

**CITY OF WHITING –MAY 19, 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Councilman Stolman.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

Councilman Jennings and Councilwoman Greer were unable to attend. .

**II. MINUTES**

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of minutes May 6, 2015 regular Common Council Meeting.

Councilman Stolman made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 6, 2015 meeting. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Michko, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye Councilman Sarvanidis abstained. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays, 1 abstention. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

**IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Stahura stated:

- The City closed on the Ruzich home properties and 1708 Center Street.
- Horizon Conference College Baseball Tournament is being held at Oil City Stadium.
- First Cruise Night is tomorrow night.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilman Spebar introduced two Ordinances for third readings:

1. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1933 amending the traffic code.
2. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1934 amending the penalty clause in the violations bureau.

Councilman Spebar introduced one Ordinance for a Public Hearing, second and third readings:

1. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 appropriating unappropriated funds.

Councilman Spebar introduced one Ordinance for the second and third readings:

1. Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 amending the salary Ordinance.

Councilman Sarvanidis introduced two Resolutions:

1. Resolution NO. CC-2015-06 which authorizes the City to enter into an Agreement with Lake County to undertake Community development.
2. Resolution NO. CC-2015-07 which authorizes the Board of Public Works and Safety to acquire property at 1526 Cleveland Avenue in excess of \$25,000.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Accounts Payable Voucher Check #s 2342-2481, 72-74E, 29E, and Payroll #'s 149-150 inclusive for approval.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as submitted for payment. Councilman Zubeck 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 announced that there will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935.

Clerk Treasurer Haynes read for the record the Notice of a Public Hearing for Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 which was published in the Times on May 7, 2015 and posted in City Hall.

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2015-1935 which appropriates the park non reverting funds from the concession stand's revenues in and out.

Mayor Stahura opened the Public Hearing and asked a first time for Public Comment on Ordinance No. CC-2015-1935.

Mayor Stahura asked for a second time for Public Comment and no one spoke.

Mayor Stahura asked a third and final time for comments on Ordinance No. CC- CC-2015-1935.

Hearing none, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC- CC-2015-1935 and returned the meeting to the regular order of business.

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

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1933 for the third 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 issue a court citation. Technology will be available to the enforcing agent to determine the quantity of the violation or violations.

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

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1934 for the third 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 fund in the non-reverting operating fund.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to take Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 to the second reading. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 for the second 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 take Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 to the third and final reading. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1935 for the third and final 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 introduced Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 which amends the salary Ordinance by the following: amends the Code Enforcement Officer's salary due to the change in duties.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to take Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 to the second reading. Councilman Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Spebar made a motion to take Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 to the third and final reading. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1936 for the third and final 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 Sarvanidis introduced Resolution No. CC-2015-06 authorizing the City to enter into an Agreement with Lake County for the undertaking of Redevelopment activities which goes hand in hand with the Lake County Development Grant program. In order to participate in the grant program, Councils are required to adopt a Resolution. This allows the Mayor to enter into the Agreement with the County.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2015-06 in title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING,  
INDIANA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LAKE,  
INDIANA IN UNDERTAKING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2015-06. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis introduced Resolution No. CC-2015-07 which authorizes the Board of Public Works and Safety to purchase property within the City of Whiting in excess of twenty five thousand dollars. The City will ensure redevelopment of the property.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2015-07 in title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING,  
INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE WHITING BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND  
SAFETY TO PUTCHASE PROPERTY WITH A PURCHASE PRICE IN EXCESS OF  
TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IC 36-1-10.5-5

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2015-07. Councilman Spebar seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Michko, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 5 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilman Stolman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer