

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 03, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, August 3, 2015 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 Cindy Dobbins, 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, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, 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, David Neff from Kosciusko Community Senior Services, Pam Kennedy from Warsaw Housing Authority, Jeff Rowe and Kate Coffel from Umbaugh, Dean Avery from Warsaw Fiber, InkFree News reporter Deb Patterson, Times-Union reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: Council members Elaine Call and Jeff Grose.

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the July 20th Regular Meeting and the July 27th Special Session/Budget Workshop were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Frush, and carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE 2015-07-02/POLICE BUY MONEY-

Ordinance #2015-07-02 was presented for consideration. The ordinance amends Sec. 2-154 (a) of the City Code which refers to procedure, documentation, and disbursement of Buy Money by the Police Department. Motion made by Councilor Smith to approve Ordinance #2015-07-02, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. Councilor Frush made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Information attached to minutes).

NEW BUSINESS-

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION REQUESTS FOR FUNDING-

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

1. Animal Welfare League/Darla McCammon presented a request for \$19,000.00.
2. Center for Lakes and Streams, Grace College/Nate Bosch presented a request for \$10,000.00.
3. City County Athletic Complex (CCAC)/Karl Swihart presented a request for \$31,000.00.
4. Kosciusko Area Bus Service (KABS)/Kevin Planck presented a request for \$18,500.00 plus \$10,000.00 local match for bus replacement.
5. Kosciusko Community Senior Services David Neff presented a request for \$15,000.00.
6. Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO)/George Robertson and Don Brown presented a request for \$55,000.00.
7. Warsaw Housing Authority/Pam Kennedy presented the following requests for funding: Housing Authority-\$30,000.00
8. WDCD/Mark Dobson presented request for their operating expenses for \$17,500.00; Matching Façade- \$25,000.00; and Alley Façade Program in the amount of \$10,000.00.

All requests will be considered for funding within the 2016 budgets.

SEWAGE WORKS REFUNDING BOND 2015-

Jeff Rowe of H. J. Umbaugh and Associates presented information to the Council on refunding the Lease Rental Revenue Bonds of 2005. He gave an overview of re-issuing the bonds and the savings that could occur. Mayor Thallemer asked the Council if they wished to proceed with the Refunding Bond and by a vote of all ayes, the Council approved to move forward with the bond.

TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS

T. Dean Avery, Jr. requested that several tax abatements be approved for Redwood IT, LLC. He is asking for ten year abatements for both Personal and Real Property for his business located at 501 Argonne Road. Motion was made by Councilor Klondaris to approve the abatements, seconded by Councilor Smith, carried by unanimous vote. (Copies attached to minutes).

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS-

The following Department Chairs presented their proposed budgets for 2016:

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

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