

**COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 18, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, June 18, 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, Jeff Grose, Charles D. Smith, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush and Diane Quance. Also present, Mayor Joseph M. Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, Attorney Adam Turner, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Fire Territory Chief Mike Brubaker, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Ron Shoemaker, Mike Ragan, Jack Wilhite, Josh Wildman, Rich Gaul, Monica and Brian Boyer, Jim Heierman, Tom Allen, Dave and Anne Bonewitz, on-line news reporter Stacey Page, and Warsaw Times-Union reporter Craig Brosman.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Cindy Dobbins

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

**MINUTES –**

The minutes from the June 4, 2012 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Frush to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Grose, and carried by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –**

1. Complimentary Letter from local resident citing Street Department work.
2. June 2012 Cemetery Board Meeting Update.
3. Proposed Hearing Dates for 2013 Budget.
4. May Financial Report.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**ORDINANCE REDISTRICTING AND ESTABLISHING NEW COUNCIL DISTRICTS–**

This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICIES-**

Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker reviewed Ordinance #2012-06-04 adopting an anti-nepotism policy as required by I.C. 36-1-20.2 and I.C. 36-1-21. The new policy establishes protocol concerning contracting with relatives of elected officials and addressing nepotism and employment. After discussion, Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

**RESOLUTION AMENDING NORTHERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA-**

Resolution #2012-06-04 was presented for consideration. The Resolution approves an order of the Plan Commission that was previously adopted by the Redevelopment Commission to amend the Economic Development Plan and expand the boundaries of the Northern Economic Development Area. The expansion includes areas previously annexed into the City Limits earlier this year, located on the north side of U.S. 30 along the north western boundary. After discussion, Councilor Smith made a motion to pass the Resolution, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA-**

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution #2012-06-03 confirming the adoption of a Declaratory Resolution designating certain areas within the City Limits an Economic Revitalization Area for real and personal property. The request is being made by R&B Investors/Wildman Business Group for property located in the 800 block of South Buffalo Street. Motion made by Councilor Quance approving the Resolution, seconded by Councilor Call, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS-**

Resolution #2012-06-02 was presented for consideration. Earlier this year the Indiana

Department of Revenue announced that local income tax revenue (COIT) funds due to the City for the year 2011 and 2012 had not been distributed properly. The Resolution will transfer the special COIT distributions from the General Fund into the Rainy Day Fund and more specifically stated in the resolution. After discussion, Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

**TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS –**

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented for approval the following list of companies who submitted their SB-1 Real (SF 51767) and/or SB-1 Personal Property (SF 51764), forms for Tax Abatement. Mr. Skinner recommended approval of the requested Tax Abatements, finding both companies to be in compliance.

- (1) R&B Investors Partnership, 800 So. Buffalo St., one (1) Real Property, representative present.
- (2) Wildman Business Group, 800 S. Buffalo St., one (1) Personal Property, representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Call to approve the abatements, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote. (Copies attached).

**OTHER MATTERS-  
BIKE/WALK PATH-**

Mayor Thallemer advised that with the recent re-paving of E. Smith Street, the first mile of the Bike/Walk Path has now been marked. He suggested that everyone travel along E. Smith Street and observe the course.

**SMART METERS-**

Rich Gaul asked the Council if they had researched information on “Smart Meters”. He also asked the Council if fees to “opt out” of the program could be banned as well. Mr. Gaul was advised that fees are set by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and the Council could not change those fees. Members of the Council also directed Mr. Gaul to different avenues he could take to oppose the use of “Smart Meters”.

**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**