

**COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CIVIL CITY OF UNION CITY, INDIANA
January 28, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Bryan Conklin presiding. The meeting was recorded by K.I.S.S.-TV.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and prayer was led by Mayor Bryan Conklin.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were: Dan Vinson, Bob Lahey, Jim Hufford, Tim Heuss and Chad Spence.

Also attending were: City Manager Monte Poling, Clerk-Treasurer Jan Walters, City Attorney Ryan Prinkey, Brian Merrill of Kiss TV, Michael Buckmaster of the News Gazette and Bill Richmond of WZZY.

Visitors were: Bob Gentry, Larry Amspaugh and Jeorgene Gaddy.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- Minutes
- Claims

Bob Lahey moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Jim Hufford seconded this motion. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & COMMENT

Mayor Bryan Conklin reported on the following:

- He has heard positive comments regarding the efforts of the street department in keeping the roads clear and salted.
- The police department had been having issues with their body cameras. The company that the city bought the cameras from replaced the old cameras with new ones.
- Since the Federal Government shutdown is over, we should be hearing soon from USDA about moving forward with the wastewater treatment plant project.

Council member Dan Vinson asked why several street lights are out throughout the city. The Mayor said that the electric company has replaced some of the bulbs and is looking into why some of the others are not working. Lights on Columbia street are out because the pole in front of Mrs. English's house was damaged in an accident and will need to be replaced.

Council member Bob Lahey asked if the street light pole in front of Mrs. English's would be restored to its original state or if the light was damaged beyond repair. Mayor Conklin

stated that the pole would be similar to the original pole, but that the original pole was broken beyond repair.

Clerk-Treasurer Jan Walters commented on the year-end financial report. The General Fund bank account is approximately \$350,000 more than it was at the beginning of the year. The revenue for water was at 107% of the estimated revenue and the revenue for sewage was at 97.5% of the estimated revenue. The total of the fund balances for both utilities were more than the total of the fund balances projected by Umbaugh.

Council President Chad Spence stated that the future YMCA/Wesley Methodist Childcare facility needs to have an offsite emergency meeting place for children and staff in the event of an Emergency. Council President Chad Spence suggested that the Fire Department would be an optimal emergency meeting place for the Childcare facility. Mayor Bryan Conklin agreed.

City Manager Monte Poling reported on the following:

- The State Rt.28 project is moving forward rapidly because of the joint project with INDOT and that we should start seeing tree removal and lay out flags. Monte stated that the city will try to do the downtown street scape at the same time. The surveyor has already started surveying for the street scape. INDOT will pay for the construction inspections and the ADA ramps.
- The Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is continuing to work on the Robotics program at the high school. There eventually will be a robotics competition among the schools in our five-county planning area.
- Purdue University has a program where they will review the city's online presence and make recommendations on how to improve our online presence and make it a better vehicle to communicate.

PRESENTERS ON AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

Chamber Updates - None

City Attorney Ryan Prinkey

- Establish Public Access TV Ordinance - Brian Merrill sent out a meeting request for the Midwest TV Board for 01/29/19. Attorney Ryan Prinkey has sent the Board the packet to review. Council President Chad Spence says the Midwest TV Board is getting closer to getting board approval.
- Quit Claim deed for 518 W. Pearl Street - Ryan is working on the court case for 518 West Pearl St. concerning the quick claim deed. The letter sent to the people in contract on the house was returned to Ryan. Because of this, Ryan believes the city will need to publish a summons.
- Adopt new language for R1 zoning - Ryan is still working on the new language for the R1 zoning with attorney Jason Welch.

NEW BUSINESS

Swearing in of Police Reserves-

Donny Sparks, Dillan Kolb, Michael Crowe, and Zorina Chavez were sworn in as reserve police officers.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment - Mayor Conklin said that Nathan Conklin will accept that appointment and fill in for the remainder of the year.

Ordinance 2019-01 – Ordinance to amend Chapter 76 – First Reading – City Manager Monte Poling explained that this ordinance is to amend our parking schedules of our codified city ordinances to add handicap parking for Hoosier Place. Council President Chad Spence moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-01, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 76 of the Ordinances of the City of Union City on the first reading by title only. Bob Lahey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Jim Hufford moved to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2019-01 and Tim Heuss seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Council President Chad Spence moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-01, an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 76 of the Ordinances of the City of Union City on the second reading by title only. Bob Lahey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Resolution 2019-R-01 – Increase/Decrease Resolution - Jim Hufford moved to accept Resolution 2019-R-01, a resolution to transfer funds within budget classifications for increase/decrease purposes. Chad Spence seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Conflict of Interest forms - Clerk Treasurer Jan Walters presented conflict of interest disclosures for three city employees and two elected officials to the Council for approval. Chad Spence moved to accept the conflict of Interests forms as presented and Bob Lahey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Community Crossings Bid - City Manager Monte Poling reported that the city received one bid for the Community Crossings Paving Project which was from Milestone Contractors for \$268,406.45. The bid has been reviewed by the engineering company and it has their approval. Chad Spence moved to accept the contract bid from Milestone Contractors, LLP in the amount of 268,406.45 as presented. Tim Heuss seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Community Room Work – Mayor Conklin presented two bids from Ed Kreiner for repair work that needs to be done in the Community room. One bid, in the amount of \$7995.76 is to repair walls in the back corner of the room and paint the walls. The other bid in the amount of \$8764.56, is to repair the ceiling along the back wall and paint the ceiling. Tim Heuss moved to accept the bids with the amendment that Mr. Kreiner consult with an air conditioning/heating contractor about adding ventilation to the enclosed area to

prevent the same issues from reoccurring. Chad Spence seconded his motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Fairfax Properties – City Manager Monte Poling explained that the city received these properties in a tax sale and described their location. He said that Ron Moore is the only adjoining property owner and is interested in the properties. He suggested that the city consider transferring the properties to Ron Moore as long as he pays for the legal fees associated with the transfer. After some discussion, Chad Spence moved to approve the transfer of the properties to Ron Moore as long as he pays the legal fees. Bob Lahey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Dan Vinson – no, Bob Lahey – yes, Jim Hufford – yes, Tim Heuss – yes, Chad Spence – yes. Vote was (4-1), motion carried.

2019 Capital Improvement Plan – City Manager Monte Poling presented the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan. Tim Heuss moved to accept the City of Union City, Indiana Capital Improvement Plan for 2019 as presented. Jim Hufford seconded his motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

REDC Packet – Mayor Conklin pointed out to Council that in their council packet is the agenda, minutes and reports from the last Randolph Economic Development Corporation (REDC) meeting. Mayor Conklin encouraged council to look over the packet and share some of the information with the public. Bryan said that if they have any questions or comments, they should contact him, Greg Beumer, or REDC President Brody Tarter.

VISITORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Larry Amspaugh of 1373 Landsdown Drive gave an update on “A Community Christmas”. He reported that more than 5474 cars went through the park this last Christmas Season. \$18,314.62 was collected in donations with \$3869 going to non-profits who manned the booths. He gave a list of 17 different towns from which people came to see the Christmas light display on one particular night. He talked about incorporating the downtown into the light display next year.

Jeorgene Gaddy of 1056 Caroline Street expressed her concern that we don't have multiple bids for our projects and asked if there is not a way to solicit bids so that we have more than one bid to consider for projects. City Manager Monte Poling explained that in the case of the paving bid, the State dumps five hundred million dollars out there to everybody at one time. These paving companies get busy and get booked up. Milestone was able to work us in because they are a large company. Our Engineering Company handled the bid process and they put it out to the bid houses and to a number of paving companies in the state. Milestone was the only bid received.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

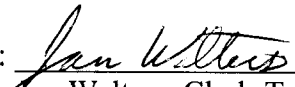
The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and the next regular Board of Works meeting will be on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

The Economic and Community Development meeting for Union City is Wednesday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, Dan Vinson moved to adjourn the meeting Chad Spence seconded the motion. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Bryan K. Conklin, Mayor

Attest: 
Jan Walters, Clerk-Treasurer