

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Joseph M. Thallemer presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Council members Charles Smith, Jeff Grose, Elaine Call, Cindy Dobbins, Mike Klondaris, Diane Quance, and Jerry Frush. Also present, Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Michael Valentine, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Fire Territory Chief Mike Brubaker, Police Chief Scott Whitaker, Ron Shoemaker, Mike Ragan, Monica Boyer, Craig Nayrock, Jim Alexander, Grace College Professor Terry White and students as noted on the attached attendance sheet, Stacey Page from Stacey Page On-Line, and Times-Union reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thallemer followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES-

The minutes from the September 3, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Frush and carried by unanimous vote.

VISITORS-

Mayor Thallemer acknowledged and welcomed Professor Terry White and Journalism students from Grace College. The Mayor also welcomed members from the Youth Advisory Council.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

- (1) August Fund Report.
- (2) Fall Clean-Up Day announcement.
- (3) Kosciusko County Resolution to Non-Binding Review.
- (4) "Pop-Up" shops in downtown area during the Holiday season.
(Documentation attached to minutes).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

2014 CONTRACTS WITH NOT-FOR-PROFITS-

The following non-profit requests and amounts for 2014 were discussed:

- (1) AWL - Kosciusko Animal Welfare League - \$17,500.
- (2) CCAC - City County Athletic Complex - \$31,000.
- (3) KABS - Kosciusko Area Bus Service - \$18,500 (With the additional \$10,000 request for matching federal funds for capital improvement coming from Riverboat Fund).
- (4) WCDC - Warsaw Community Development Corporation - \$12,600.
- (5) WHA - Warsaw Housing Authority - \$30,000.
- (6) HOW-Housing Opportunities of Warsaw - \$17,300.
- (7) Façade Grant - \$35,000

The Council requested that KABS return to the next meeting for a review of their capital improvement request. No action was taken on the above agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS-

2014 BUDGET AND TAX RATE APPROVAL ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2013-09-03, appropriations and tax rates for 2014, was presented. This is the advertised "Public Hearing" for the 2014 budgets. No citizens came forward with any comment for, or opposed to, the proposed budget. After discussion, Councilor Quance made a motion to approve the budget on first reading, seconded by Councilor Smith, carried by unanimous vote. The "Adoption Hearing" will be held on October 21, 2013.

ORDINANCE/ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/REDEVELOPMENT/BUILDING & PLAN-

Ordinance #2013-09-01 requesting an additional appropriation from the Redevelopment North TIF Fund of \$550,000.00 for the funding of purchasing property was presented. Proper advertisement has taken place announcing tonight's public hearing for the appropriation. Mayor Thallemer invited public comments in favor of, or opposed to, the project to come forward and speak and no one did. After discussion, motion made by Councilor Smith to approve Ordinance #2013-09-01, seconded by Councilor Call and carried by unanimous vote. Councilor Quance made a motion to suspend the rules and approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilor Frush carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

2014 GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2013-10-01, an ordinance establishing maximum compensation levels for the year 2014 for Department Heads, Appointive Positions and certain Salaried and Non-Salaried employees of the City of Warsaw was introduced. Discussion followed and this ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the October 8th, 2013 Council meeting for its first reading. Passage must occur by November 1, 2013.

2014 FIRE TERRITORY SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2013-10-02, an ordinance establishing maximum compensation levels for the year 2014 for the Department Head, Appointive Positions and certain Salaried and Non-Salaried employees of the Warsaw-Wayne Township Fire Territory was introduced. This ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the October 8, 2013 Council meeting for its first reading, and passage must occur by November 1, 2013.

2014 ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2013-10-03, an ordinance establishing compensation for the year 2014 for Elected Officials was introduced. Passage of this Ordinance must occur by December 31, 2013.

OTHER MATTERS-

*Mayor Thallemer reminded the Council and those in attendance that the next meeting will be October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. He also advised the Council that he has invited NIPRA to attend the next meeting and present the progress of the Passenger Rail System.

ADJOURNED-

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer