

CITY OF WHITING – DECEMBER 6, 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, December 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Spebar presiding.

I. ROLL CALL

Mayor Spebar, Councilmembers Michniewicz, Sarvanidis, Turpin, and Suarez were present, constituting a quorum. Also, present, was Clerk-Treasurer Haynes.

Councilmember Michko and Attorney Sejna were absent.

II. MINUTES

Mayor Spebar asked for consideration of the minutes from the November 15, 2022 Regular Common Council meeting. Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to accept the minutes from November 15, 2022 as submitted. Councilmember Suarez seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS OR REMONSTRANCES

Councilmember Sarvanidis mentioned that the Common Council received correspondence from Carolyn Marsh that was also sent to Mayor Spebar and Clerk-Treasurer Haynes.

IV. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Spebar reported the following:

- Thanked everyone for their help on the Christmas parade. It was a well-attended event.
- The Kris Kringle Market was this past weekend and this upcoming weekend.
- Redevelopment Commission authorized the sale of 10 lots on Center Street to two developers.
- There will be a forum on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. regarding the condominiums being built on 119th Street across from Oil City Stadium.

V. STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

VI. REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

Clerk-Treasurer Haynes presented Civil City Check #574E-576E, 15458-15465, 15467-15497, 15499-15525, & November Payrolls in the amended amount of \$611,053.94. Councilmember Turpin 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

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Michniewicz made a motion to change the time of the December 20, 2022 Common Council meeting to 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Roll Call; (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

- Asked what the plan is for the old tennis court space and why it is being held up and with no public input solicited for the native plantings.

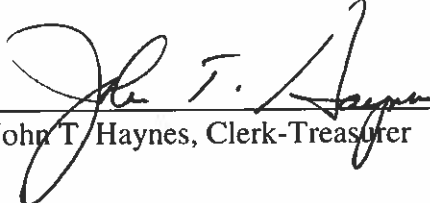
Mayor Spebar and several Councilmembers addressed Ms. Marsh's question and concerns.

Councilmember Turpin thanked Park Superintendent Cruz and her team for the tree plantings around town.

Ken Zubeck, of 1929 Schrage Avenue, stated that his grandchildren were very impressed with all the lights and decorations along 119th Street and with the Christmas Parade.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the Common Council, Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Councilmember Michniewicz seconded the motion. Roll Call: (Voice) All Councilmembers voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.



John T. Haynes, Clerk-Treasurer