

CITY OF WHITING – JANUARY 4, 2022

**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, January 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Spebar presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Spebar, Councilmembers Michko, Michniewicz, and Sarvanidis were present, constituting a quorum. Also, present, were Attorney Sejna and Acting Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Rokicki.

Councilmember Suarez, Councilmember Turpin, and Clerk-Treasurer Haynes were absent.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to suspend the rules to address the election of officers and for the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis, under suspension of the rules, opened up the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061, an ordinance appropriating money in the various funds of the City of Whiting, Indiana from unappropriated funds for the year 2022.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read the Legal Notice for this Public Hearing which was published in The Times on December 24, 2021 and was posted at City Hall.

Mayor Spebar asked three times for any comments or discussions about Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061. With there being no further comments, Mayor Spebar closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Michko moved that Councilman Sarvanidis be appointed President Pro Tem of the Whiting Common Council for 2022. Seconded by Councilmember Michniewicz. Mayor Spebar asked three times for other nominations. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. There were no other nominations, so Councilman Sarvanidis was elected by acclamation.

Councilman Michniewicz moved that Councilman Sarvanidis be appointed Chairman of the Whiting Common Council Ordinance Committee for 2022. Seconded by Councilmember Michko. Mayor Spebar asked three times for other nominations. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. There were no other nominations, so Councilman Sarvanidis was elected by acclamation.

Councilman Sarvanidis moved that Councilman Suarez be appointed Chairman of the Whiting Common Council Finance Committee for 2022. Seconded by Councilmember Michko. Mayor Spebar asked three times for other nominations. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted

aye. Motion carried unanimously. There were no other nominations, so Councilman Suarez was elected by acclamation.

Mayor Spebar returned to the regular order of business.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the December 21, 2021 Regular Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michko made a motion to accept the minutes from December 21, 2021 as submitted. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the December 28, 2021 Special Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from December 28, 2021 as submitted. Councilmember Michko 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 Spebar reported that Mr. Joseph Eudakis, who worked at the Public Works Facility for 34 years passed away. Mayor Spebar commented that during his time as Street Commissioner Mr. Eudakis was a good employee and just an overall good person who will be missed.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Sarvanidis advised the Council he will be presenting Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061, an ordinance appropriating monies in the various funds of the City of Whiting for the year 2022 for possible 3rd and final reading.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

None.

VII. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Sejna reported that the demolition process has started on the property located at 1401 – 121st Street.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Sarvanidis presented Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061, an ordinance appropriating money in the various funds of the City of Whiting for the year 2022. There are revenues that

came into the city that are deposited into the General Fund and then the Council needs to pass an Ordinance to appropriate those funds.

Councilmember Sarvanidis made a motion to take Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061 to a 3rd and reading. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Sarvanidis read Ordinance No. CC-2021-2061 in title only;

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES IN THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WHITING, INDIANA FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2022

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Sarvanidis stated that at the next Common Council meeting on January 18, 2022, they will be holding their annual Board of Finance meeting.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

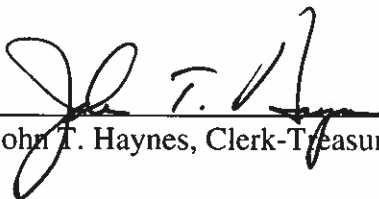
Carolyn Marsh of 1804 Oliver Street, presented the following questions and statements to the Council:

- Asked if the ordinance was put up on the website with information regarding what the ordinance is about.
- Questioned Mayor Spebar about the lead issue regarding our community and what the city can do.

Mayor Spebar, Attorney Sejna and Councilmember Sarvanidis responded to each of Ms. Marsh's concerns.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Sarvanidis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer

