

CITY OF WHITING –AUGUST 4, 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 session on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation from Councilman Spebar.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Stolman was on vacation and Councilman Zubeck was unable to attend.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of minutes the July 7, 2015 regular Common Council Meeting.

Councilman Jennings made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 7, 2015 regular meeting. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, and Spebar voted aye. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of minutes July 21, 2015 special Common Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 21, 2015 special meeting. Councilman Sarvanidis seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members, Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, and Spebar voted aye. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

Greer Memorial to be held at the next meeting.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

- Mayor Stahura thanked everyone for all the hard work with all the events in July and early August.
- WHAM ride is this Saturday August 8, 2015.
- Elton John and Billy Joel themed symphony on Saturday August 8, 2015.
- The City sold 1729 Sheridan and 1305 121st Street.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Spebar presented one Ordinance for third and final reading:

- Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940 establishing the parking meter revenue fund. Councilman Spebar introduces one Resolution for adoption.
- Resolution No. CC-2015-10 authorizes a transfer of funds.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Accounts Payable Voucher Check #s 85E, 2863, 2865, 2867-2927, 2930-2933, 2935, & Payroll #'s 157-162 for approval. Two new claims were added for Meridian Title for properties that the City now owns and will be selling.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said Accounts Payable Voucher Checks with the two additions for payment. Councilman Sarvanidis 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 announces that there will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940.

Clerk Treasurer Haynes read for the record the Notice to Tax Payer of a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940 which was published in the Times on July 24, 2015.

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940 which ratifies the actions of the Board of Public Works and Safety establishing parking rates and appropriating funds to the Parking Meter Revenue Fund.

Mayor Stahura opened the Public Hearing and asked a first time for Public Comment on Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940.

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-2015-1940.

Hearing none, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940 to the third and final reading. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, and Spebar, voted aye. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1940 for the third reading in title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY INDIANA,
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PARKING METERS AND FEES FOR PARKING
WITHIN WHITING LAKEFRONT PARK AND WHIHALA BEACH,
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO RECEIPT SAID FUNDS, APPROPRIATING
THE USE OF SAID FUNDS, AND RATIFYING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE
BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY SITTING AS THE
DESIGNATED PARK AUTHORITY

Councilman Spebar introduces Resolution No. CC-2015-10, transferring the fund within the various funds.

- Police Department - \$10,000.00
- Park Department - \$10,000.00
- MVH - \$10,000.00
- County Economic Development Income Tax - \$122,000.00
- Economic Development - \$7013.00
- General Obligation Bond 2013 - \$119,00.00
- General Obligation Bond 2014 - \$75,000.00
- RDA Lakefront Grant - \$20,000.00
- Lakefront Commons - \$35,000.00

Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2015-10 in title only.

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

Councilman Spebar made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2015-10. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, and Spebar voted aye. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Sarvanidis states in honor and support of the NICK Foundation, Councilman Sarvanidis has a Proclamation declaring the month of September 2015 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The NICK Foundation is an organization that is a not for profit/charity and is run by volunteers that directly supports families that are effected by childhood cancer and supports many other charities.

Councilman Sarvanidis reads the PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2015 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to adopt the Proclamation and declare September 2015 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Councilman Spebar seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All)

Council members Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, and Spebar voted aye. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura stated that in previous years, representatives from the NICK Foundation were in attendance, but this year there was a change and representatives from all communities from across the county will meet tomorrow at the Lake County Council Chambers and will read the Resolution on behalf of the City.

Councilman Sarvanidis makes a motion to schedule a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Councilman Spebar seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Sarvanidis, and Spebar, voted aye. Vote: 4 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilman Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer