

**COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CIVIL CITY OF UNION CITY, INDIANA
February 25, 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. Jim Hufford seconded this motion. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & COMMENT

Mayor Bryan Conklin reported on the following:

- Mayor Bryan Conklin talked briefly about Rental Inspection appeals from Board of Works meeting.
- Mayor Conklin spoke with John Anderson, and the engineering work on Back Stay will be complete by late summer early fall. Then the process will be an 18-month project.
- Clerk Treasurer Jan Walters communicated that she was leaving for vacation February 27, 2019.

Clerk Treasurer Jan Walters reported on the following:

- Clerk Treasurer Jan Walters communicated that the financial reports would be late getting to council because she would be on vacation until March 12, 2019.
- Clerk Treasurer Jan Walters communicated that the Annual Financial Report was due on March 1, 2019 and that she had it completed. Jan stated that she would email council the annual financial report prior to leaving for vacation.

Council President Chad Spence reported on the following:

- Council President Chad Spence congratulated the Winchester Girls Basketball team for their outstanding season.

- Council President Chad Spence stated that almost all of the lights in the park are down and that the signs will be the next to come down.

City Manager Monte Poling reported on the following:

- The City received the IDEM Construction Permit for the Wastewater Plant upgrade. The next step is now with USDA and we are waiting on them to finalize that. The City hopes to get the job out for bid shortly.
- The daycare project is finishing up and is in its final stages.

PRESENTERS ON AGENDA

- Keith Payne presented an update on the Oak Street Housing Project. Keith is working with Midwest on the design, location and layout.

OLD BUSINESS

Chamber Updates – Barb Gentry a member of the Chamber spoke for Susan Linder;

- An Annual Banquet is scheduled April 4th 2019 at Mississinewa School. The chamber is looking for nominations both male and female for the Hub City Award. The Hub City award is for those who volunteer in the community. Forms are at the bookstore.
- April 13th 2019 Jan Aukerman will be sponsoring a Dancing with the Stars. It will be at the Union City High School in the cafeteria. Admission will be 10.00 at the door and the donations will go to Elks Cancer fund.
- Chamber Membership letters are going out this week and the Chamber is asking for the support of the community and new memberships.
- Working on an Event Calendar for the Community. The Chamber is also looking into an electronic sign to help advertise what is happening in the community. This would be on City property. Tourism Board might be able to help.
- The Union City Chamber and the Winchester Chamber are continuing to talk about a County Chamber.

City Attorney Ryan Prinkey

- The condemned properties were emailed to the appropriate persons by Ryan Prinkey and Ryan Prinkey is asking for guidance as to which properties that he is to put into court. Council President Chad Spence helped clarify some properties that were no longer standing and suggested that priority removals should be focused around proximity to new building projects.
- Establish Public Access TV Ordinance – Nothing to report
- Quit Claim deed for 518 W. Pearl Street – Nothing new to report
- Adopt new language for R1 zoning – Nothing new to report

Mayor stated that he would entertain a motion to make 2nd payment of 26,000 to Keith Payne for design work. Council President Chad Spence moved to authorize the payment of 26,000 to Keith Payne of ARHI Building and remodeling for 26,000. Jim Hufford seconded the motion. All Ayes were received (5-0).

Tax abatements for residential properties – More discussion on this initiative, but no decisions made.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancellations of Warrants and outstanding checks- Clerk Jan Walters ask the board for permission to cancel old warrants and outstanding checks. Council President Chad Spence moved to accept the cancellations of warrants and outstanding checks and Dan Vincent seconded the motion. All Ayes were received (5-0)

Salary Ordinance Amendment 2019-02 For Fire back-up pay-Steve Shoemaker explained the necessity for this Amendment. Council President Chad Spence moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-02 which is the Ordinance amending Salary ordinance on the first reading by title only. Tim Heuss seconded the motion. All Ayes were received. (5-0)

Council President Chad Spence moved to suspend the rules. Tim Heuss seconded the motion. All Ayes were received. (5-0)

Mayor Brian Conklin said that he would entertain a motion to move forward. Council President Chad Spence moved to adopt Salary Ordinance Amendment 2019-02 which is the Ordinance amending Salary ordinance on the second reading by title only. Jim Hufford seconded the motion. All Ayes were received (5-0)

Mayor Bryan Conklin Explained Resolution 2019-R-02 Dedication of Public Right-Of-Way. Council President Chad Spence moved to Adopt Resolution 2019-R-02 Dedication of Public Right-Of-Way. Jim Hufford seconded the motion. All Ayes were received. (5-0)

VISITORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

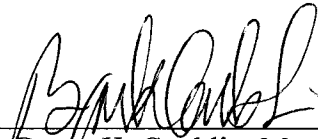
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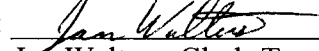
The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and the next regular Board of Works meeting will be on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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 7:30 p.m.



Bryan K. Conklin, Mayor

Attest: 

Jan Walters, Clerk-Treasurer