

**CITY OF WHITING – APRIL 20, 2021**

**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, April 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Spebar presiding.

**I. ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to suspend the rules to hold Public Hearings on Ordinance Nos. CC-2021-2041, CC-2021-2042 and CC-2021-2043 regarding the water, sewer, and solid waste pickup rate increases, respectively. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes read into the record the Notice for the Public Hearings were advertised in the Times on April 7, 2021 and April 14, 2021 and were posted at City Hall and Whiting Public Library.

Mayor Spebar opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2021-2041.

Mayor Spebar asked for comments on Ordinance No. CC-2021-2041.

Mr. James Duha of 1826 Pennsylvania Ave spoke about the possibilities of either tapping into the well water access points in older homes to get water that way or for the city to build a new filtration plant and have access to our own water. Mayor Spebar informed Mr. Duha that there is an ordinance that does not allow well water to be used in the city and that there were talks a year ago about our own filtration plant, but the City does not have a water intake to obtain raw water from Lake Michigan.

Mayor Spebar asked a second time for comments on Ordinance No. CC-2021-2041.

Mayor Spebar asked a third time for comments; hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**II. MINUTES**

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the April 6, 2021 Regular Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from April 6, 2021 as submitted. Councilmember Sarvanidis seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented the Gateway TIF Management – Redevelopment Report that the Council received from the Clerk’s Office.

**IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

None.

**V. STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councilmember Zubeck advised the Council he will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2021-2044 regarding an amendment to the salaries for lifeguards and to add a daily stipend for Acting Deputy Clerk for a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #481E, 13082-13083, 13085-13104, 13109-13110, 13112-13138 in the amount of \$61,952.21. Clerk-Treasurer Haynes amended the claims to add Lakeshore Cal Ripken – Babe Ruth \$500.00 Sponsorship. Councilmember Michko moved to amend the claims. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck moved to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as amended. Councilmember Turpin 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 presents Ordinance No. CC-2021-2044, an ordinance amending the salaries for lifeguards and to add a daily stipend for Acting Deputy Clerk.

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2021-2044 to 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Zubeck read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2044 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. CC-2020-2033

THE 2021 CIVIL CITY SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE  
SALARIES FOR LIFEGUARDS AND TO ADD A DAILY STIPEND FOR ACTING  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE CLERK-TREASURER OFFICE

Mayor Spebar stated that earlier for the Public Hearing, he only mentioned Ordinance No. CC-2021-2041. Mayor Spebar asked for a motion to suspend the rules to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance Nos. CC-2021-2042 and CC-2021-2043 regarding the sewer and solid waste pickup rate increases, respectively.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to suspend the rules to hold Public Hearings on Ordinance Nos. CC-2021-2042 and CC-2021-2043 regarding the sewer and solid waste pickup rate increases, respectively. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Spebar opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance Nos. CC-2021-2042 and CC-2021-2043.

Mayor Spebar asked for comments on Ordinance Nos. CC-2021-2042 and CC-2021-2043.

Mayor Spebar asked a second time for comments on Ordinance Nos. CC-2021-2042 and CC-2021-2043.

Mayor Spebar asked a third time for comments; hearing none, the Public Hearings were closed.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

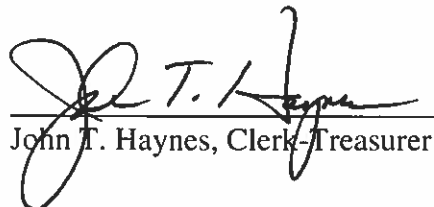
**XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Turpin asked how the MHOF is doing. Acting Director MHOF Anaszewicz reported that they will be opened for normal hours on Saturdays and had an open house last Saturday. They have also been booking field trips and room rentals and on Wednesdays they have Senior Days.

Councilmember Turpin asked if the park and beach hours had been finalized. Mayor Spebar stated that they are still fine tuning the hours for the park and beach.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer

