

CITY OF WHITING – JANUARY 2, 2019

**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, January 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Stahura, Councilmembers Michko, Michniewicz, Sarvanidis, Turpin, and Zubeck were present, constituting a quorum. Also, present, were Attorney Sejna and Clerk-Treasurer Haynes.

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to suspend the rules to address the election of officers. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Michko moved that Councilman Sarvanidis be appointed President Pro Tem of the Whiting Common Council for 2019. Seconded by Councilmember Michniewicz. Mayor Stahura asked three times for other nominations. Councilmember Turpin made a motion to affirm Councilmember Sarvanidis' nomination. Seconded by Councilmember Michniewicz. Motion carried unanimously. There were no other nominations so Councilman Sarvanidis was elected by acclamation.

Councilman Sarvanidis moved that Councilman Zubeck be appointed Chairman of the Whiting Common Council Finance Committee for 2019. Seconded by Councilman Turpin. Mayor Stahura asked three times for other nominations. Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to affirm Councilmember Zubeck's nomination. Seconded by Councilmember Michko. Motion carried unanimously. There were no other nominations so Councilman Zubeck was elected by acclamation.

Councilman Zubeck moved that Councilman Sarvanidis be appointed Chairman of the Whiting Common Council Ordinance Committee for 2019. Seconded by Councilman Michniewicz. Mayor Stahura asked three times for other nominations. Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to affirm Councilmember Sarvanidis' nomination. Seconded by Councilmember Michniewicz. Motion carried unanimously. There were no other nominations so Councilman Sarvanidis was elected by acclamation.

Councilmember Zubeck, under suspension of the rules, opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. CC-2018-1999, an ordinance appropriating money in the various funds of the City of Whiting, Indiana from unappropriated funds for the year 2019.

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes read the Legal Notice for this Public Hearing which was published in The Times on December 19, 2018 and was posted at City Hall.

Mayor Stahura asked three times for any comments or discussions about Ordinance No. CC-2018-1999. With there being no further comments, Mayor Stahura closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Stahura returned to the regular order of business.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the December 18, 2018 Regular Common Council Meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the December 27, 2018 Regular Common Council Meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 27, 2018 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

None.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Thanked the Council for all of their work and efforts in 2018.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised the Council will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2018-1999, an ordinance appropriating monies in the various funds of the City of Whiting, Indiana from unappropriated funds for the year 2019 for possible 3rd and final reading; Ordinance No. CC-2018-2001, an ordinance amending prior ordinances and resolutions regarding allowance of payment of claims in advance of council meetings for possible 3rd and final reading; Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. CC-2018-1993 the 2019 elected officers' salary ordinance to amend the pay period for members of the Common Council and to declare an extraordinary emergency for possible all three readings.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

None.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Zubeck presented Ordinance No. CC-2018-1999, an ordinance appropriating money in the various funds of the City of Whiting for 2019. Details were discussed at the prior regular meeting in December.

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2018-1999 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Sarvanidis seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2018-1999 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2019

Councilmember Zubeck presented Ordinance No. CC-2018-2001, an ordinance amending prior ordinances and resolutions regarding allowance of payment of claims in advance of council meetings.

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2018-2001 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Sarvanidis seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmember voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2018-2001 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITING, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. CC-92-1454, CC-2011-1863, RESOLUTION NO. CC-2011-07 AND WHITING MUNICIPAL CODE SEC.2-105 REGARDING ALLOWANCE OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN ADVANCE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councilmember Zubeck introduced Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. CC-2018-1993 the 2019 elected officers' salary ordinance to amend the pay period from monthly to bi-weekly. The primary reason for this change is that the State requires that there be no gap for employees in PERF. Since all employees are bi-weekly it was the Clerk-Treasurer's recommendation that the Common Council be changed to bi-weekly.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2018-1993 THE 2019 ELECTED OFFICERS SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PAY PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AND TO DELCARE AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002 to a 2nd reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2018-1993 THE 2019 ELECTED OFFICERS SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PAY PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AND TO DELCARE AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to suspend the rules to take Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2002 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2018-1993 THE 2019 ELECTED OFFICERS SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PAY PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AND TO DELCARE AN EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Sarvanidis reported each councilmember had submitted their annual certification of elected official to the Mayor on compliance with the city nepotism policy and compliance with the city contracting with unit by a relative policy to the Clerk-Treasurer and Mayor Stahura.

Councilmember Sarvanidis reported that the Board of Finance meeting will be held at the next scheduled Common Council meeting on January 15, 2019. Councilmember Sarvanidis requested that the Clerk-Treasurer notify the media that the Board of Finance annual meeting will be held within the Common Council meeting on January 15, 2019. Councilmember Zubeck seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented a Certificate of Appointment for Ruth Bzibziak to the Whiting Tree Board commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020.

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented a Certificate of Appointment for Shawn Turpin to the Plan Commission commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on January 7, 2023.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to accept these two Certificates of Appointment to the Tree Board and the Plan Commission. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Michniewicz presented a Certificate of Appointment for Chris Sarvanidis to the Economic Development Commission commencing on February 1, 2019 and ending on January 31, 2021. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept this Certificate of Appointment.

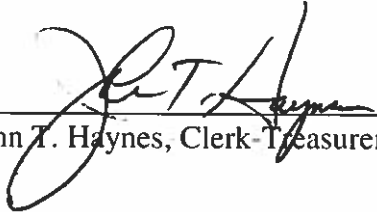
Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Councilmember Sarvanidis seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer

