

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 04, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 6:00 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, Jeff Grose, Charles Smith, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present, Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Mike Valentine, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy, WDCD Director Mark Dobson, George Robertson KEDCO, Karl Swihart from the CCAC, Kevin Planck from KABS, Darla McCammon from Animal Welfare League, Nate Bosch from the Center for Lakes & Streams, Ron Shoemaker, Anne Bonewitz, John Faulkner from Stacey Page On-Line, and Warsaw 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 July 21st Regular 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. The minutes from the July 28th Special Meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

1. July Investment Report.
(Documentation attached to minutes).

NEW BUSINESS-

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION REQUESTS FOR FUNDING-

The following organization representatives appeared before the Council to request funding assistance:

1. City County Athletic Complex (CCAC)/Karl Swihart presented a request for \$31,000.00.
2. Warsaw Housing Authority/ Pam Kennedy presented the following requests for funding: Housing Authority-\$30,000.00; Housing Opportunities-\$25,000.00
3. Animal Welfare League/ Darla McCammon presented a request for \$19,000.00.
4. Kosciusko Area Bus Service (KABS)/Kevin Planck presented a request for \$18,500.00 plus a one-time \$10,000.00 local match for bus replacement.
5. Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO)/George Robertson and Don Brown presented a request for \$50,000.00.
6. WDCD/Mark Dobson presented request for their operating expenses for \$12,600.00; Matching Façade- \$25,000.00; and Alley Façade Program in the amount of \$10,000.00.
7. Center for Lakes and Streams, Grace College/Nate Bosch presented a request for \$5,000.00.

All requests will be considered for funding within the 2015 budgets.

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS-

The following Department Heads presented their proposed budgets for 2015:

Human Resources Director Jennifer Whitaker presented the following budget:
Human Resources

Mayor Joseph Thallemer presented the following budgets:

Mayor's Office
Common Council
Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT)
Riverboat
Rainy Day

Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen presented the following budgets:

Clerk-Treasurer
Cumulative Capital Improvement
General Bond Budget

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND-

During the July 28th Special Session, H. J. Umbaugh presented a Comprehensive Financial Plan. The plan included issuing a new General Obligation Bond in 2014 to help ease capital spending within the General Budget in 2015. The General Obligation Bond of 2008 has the last payment due in February of 2015. Mayor Thallemer explained the advantage of issuing a new bond and the council discussed the matter as well. The discussion and decision to issue the bond will be held at a later date.

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY-

Ordinance #2014-08-01, transferring \$3,000.00 within the Cemetery budget was presented for approval. The transfer will be made from Salaries and Wages to Repair and Maintenance and more specifically defined in the ordinance. Councilor Call made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilor Smith, carried by unanimous vote. Councilor Call made a motion to suspend the rules and pass on second reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

ALLEY UPGRADE REQUEST-

Robin Watters requested the Council to consider improvements to the alley located behind his business in the 200 block of S. Buffalo Street. The alley runs north and south and is between the 200 block of S. Buffalo Street and the 200 block of S. Lake Street. Mr. Watters was not in attendance but Mayor Thallemer spoke on his behalf.

OTHER-

*Councilor Grose advised that the Deer Reduction Task Force has begun training its hunters for the upcoming season.

*Councilor Dobbins asked about the status of the old City Hall and if anyone has been interested in purchasing it.

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