinance. This Ordinance will be described in detail at the next Common Council meeting.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 for the first reading in title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA TO
AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2014-1923 FIXING THE SALARIES AND
COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE
DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITING COMMENCING
JANUARY 1, 2015

Councilman Stolman introduced Resolution No. CC-2015-05 which honors Whiting High School Teacher and Head Softball Coach Paul Laub.

Councilman Stolman read Resolution No. CC-2015-05 in its entirety.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING,
INDIANA HONORING WHITING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND SOFTBALL
HEAD COACH PAUL LAUB

WHEREAS, Paul Laub was hired as a high school teacher in the fall of 1970 by the School City of Whiting; and

WHEREAS, Paul Laub will retire as a high school teacher in the spring of 2015 from the School City of Whiting; and

WHEREAS, during his devoted forty-five years of service to the School City of Whiting, Paul Laub has initiated and sustained the Whiting High School Girls' Softball Team from its inception in the spring of 1983 until the end of the 2015 season; has initiated and sustained the Whiting High School Girls' Basketball Team from its inception in the fall of 1976 until the end of the 2001-2002 season; and has held the position of Whiting High School Athletic Director from the 2000-2001 school year until the end of the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of his softball coaching record are unparalleled in state softball history, having amassed over six hundred victories including: seven Conference Titles, twelve Sectional Titles, six Regional Titles, and two undefeated State Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Whiting High School softball field was constructed during his tenure, and was the site of eleven of his Sectional titles and six of his Regional titles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, the Judge, and the entire Common Council of the City of Whiting wish to acknowledge the duration and success of Paul Laub's tenure as the Head Coach of the Lady Oilers Softball program and congratulate him upon the naming of Whiting High School softball field as Paul Laub Softball Field; and

WHEREAS, this well-deserved honor also underscores his establishment of the tradition, the stability, and the excellence in sportsmanship that his softball program still exhibits today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, the City Judge and the members of the Common Council of the City of Whiting, County of Lake, Indiana, as follows:

It is the honor and privilege of the elected officials of the City of Whiting, Indiana to proclaim May 14th, 2015 as Coach Paul Laub Day, in recognition of his devotion and remarkable achievements as a Whiting High School teacher and coach. This recognition is made with great admiration, honoring Coach Laub's leadership and his fervent commitment to his students, his players, the school, and the City of Whiting as a whole.

Councilman Stolman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2015-05. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura makes a statement regarding a topic of conversation that was being discussed a few years back in regards to what the name of the street leading away from the softball field should be named. Councilman Jennings suggested "You just got your butt kicked Drive."

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Spebar states the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Fire Department have agreed upon a new three year contract retroactive January 1, 2015.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to ratify the 2015-2017 Fire Department Contract. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar introduced a Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements for property located at 1326-1330 119th Street submitted by Jim Eder of Eder Properties, LLC.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to approve the CF-1. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Councilman Jennings asked how long the parking meters in the park have been operating.

Mayor Stahura states that they have seen a little revenue start to come through in the past weekend. There was an issue with the credit card readers that has been addressed. Once the construction is complete at the park entrance, there will be a sign erected that defines the fees.

Mayor Stahura also states that with the implantation of the meters, this will created revenue all year round. There were only parking attendants from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It will be interesting to see what the revenue will be in the upcoming year for that time frame.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilwoman Michko moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer