

CITY OF WHITING – SEPTEMBER 3, 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, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 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 on vacation.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the August 6, 2019 Regular Common Council Meeting. Councilmember Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2019 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stahura asked for consideration of the minutes from the August 20, 2019 Special Common Council Meeting. Councilmember Turpin made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz 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

Mayor Stahura reported the following:

- The City won 4 awards at the AIM conference last week. Those awards are the Green Community Award, Green Community of the Year Award, Green Project of the Year Award for the WhoaZone, and the Project of the Year Award for the MHOF.
- An email was sent today that the Mayor will have Attorney Sejna send to the Council of a video made by Journey Indiana who came and shot a clip at the MHOF.
- The Lakefront lawsuit was settled on Friday, August 30, 2019.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Zubeck advised he will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2019-2011, an ordinance to amend other ordinances and to establish a promotional account for the MHOF for possible 3rd and final reading; Ordinance No. CC-2019-2014, an ordinance for the Civil City Budget for the 1st reading; Ordinance No. CC-2019-2013, an ordinance for the Sanitary Budget for the 1st reading; Ordinance No. CC-2019-2012, an ordinance for the Library Budget for the 1st reading.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #359-362, 10565-10575, 10613-10664 & August Payroll total amount of \$651,305.40. Councilmember Michniewicz moved to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as submitted. Councilmember Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Sejna had a conference call this week with Judge Likens, Wanda Unate, and the Indiana Supreme Court regarding destruction of records and what will be done with the bond money and the probation money that we have on hand and figuring out what files to keep and which ones to destroy.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Zubeck introduced Ordinance No. CC-2019-2011, an ordinance to amend other ordinances and to establish a promotional account for the MHOF. This ordinance was discussed at the special meeting on August 20th.

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2019-2011 to a 3rd and final reading. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2011 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. CC-82-1273 AND CC-2005-1702
TO AUTHORIZE AND ESTABLISH A PROMOTIONAL ACCOUNT FOR THE
MUSEUM DEPARTMENT OPERATING THE MASCOT HALL OF FAME

Councilmember Zubeck introduced Ordinance No. CC-2019-2014, an ordinance regarding the Civil City Budget.

Councilmember Zubeck spoke about a few items to note for Ordinance No. CC-2019-2014.

- Civil City Budget Reduced by \$600k
- 2% increase in salaries across the board.
- MHOF budget reduced due to current year actuals
- 8% estimated health insurance increase
- Most important point is that we froze the levy at last year's amount for the general fund

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2014 in title only;

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS IN TAX RATES
ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014 FOR THE EXPENSES OF WHITING
CIVIL CITY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Councilmember Zubeck introduced Ordinance No. CC-2019-2013, an ordinance regarding the Sanitary Budget.

Councilmember Zubeck spoke about a few items to note for Ordinance No. CC-2019-2013.

- Sanitary Budget increased by \$118,071
- 2% increase in salaries across the board
- 10% estimated health insurance increase

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2013 in title only;

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS IN TAX RATES
ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013 FOR THE EXPENSES OF WHITING
SANITARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Councilmember Zubeck introduced Ordinance No. CC-2019-2012, an ordinance regarding the Library Budget. At a special meeting on June 25th the Common Council passed resolution 2019-05 a resolution to review and approve the Whiting Public Library proposed budget and levy for any budget year to which IC 6-1.1-17-20.4 is applicable. This resolution requires the Whiting Public Library to submit its proposed budget and tax levy to the Council for binding review and approval for each year in which the library nondebt fund cash on hand and expected revenues is greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the library's proposed budget.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2019-2012 in title only;

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS IN TAX RATES
ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION NUMBER 2012 FOR THE EXPENSES OF WHITING
PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Councilmember Zubeck asked Clerk-Treasurer Haynes to advertise for a Public Hearing on September 17, 2019 where these Ordinances will be taken to a 2nd reading.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

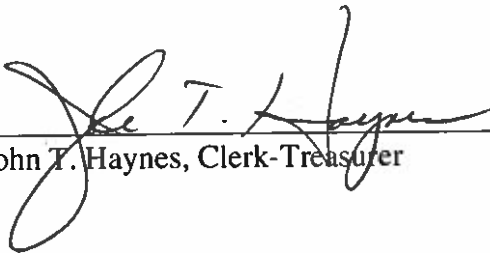
None.

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 6:46 p.m. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer