

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 1, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, December 1, 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 Charles Smith, Jeff Grose, 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, Street Superintendent Jeff Beeler, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Anne Bonewitz, Bruce Woodward, Amy Prosser, InkFree News reporter Deb Patterson, and 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 November 17, 2014 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Frush to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS-

The following reports and communications were presented:

1. November 2014 Investment Report.
2. Updated Employee Handbook was distributed for review.

(Information attached to minutes)

NEW BUSINESS-

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD S/2015-

The following citizens were appointed to the following boards for 2015:

-Redevelopment Commission- Jeff Johnson and Rick Snodgrass

Motion made by Councilor Call to approve the appointments, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, carried by unanimous vote.

-Warsaw Economic Development Commission- Dan Robinson

Motion made by Councilor Call to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, carried by unanimous vote. (Information attached to minutes).

RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/BUILDING & PLAN-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution #2014-12-01 adopting a new Comprehensive Plan for the City. The Plan Commission held a public hearing to consider the adoption earlier this year, and found the plan to be in the best interest of the City. Mayor Thallemer opened the discussion for public comments. Amy Prosser was concerned that the subdivision she lives in, outside the current city limits, will be annexed within the next eight to ten years. She commented that she was glad to hear that the plan was a guideline. After discussion a motion was made by Councilor Klondaris to approve Resolution #2014-12-01, seconded by Councilor Smith carried by unanimous vote. (Information attached to minutes).

TRANSFER ORDINANCE/MAYOR-

Ordinance #2014-12-02 transferring \$915.00 from several Human Resources general fund appropriations into several appropriations within the Mayor's budget, and more specifically set forth within the Ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Smith to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Call, carried by unanimous vote. Motion then made by Councilor Quance to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX B OF THE CITY CODE/BUILDING & PLAN-

Mr. Skinner presented Ordinance #2014-12-03 which amends Appendix B of the City Code. Article 3.5-Vision Clearance is amended in the Ordinance as well as Article 13.5-Fences, and Article 12.0.4.1-Accessory Structures and more specifically stated in the ordinance. He explained to the Council that several different issues repeatedly surfaced when issuing permits or inspecting projects and the ordinance needs to be amended. Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky reviewed all the changes with the Council with a video presentation. Mayor

Thallemer opened the meeting for public comment. Anne Bonewitz was concerned with the proposed fence height and type in a front yard. Bruce Woodward questioned porches and ramps and no further comments were made. After discussion a motion was made by Councilor Call to approve the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Smith, carried by unanimous vote.

TRANSFER ORDINANCE/STREET-

Ordinance #2014-12-04, an ordinance transferring \$54,000.00 within the Street Department budget and more specifically set forth within the ordinance was presented for approval. Street Superintendent Jeff Beeler explained to the Council that he needs to replace a 1989 semi-tractor that cannot be reasonably repaired financially. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve Ordinance #2014-09-04, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. Motion then made by Councilor Grose to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

OTHER MATTERS-

-Councilor Klondaris noted that he had visited the LaVista Drive area and was pleased with the recent road improvements. He also noted that there was no signage placed in the roadway on recent work at the Ranch Road Railroad crossing and Market Street crossing. Mayor Thallemer noted that when he became aware of the problem, he instructed Mr. Beeler to place signs at those locations. Mayor Thallemer and Mr. Beeler also stated that the "re-work" on Ranch Road was still not suitable.

-Councilor Dobbins gave her appreciation to the Cemetery and Street Departments for placing Christmas decorations downtown.

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