

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 7, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in Regular Session on Monday April 7, 2014 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 Elaine Call, Cindy Dobbins, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Mike Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky, local citizens as noted on attached attendance sheet, Phil Kuhn from Lake City Radio, Stacey Page from Stacey Page On-Line, and Jennifer Peryam, reporter with the Warsaw Times-Union

ABSENT: Council members Jeff Grose and Charlie Smith.

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the March 17, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Frush to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Dobbins and carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

- 1). 2013 Year-End Wastewater Utility Summary
- 2). March 2014 Investment Report
- 3). March 2014 Funds Report
(Information attached).

NEW BUSINESS-

TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented for approval the following company who has submitted their CF-1 Real (SF 51766) "compliance with statement of benefits" form for Tax Abatement. Mr. Skinner recommended approval of continuation of the requested Tax Abatement, finding the company to be in compliance.

- (1) Martin's Super Markets, Inc., 1150 Husky Trail, one (1) Real Property, and no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Call approving the form, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

(Copy attached to minutes).

DOMESTIC CHICKENS ORDINANCE/B&P

Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky, upon recommendation of the Plan Commission, presented **Ordinance #2014-04-01** allowing homeowners to own up to five (5) domestic chickens by amending Chapter Six of the City Code and adding Section 13.10 to Appendix B-Zoning. He included several letters from local citizens in favor of the amendment. Mayor Thallemer asked Councilor Klondaris to recap the Plan Commissions discussions that were held over the matter and then Mayor Thallemer opened the discussion to those in attendance. Speaking in favor of the ordinance were, James Bausch 1106 Sheridan St., Emma Schwendeman 1401 Country Club Dr. E., Craig Nayrock 651 N. Johnson St., Fred Helfrich 1202 E. Main Street, Patrick Loeb 1202 E. Ft. Wayne St., Kate Bell of 632 Normandy Lane, and Tricia LeCount 1403 Greenhill. Dr. Dan Smith 1932 Robb Rd. offered a comment that was neither for or against the ordinance while Mike Ragan 1468 E. 75 N., and Ron Shoemaker 1001 E. Smith St. both spoke in opposition to the ordinance. Mayor Thallemer closed the public comment portion at 7:53. Several items were discussed between the Council and those in attendance including a provision for a "neighbor waiver" as well as inoculations. After further discussion amongst the Council a motion was made by Councilor Klondaris to approve the ordinance as written, seconded by Councilor Frush with Councilor's Call, Dobbins, and Quance voting nay. (Information attached).

OTHER MATTERS-

*Councilor Quance announced that early/absentee voting will start on April 8th.

ADJOURNMENT-

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