

**CITY OF WHITING –DECEMBER 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, December 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.

**II. MINUTES**

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

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

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

None.

**IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Stahura reported the City Council will be moving from 7 to 5 council members. Mayor Stahura thanked Councilmen Spebar & Councilmen Jennings for their 16 years of service, Councilman Stolman for his 12 years of service and Councilman Murzyn for his four months of service.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilman Spebar presented Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 for possible all three readings:

- Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 approves the transfer of funds.

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance CC-2015-1952 for possible first and second reading.

- Ordinance No. CC-2015-1952 approves unappropriated funds for the year 2016.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Accounts Payable Voucher Check #s 3546-3549, 3551, 3554-3556, 3563-3628, 104E, 106 E and Payroll #s 171-173 & 175 for approval.

Clerk-Treasure Haynes reported he amended and added electronic Check #106 for the purchase of 1716 Cleveland Ave in the amount of \$15,138.69.

Councilman Stolman moved to approve said Accounts Payable Voucher Checks for payment as amended. 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**

Councilman Stolman provided a recap of the School/City /Library Team (2015)

- Ed Salata, Chief Operating Officer of the Whiting YMCA came to a meeting early this year to introduce himself to the group, and to describe some of the services offered at the Whiting YMCA. Subsequent to this visit, Dr. Martinez and The Whiting YMCA have put an agreement in place for the YMCA to provide before and after child care for Whiting Students.
- The City leased billboards have been used to honor several achievements by Whiting High School Students and faculty, including an upcoming billboard honoring the Semi-State Champion Football Team.
- The School & City plan to move the natural plantings from the Primary Building to the more suitable location along the Whiting Bike Trail near the Roosevelt Club. This location provides a well-traveled & highly visible home, also located near BP, who has been the sponsor/partner of the School for the natural garden project.
- A review of shared service forms and document updates has begun.
- To provide the maximum public access to the running track, two School Board members are volunteering to open the gates to Galvin Field at 6 am and close them at 8 pm.
- The School and City are teaming to incorporate Whiting Students into the statewide movement for communities to promote and increase pedestrian activities. The MYAC is working to promote the health and environmental benefits of walking vs driving to their fellow students. This also may mitigate some of the vehicle congestion around the school during drop-off and dismissal.
- The City provided the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> City College scholarship award for a resident high school graduate. The 4<sup>th</sup> scholarship is to be designated for a deserving student who plans to attend a vocational or trade school.
- Some of the more significant shared service ticket items this year include:
  - The City's request for School Maintenance to wax the floors at City Hall.
  - The school's request to the City to remove weeds and soil from the transportation

- Department's bus parking area.
- The School's request for the City's street sweeper to clean the School's parking lot.
- The use of the City's power washer to clean the winter salt and dirt from the school buses.
- WPD's use of the School's wrestling gym for training.
- The Park Department adding material and redressing the girls' softball field.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the City teamed with the School to celebrate Paul Laub Day, and the naming of the softball field after him.
- The City teamed up with the school and others to gather and place bleachers into the football field for the semi-state football game.
- The School's request for the City Maintenance Dept. to power wash the football grandstands and steel roofs. Because of the need for special equipment and extra manpower, this activity was contracted out.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 transfer of appropriations into different categories than was appropriated in the 2015 annual budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Department Decreases in the amount of \$8,000.00  
 Board of Public Works Department Increases in the amount of \$5,000.00  
 Board of Public Works Department Decrease in the amount of \$10,000.00  
 City Buildings Department Increases in the amount of \$7,000.00  
 City Buildings Department Decrease in the amount of 27,500.00  
 Building commissioner Decrease in the amount of \$39,400.00  
 Fire Department Increases in the amount of \$8,000.00  
 Fire Department Decreases in the amount of \$5,000.00  
 Police Department Increases in the amount of 82,900.00  
 Police Department Decreases in the amount of \$13,000.00  
 Parks Department Transfers in the amount of \$600.00  
 Moto Vehicle Highway Transfers in the amount of \$2000.00  
 County Adjusted Gross Income Tax, Fire Department Transfers \$5000.00  
 Total amount of \$110,500.00

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 in title only.

AN EMERGENCY 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 made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 to Second Reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 in title only.

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Councilman Spebar made a motion to suspend rules to consider Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 for third and final reading. Seconded by Councilman Murzyn. 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 made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 to third and final reading. Seconded by Councilman Stolman. 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 read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1951 in title only.

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Councilman Spebar introduced Ordinance No. CC-2015-1952, appropriating unappropriated funds for the year 2016.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1952 in title only

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2016.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2015-1952 to second reading. Councilman Jennings seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Spebar read Ordinance No. CC-2015-1952 in title only.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2016.

Councilman Spebar made a motion to allow Clerk Treasurer Haynes to advertise for a public hearing to be held on January 5, 2016 for the additional appropriation. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Sarvanidis presented four Certificates of Appointments:

Rebecca Unate Michko appointed to serve as the elected official Council to the Whiting Plan Commission of the City of Whiting to serve January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2019.

Steve Spebar appointed to serve as the official Council to the Whiting Plan Commission of the City of Whiting to serve January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2019.

Tim Kompier appointment to the Whiting Redevelopment Commission of the City of Whiting to serve January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016.

Paul Progar appointment to the Whiting Redevelopment Commission of the City of Whiting to serve January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016.

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to accept the appointments. Councilman Spebar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to ratify the action of the Board of Public works decision on the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Whiting and the Whiting Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #68, this agreement commenced retroactively January 1, 2015 and ends December 31, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Stolman. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sarvanidis made a motion to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 6pm. Seconded by Councilman Murzyn. 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 6:50 p.m. Councilman Stolman seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer