

CITY OF WHITING – FEBRUARY 5, 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 Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Stahura presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Sarvanidis was absent.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the January 15, 2019 Regular Common Council Meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

Councilmember Zubeck presented a piece of correspondence from Michael Wieser who is the Director of Finance at the Lake County Auditor's Office. In the letter he acknowledges that the City of Whiting has agreed to commit 25% of the Lake County Economic Development Distribution of 2019 in the amount of \$477,609.00 and our commitment to the Commuter Rail Extension and Improvement Fund in the amount of \$119,402.25.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Stahura reported that there's a lot going on with the Business Development front. Buildings and projects that Economic Development Director Stolman and Redevelopment Commission have been working on are all coming to a head. Mayor Stahura stated that over the next few months we'll be seeing some shovels in the ground on development projects.

Mayor Stahura reported that the Mascot Hall of Fame is up and running. They are now beginning to formulate a marketing plan and are hosting additional events throughout the year.

Mayor Stahura wanted to thank all of the employees for dealing with not only the snow, but with the cold weather.

Mayor Stahura also requested that the Councilmembers remind their constituents to lock their vehicles at night. There have been a couple individuals going around town and checking car doors to see if they are unlocked. If they find one unlocked they ransack the car.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Zubeck advised he will be presenting Resolution No. CC-2019-01, a resolution regarding the transferring of funds from the motor vehicles highway fund to a restricted motor vehicle highway fund.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #313-314E, 9414-9483, 9485-9501 & JAN. PAYROLL total amount of \$689,064.14. Councilmember Michko moved to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz 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

Councilmember Zubeck introduced Resolution No. CC-2019-01, a resolution transferring funds from a Motor Vehicle Highway Fund to a Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund. The city is transferring \$1,000 to the restricted MVH fund.

Councilmember Zubeck read Resolution No. CC-2019-01 in title only;

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM MVH TO MVH RESTRICTED

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to approve Resolution No. CC-2019-01. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura mentioned that when the legislature increased the MVH funding to allow us to invest in roads, they mandated that each city must spend 50% of their draws on road only projects. The rest can be spent on labor, snow plowing, road repair, cleanup, street sweeping, etc. Effective 1/1/2019 the clerk needs to receipt 50% of the distribution to the MVH restricted fund and it must be spent specifically on road projects.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Zubeck reported that the Bishop of the Gary Diocese has now declared that Sacred Heart is the only independent Catholic Church within the City of Whiting with their own Council and they operate independently from St. John the Baptist in Robertsdale. Additionally,

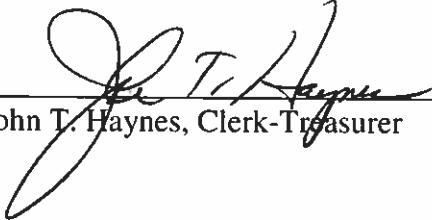
they are having a Mardi Gras Carnival on Fat Tuesday, March 5, 2019. There will be food and a DJ. It will be from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. in the Rose Room at Sacred Heart Church. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children.

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 6:41 p.m. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer

