

CITY OF WHITING –SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Sarvanidis motioned to suspend the rules for a presentation by IDEM and Resolution CC-2015-11 honoring the memory and service of Councilwoman Mildred Greer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Zubeck. Roll Call: (voice) All councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura turned the floor over to Director Hala Kuss of the Northwest Regional Indiana Department of Environmental Management office along with the Deputy Director Rick Masseols. IDEM is proud to designate the City of Whiting as a member of the Clean Community Challenge and to present the City with an Indiana Clean Community Award.

Mayor Stahura congratulated Mark Harbin for all his work putting the Clean Community in action.

Councilman Sarvanidis introduced Resolution CC-2015-11 honoring the memory and service of Councilwoman Mildred Greer.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Resolution CC-2015-11 in its entirety.

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
OF
COUNCILWOMAN MILDRED (MILLIE) GREER**

WHEREAS, the Whiting Common Council recently lost its longest serving member, Councilwoman Mildred (Millie) Greer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to pay tribute to her many years of service to both the City and the Whiting Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Greer proudly served as a member of the Whiting Common Council from January 1, 1986 until her passing on July 10, 2015 and was one of the longest continuously serving female council members in the state; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Greer was a dedicated Precinct Committeewoman for sixteen (16) years and was a hard-working member of the Whiting Democratic Precinct Organization; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Greer was a life-long Whiting resident who raised three children in the Whiting School System and actively participated in school activities, especially the coordination of football Homecoming events; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Greer served her family, her constituents and her community with dedication, compassion, enthusiasm and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Greer served as a positive example to all residents in balancing her time and energies between family, work and public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Whiting, Indiana that the City of Whiting, Mayor, Judge, Clerk-Treasurer and Common Council honor and recognize the service and commitment of Councilwoman Mildred (Millie) Greer and extend heartfelt sympathy and condolences to her husband John, children Beth, Donnie, and Willie, grandchildren Alexis, Alexis, Tyler, Pierce and Emily, as well as her surviving family members and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent records in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Whiting, Indiana.

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes will prepare a formal document to present to the family.

Councilman Sarvanidis motion to approve Resolution CC-2015-11. Councilman Spebar seconded the motion.

Mayor Stahura and Councilman Zubeck spoke of their experiences with and memories of Councilwoman Greer.

Mayor Stahura returned the meeting to the regular order of business.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of minutes September 1, 2015 regular Common Council Meeting.

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 1, 2015 meeting. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings,

Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, Stolman and Spebar voted aye. Vote: 6 ayes, no nays, Councilman Zubeck abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

Councilman Spebar noted a memorandum from Clerk-Treasurer Haynes that the Sanitary Commission provided a favorable recommendation for adoption of the 2016 Sanitary District budget.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

None.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Sarvanidis presented the following Ordinance for first reading:

- Ordinance No. CC-2015-1945 regarding snow and ice removal from sidewalks.

Councilman Spebar introduced the following four Ordinances for first reading.

- Ordinance No. CC-2015-1942 setting the Civil City Budget,
- CC-2015-1943 setting the 2016 Sanitary District Budget,
- CC-2015-1944 setting the 2016 Civil City salaries
- CC-2015-1946 setting the 2016 elected official salaries

Councilman Spebar introduced two resolutions for adoption.

- Resolution No. CC-2015-12 authorizing a petty cash fund for Police Department operations
- Resolution No. CC-2015-13 transferring funds within the various departments of the City

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Accounts Payable Voucher Check #s 3113, 3115-3185, 91E and Payroll #s 164-165 for approval.

Councilwoman Michko moved to approve said Accounts Payable Voucher Checks for payment. Councilman Murzyn 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 Sarvanidis introduced Ordinance No. CC-2015-1945 which amends Municipal Code regarding snow and ice removal from sidewalks.

Councilman Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1945 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15
ARTICLE ONE REGARDING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS
AN ORDINANCE 465 AND ALL AMENDING ORDINANCES THERETO

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1945 to second reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1945 by title only for second reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15
ARTICLE ONE REGARDING SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS
ORDINANCE 465 AND ALL AMENDING ORDINANCES THERETO

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance No. CC-2015-1942 which approves the 2016 Civil City budget.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1942 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION IN TAX RATES

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance No. CC-2015-1943 which approves the 2016 Sanitary budget.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1943 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION IN TAX RATES

The budget will be described in detail at a public hearing to be held at the next Council Meeting on October 6, 2015.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to have the Clerk-Treasurer take all steps for a public hearing at the next Council meeting on October 6, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Zubeck. Roll Call: (All) Councilmembers Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2015-1944 which fixes the 2016 salaries of employees of the City.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1944 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF

THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA, EFFECTIVE FIRST PAY IN 2016 JANUARY 2,
2016

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2015-1946 which fixes the 2016 elected official salaries.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance NO. CC-2015-1946 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF ALL ELECTED OFFICERS
OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA EFFECTIVE FIRST PAY IN JANUARY
2016

Councilman Spebar introduced Resolution No. CC-2015-12 which authorized a petty cash fund for the Police Department.

Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2015-12 in title only.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PETTY CASH FUND FOR POLICE
DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Councilman Spebar made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2015-12. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 ayes, no nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar introduced Resolution No. CC-2015-13 which authorizes transferring funds within the various departments of the City.

Councilman Spebar read Resolution No. CC-2015-13 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-2015-13. Councilwoman Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (All) Council members Jennings, Michko, Murzyn, Sarvanidis, Spebar, Stolman, and Zubeck voted aye. Vote: 7 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 Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Councilman Murzyn seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer