

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 4, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, June 4, 2012 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, Jeff Grose, Charles Smith, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present, Mayor Joseph M. Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Michael Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Andrea Nichols from Arbor Metrics Solutions/NIPSCO, Rich Gaul, Josh, Brent, and David Wildman, Jerry Opperud, Kyle Babcock, Ron Shoemaker, Jack Wilhite, Mike Ragan, news reporter Stacy Page, and Times-Union reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: Councilmember Mike Klondaris

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilmember Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Frush and carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

The following reports and communications were presented:

1. Tree City USA Update
2. Clerk-Treasurer IAMC status.
3. BZA update.
4. May Investment Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

None noted.

NEW BUSINESS-

DECLARATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA/R & B INVESTORS PARTNERSHIP –

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented for consideration **Resolution #2012-06-01**, a resolution designating an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA), and more specifically set forth within the resolution. Mr. Josh Wildman representative of R & B Investors Partnership– Wildman Uniform desires to petition the City for a ten year real and personal property tax abatement and this requires the City establish the area as an ERA. Discussion followed. Councilor Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-06-01, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Documentation attached to minutes).

TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS –

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented for approval the following list of companies that submitted their CF-1 Personal Property (SF 51765), “compliance with statement of benefits” forms for tax abatement. Mr. Skinner recommended approval of continuation of the requested tax abatements, finding both companies to be in compliance.

- (1) DePuy Orthopedics Inc., 700 and 715 Orthopedic Drive, one (1) Personal Property, no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Call to approve continuing the abatements, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

- (2) Riepen Limited Partnership LLC (Danco Anodizing) 2450 Deelyn Dr. two (2) Personal Property, no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Smith approving the request, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

(Copies attached).

ORDINANCE/AIRPORT ANNEXATION/CR 100 E.–

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Ordinance #2012-06-01** adopting the annexation of

certain property into the City limits. The property is a tract of land in the NW Quarter of Section 34, Township 33 North, Range 6 East in Plain Township, Kosciusko County, IN containing 54.11 acres more or less, and more particularly described in the ordinance. The property is located east of the Airport along CR 100 East. The property is owned by the City and this is a voluntary annexation. Councilor Quance made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Smith, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

ORDINANCE/AIRPORT ANNEXATION/CR 300 N.-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Ordinance #2012-06-02** adopting the annexation of certain property into the City limits. The property is a tract of land in the NE Quarter of Section 33, Township 33 North, Range 6 East, located in Plain Township, Kosciusko County, IN, containing 62.21 acres, more or less, and more particularly described in the ordinance. The property is located along CR 300 North and CR 100 East. The property is owned by the City and this is a voluntary annexation. Councilor Quance made a motion to pass the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

OTHER MATTERS-

SMART METERS-

Rich Gaul had attended the previous Council meeting and gave the Council information about “Smart” meters. He asked the Council if they had reviewed the information he had handed out and if they had any questions. The Council would like REMC and/or NIPSCO to come to a future meeting and explain the meters to the group.

COUNCIL REDISTRCTING-

City Planner Skinner advised the Council that he will have an Ordinance prepared to present for re-districting of Council Districts at the next meeting.

CITY HALL UPDATE-

Mayor Thallemer and Mr. Skinner gave the Council an update on the progress of the new City Hall. Councilor Call requested information on the renovation cost and which funds payments for the remodeling are being made from. She would like this information when the project is complete.

DOWNTOWN PARKING UPDATE-

Councilor Dobbins shared information from the Downtown Parking meeting that took place several days ago. Another public meeting will be held at a later date. She also advised the survey is still available and thus far about 300 surveys have been returned.

FARMERS MARKET-

Mayor Thallemer advised the Council that the Grand Opening for the Saturday Farmers Market Downtown was held last Saturday. 12-14 vendors were present and as the season progresses more vendors will likely participate.

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