

CITY OF WHITING – MAY 4, 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, May 4, 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.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the April 20, 2021 Regular Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from April 20, 2021 as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented a letter dated April 22, 2021 from Mayor Spebar to the Plan Commission regarding the recommending the designation of a roadway in honor of former Mayor Joseph Grenchik.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read the letter in its entirety.

Dear Commission Members:

I am asking the Commission to consider naming the roadway which connects new Center Street with 119th Street as Grenchik Lane.

Mayor Grenchik ably served our City and residents for sixteen years. He was the first Mayor to serve four full terms. He guided our city government in a positive and productive manner. Since Mayor Grenchik grew up on the east end of town on the original Center Street, I believe it would be a very fitting tribute to designate that roadway in his name and honor.

I hope you will consider my request and make a positive recommendation to the Whiting Common Council to designate the roadway as Grenchik Lane. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Steve Spebar, Mayor
City of Whiting

Councilmember Sarvanidis also added a second piece of correspondence subsequent to the letter from Mayor Spebar which is the Plan Commission adopted WPC Resolution No. 2021-01, recommending the designation of Grenchik Lane to the Whiting Common Council. The resolution was adopted by the Plan Commission on April 27, 2021.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Spebar reported that Pierogi Fest for 2021 will be happening this year on July 23-25, 2021. Mayor Spebar stated that there will be modifications to the fest this year and some of those modifications include the absence of picnic tables located on 119th Street and will be located on side streets or grass areas, beer garden will no longer have seating and instead will have specific tables for standing, there will also possibly be a second serving area in the beer garden, and as of right now there has been no decision made regarding the parade.

Mayor Spebar also commented on the recommendation the designation of Grenchik Lane honoring Mayor Joseph Grenchik. Mayor Spebar stated that if the Council wishes to pass the resolution, there will be a ceremony on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised the Council that he will be presenting Resolution No. CC-2021-05, a resolution regarding the designation of Grenchik Lane.

Councilmember Zubeck advised the Council he will be presenting Resolution No. CC-2021-04, a resolution regarding the transfer of funds within various funds of the City of Whiting.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #482E-486E, 13140-13143, 13146, 13148-13186 in the amount of \$57,255.93. Councilmember Michko moved to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher Checks as submitted. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Sejna reported that the Redevelopment Commission closed on the property located at 1922 Front Street.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Zubeck presents Resolution No. CC-2021-04, a resolution regarding the transfer of funds within various funds of the City of Whiting. The Clerk-Treasurer advises that it is necessary to transfer monies within the various funds of the City of Whiting, IN. The unencumbered appropriation balance in the various funds of the City of Whiting, Indiana be

decreased and the appropriation balance in the following accounts be set forth and increased as follows:

	Increase	Decrease
Common Council		
Common Council Office Supplies 421.0000	432.50	
Common Council Promo of Bus. 439.0930		432.50

Councilmember Zubeck read Resolution No. CC-2021-04 in title only;

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA

Councilmember Zubeck made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2021-04. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented Resolution No. CC-2021-05, a resolution that will approve the Plan Commission's recommendation to designate a thoroughfare to be named Grenchik Lane.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Resolution No. CC-2021-05 in its entirety;

RESOLUTION NO. CC-2021-05

**COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA
APPROVING THE PLAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE A
THOROUGHFARE TO BE NAMED GRENCHIK LANE**

WHEREAS the Whiting Plan Commission has recommended the naming of the roadway connecting Center Street to 119th Street as Grenchik Lane; and

WHEREAS Joseph Grenchik served as the Mayor of the City of Whiting from January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1967, and from January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1987; and

WHEREAS the Common Council of the City of Whiting, Indiana would like to honor Joseph Grenchik for his dedication and devotion as Mayor of the City of Whiting, Indiana; and

WHEREAS the Common Council of the City of Whiting, Indiana expresses its sincere appreciation and thanks to the family of Joseph Grenchik for his contributions to the community, and highly commends his memory by naming a roadway in the neighborhood in which he was born and raised in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Whiting that Grenchik Lane be designated now and forever more.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CC-2021-05.

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

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. pertaining to the ordinances for the rate increases and anything else that may come before the Council. Councilmember Michko seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk-Treasurer Haynes will notify the media.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Councilmember Turpin asked if the park hours have updated yet. Mayor Spebar informed Councilmember Turpin that Parks Superintendent Cruz actually sent out an email today stating that the park hours would be changing and informing every one of the beach hours when the beach opens. Councilmember Turpin questioned if park security had been discussed as well. Mayor Spebar informed him that park security is in the process of being discussed along with discussions with the Police Department to have a police presence at the park as well.

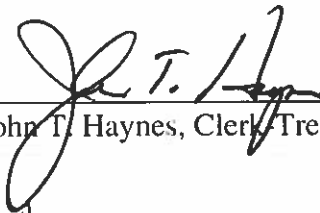
Councilmember Turpin questioned if there was any update about the signs on 119th Street for the no U-Turns. Mayor Spebar stated that he believes the signs have come in and they are now just waiting on installation.

Councilmember Zubeck informed Mayor Spebar and the Council that he believes Mayor Grenchik's son would be joining them as well at the street dedication.

Councilmember Turpin informed Mayor Spebar and the Council that Crime Watch will be starting back up at the MHOF, Thursday, May 13, 2021.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Michko moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk/Treasurer