

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 7, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, December 7th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ernest Wiggins presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Councilmen Charles Smith, George Clemens, Jerry Patterson, Councilman Kyle Babcock, Joe Thallemer, and Daniel Hampton. Also present Mayor Wiggins, Clerk-Treasurer Elaine Call, City Attorney Michael Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Fire Chief Mike Rice, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Attorney Steve Snyder, Martin's Supermarket representatives Rob Bartels and Greg Freehauf, Grace College Professor Terry White and a group of his students more specifically set forth on the sign-in sheet, local resident Bruce Woodward, Stacey Page, reporter for News with Stacey page, and Warsaw Times Union reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: Councilman Jeff Grose.

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

MINUTES –

The minutes from the November 16, 2009 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Thallemer to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

Mayor Wiggins recognized and welcomed Professor Terry White and a group of his students from Grace College.

REPORTS –

The following reports and communications were presented:

- (1) Mayor Wiggins announced that Purdue University, via video streaming, will hold a workshop on December 16, 2009 entitled "Recession Recovery and Indiana Government Budgets" by instructor Professor Larry DeBoer.
- (2) Fire Department submitted their November Activity Report.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADJUSTMENT REPORT –

Resolution #2009-12-01, a resolution amending Resolution #2009-07-01, was presented for approval. These are adjustments by reduction of the original encumbrances carried forward from 2008. Motion made by Councilman Thallemer to approve Resolution #2009-12-01, seconded by Councilman Babcock, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA /MARTIN'S SUPER MARKET –

Attorney Steve Snyder representing Martin's Super Market, Inc. was present to request an Economic Development Target Area be designated for real estate located along Husky Trail, more specifically Lots 2 & 51 in Menard Subdivision. City Planner Jeremy Skinner reported that the City Economic Development Commission met and gave a favorable recommendation. Rob Bartels and Greg Freehauf VP Finance, CFO of Martins Supermarket were present to support their request in the anticipation of locating a new Martin's in Warsaw. The Resolution #2009-12-02, a Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Development Target Area was presented for approval. Discussion followed. The Statement of Benefits for tax abatement of Real Estate Improvements was requested for a five (5) year period. Attorney Steve Snyder reported that this is the preliminary hearing on the Economic Development Area. The Public Hearing will be advertised to meet at the next Council meeting. Motion made by Councilman Thallemer to approve Resolution #2009-12-02, seconded by Councilman Clemens, carried by a vote of five (5) Ayes with Councilman Smith abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BAIR ANNEXATION/FISCAL PLAN –

City Planner Jeremy Skinner reported that this is the advertised public hearing on petition for voluntary annexation from Roger Bair. He presented for approval Resolution #2009-12-03, a resolution adopting a written Fiscal Plan and establishing a policy for the provision of services to the annexed area in Wayne Township for Mr. Bair's property. This is a Voluntary Annexation. Motion made by Councilman Babcock to approve Resolution #2009-12-03, seconded by Councilman Patterson, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK –

H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker presented Ordinance #2009-12-01, an amendment to the Personnel Policy Handbook. This revises the granted sick time portion of the handbook, more specifically set forth within the ordinance. Motion made by Councilman Smith to approve changes to the policy, seconded by Councilman Hampton, carried by unanimous vote.

AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK –

H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker presented Ordinance #2009-12-02, an amendment to the Personnel Policy Handbook. This set forth changes to Bereavement Leave, Military Family Leave and Leave Entitlement portions of the handbook, more specifically set forth within the ordinance. Motion made by Councilman Babcock to approve changes to the policy, seconded by Councilman Hampton, carried by unanimous vote.

2010 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT/FIRE TERRITORY–

Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker submitted for approval Ordinance #2009-12-03, an ordinance amending the 2010 Fire Territory Salary Ordinance. The amendment changes the Computer Programmer & Liaison to a maximum hourly wage of \$.60, more specifically set forth within the ordinance. Motion made by Councilman Babcock to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilman Patterson, carried by unanimous vote

ADJOURNED -

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Elaine Call, Clerk-Treasurer