

**COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CIVIL CITY OF UNION CITY, INDIANA
February 11, 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, and Bill Richmond of WZZY.

Visitors were: Bob Gentry, Beth Colvin, Robert Worth, and Nathan Conklin.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- Minutes
- Claims

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & COMMENT

Mayor Bryan Conklin reported on the following:

- The land that the city was looking at for the mausoleum is no longer available. The city is looking at other locations within the cemetery grounds.
- The city is just shy of reinvesting \$40,000,000 back into the community over the last 11 years.

City Manager Monte Poling reported on the following:

- He is processing the right of way items for the Columbia Street Sidewalk Project. Construction of this project should begin in June. June is also when the INDOT paving project will start, and the Downtown Streetscape Phase II project will be going on at the same time as well.
- The City has received an award letter from INDOT for the railroad underpass project on Jackson Pike in the amount of \$779,660. Start date for the project is sometime in 2025.

PRESENTERS ON AGENDA

Fire Chief Steve Shoemaker talked about entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Winchester Fire Department. When Union City reaches a point that we leave our

facility unmanned, Winchester will come in and staff our station and vice versa. This is called backfilling. It also looks like Randolph County EMS is interested in entering into an agreement also. Steve Shoemaker said that we have started doing this and that there are still things to work out. Chad Spence moved to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Tim Heuss seconded. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Steve also reported on the Squad One project with Union City Ohio. Everything is on the trailer and the Ohio and Indiana fire departments are training together.

OLD BUSINESS

Chamber Updates – Mayor Conklin reported that there have been discussions with the Winchester Chamber and it seems favorable for a County Chamber.

City Attorney Ryan Prinkey

- Establish Public Access TV Ordinance – Chad Spence stated that Midwest TV is making changes to the language of the Ordinance and will send it back to Ryan after they are finished making the changes.
- Quit Claim deed for 518 W. Pearl Street – Nothing new to report
- Adopt new language for R1 zoning – nothing new to report

Ryan reported that we have to wait for the redemption period to be up before we can move forward with the tax sale properties. Ryan also said that he would like to review the condemnation list with the city and prioritize the list.

NEW BUSINESS

VAC Truck Purchase Agreement- Chad Spence moved to grant the mayor authority to proceed with the contract with Jack Doheny Companies for the purchase of the VAC truck contingent upon the release of funds from USDA. Dan Vinson seconded his motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Quotes for updating SCADA - Two quotes were presented for updating the SCADA software. The quote from George E. Booth Co., Inc. was for \$11,900, and the quote from Toric Engineering was for \$14,362.00. The Board of Works recommended the quote from George E. Booth Co., Inc. Chad Spence moved to accept the bid from George E. Booth Co., Inc. in the amount of \$11,900 as presented. Jim Hufford seconded his motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Tax abatements for residential properties – This proposal is for people who may want to buy a rental property, fix it up and use it themselves. It is also for new construction. There was some discussion on the subject, but no final decision was made. Mayor Conklin asked council to do some research on other communities that have implemented tax abatements for residential properties and bring ideas back for future discussion.

VISITORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Beth Colvin of 321 West Oak Street expressed her concern about the vandalism that has been taking place downtown lately. Mayor Conklin stated that there have been a couple

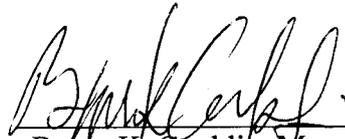
of arrests for vandalism downtown and that the city is installing cameras downtown to help address this vandalism issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

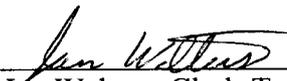
The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and the next regular Board of Works meeting will be on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, Dan Vinson moved to adjourn the meeting Bob Lahey seconded the motion. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Bryan K. Conklich, Mayor

Attest: 

Jan Walters, Clerk-Treasurer