

**COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CIVIL CITY OF UNION CITY, INDIANA
March 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, Deputy Clerk Cindy Mink, City Attorney Ryan Prinkey, Brian Merrill of Kiss TV, and Bill Richmond of WZZY.

Visitors were: Bob Gentry

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:

- Police Chief Cobie Wells met with School Superintendent Aaron Black to discuss some of the school traffic issues and to develop a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Police Chief Cobie Wells and Fire Chief Steve Shoemaker are working how to integrate fire and EMS into an active shooter response.
- The fire department is participating in Senior Life Week at the school this week. They will be teaching CPR, first aid, and situation awareness.

City Manager Monte Poling reported on the following:

- An RBC at the sewage plant went down on Friday. Superintendent Rob Myers, along with the help of Public Works Director Brad Mink and some of his employees, are desperately working to get the RBC repaired. Hopefully they will be able to get it back up and running this week and it will hold up until we get the new plant.
- We are on track for the Columbia Street Sidewalk Project to kick off in June.

Councilman Chad Spence reported that all the Christmas trees are down and put in park storage barn. Chad offered to show anyone who was interested, the new park barn and how all the Christmas lights are stored in it.

PRESENTERS ON AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

Chamber Updates – Bob Gentry reported that the Chamber is going to ask the Community Foundation for a grant for a sign.

City Attorney Ryan Prinkey

- Establish Public Access TV Ordinance – Brian Merrill gave Ryan a copy of the operating agreement along with changes that Midwest TV wants made. Once this operating agreement is finished between Midwest TV and the city, then Ryan will write the operating agreement between Midwest TV and the school. Once this is done, the Ordinance can be drafted.
- Quit Claim deed for 518 W. Pearl Street – Nothing new to report.
- Adopt new language for R1 zoning – Nothing new to report.

Mayor Conklin asked Ryan to research what can be done to get property owners to be responsible for tearing down the houses that have been condemned by the city.

Tax Abatement for Residential Properties – Monte Poling found out that we can only do tax abatements on selected zones and only on 15 % of the total city. Mayor Conklin asked council members, before the next council meeting, to identify areas in their district that might be identified as a selected zone for a tax abatement.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on purchasing property at 403 W. Pearl St.- Chad Spence moved to purchase the property at 403 W. Pearl St. for \$59,000. Bob Lahey seconded his motion. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Stutzman Contract – Chad Spence motioned to move forward with the Stutzman Contract, not to exceed \$5000.00. Tim Heuss seconded his motion. A roll call vote was taken: Dan Vinson – no, Bob Lahey – yes, Jim Hufford – yes, Tim Heuss – yes, Chad Spence – yes (4-1), motion carried.

VISITORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

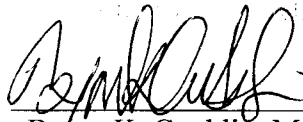
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

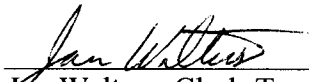
ADJOURNMENT

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 6:50 p.m.



Bryan K. Conklin, Mayor

Attest:


Jan Walters, Clerk-Treasurer