

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 03, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, October 3, 2016 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 Cindy Dobbins, Jack Wilhite, Jeff Grose, Ron Shoemaker, Jerry Frush. Also present, Mayor Joseph M. Thallemer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kelly Geiger, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Assistant City Planner Justin Taylor, Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy, Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker, Fire Chief Michael Wilson, Street Superintendent Jeff Beeler others as noted on the attached attendance sheet, InkFree News reporter Deb Patterson, and Times-Union reporter David Slone.

ABSENT: Council members Mike Klondaris and Diane Quance, City Attorney Mike Valentine, Clerk Treasurer Lynne Christiansen.

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the September 19, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Frush to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, and carried by unanimous vote.

VISITORS-

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

1. Sewage and Stormwater Utility financial management reports for June 30, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS-

TAX ABATEMENTS/LITTLE CROW LOFTS, LLC/B&P-

The following tax abatement applications for Little Crow Lofts, LLC, located at 201 S. Detroit St. were presented for approval:

1. SB-1 RE, 10 year tax abatement on real property.
2. SB-1 VBD, 3 year tax abatement on existing vacant facility.

Motion made by Councilor Grose approving Little Crow Lofts, LLC abatements, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote. (Copies attached to minutes).

RESOLUTION/AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Resolution #2016-10-01**. The Resolution authorizes the submittal of the PFP application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. If awarded the grant, the funds will be used to address recreation needs of the East Market Street neighborhood. This is a matching funds grant, and most of the matching portion will come from the Parks Department budget with other funding coming from the Kosciusko Community Foundation and in-kind donations. Motion made by Councilor Frush to approve the application, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Information attached to minutes).

2017 GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance **#2016-09-01**, an ordinance establishing maximum compensation levels for the year 2017 for Department Chairs, Appointed Positions and certain Salaried and Non-Salaried employees of the City of Warsaw was presented for approval. After discussion a motion was made by Councilor Grose to approve the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins and carried by a vote of 5-0. Second reading will be during the October 17th meeting.

2017 FIRE TERRITORY SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance **#2016-09-02**, establishing maximum compensation levels for the year 2017 for employees of the Warsaw-Wayne Township Fire Territory was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Dobbins to approve the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by a vote of 5-0. Second reading will be during the October 17th meeting.

2017 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2016-09-03, an ordinance establishing compensation for the year 2017 for Elected Officials was presented for approval. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Councilor Dobbins to table the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Grose and carried by a vote of 5-0. Second reading will occur before the December 31st deadline.

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER FUNDS/CEMETERY-

Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy presented **Ordinance #2016-10-01**. The Ordinance transfers funds to pay for part-time help during leaf pick-up season. Amount of the transfer is \$2,200.00. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote. Motion made by Councilor Frush to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER FUNDS/B&P-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Ordinance #2016-10-02**. The Ordinance transfers funds to support professional services paid out of the Building and Plan budget. Amount of the transfer is \$20,000.00. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. Motion made by Councilor Wilhite to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

2017 BUDGET AND TAX RATE APPROVAL ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2016-10-03, Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2017 was presented. This is the advertised "Public Hearing" for the 2017 budgets. Mayor Thallemer opened the floor for any comments from the public, and no citizens came forward with any comment for or opposed to the proposed budget. Mayor Thallemer closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. After discussion, Councilor Grose made a motion to approve the budget on first reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. The "Adoption Hearing" will be held on October 17, 2016.

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER FUNDS/STREET-

Street Superintendent Jeff Beeler presented **Ordinance #2016-10-04**. The Ordinance transfers funds to pay for extra help during the fall leaf pick-up season. Motion made by Councilor Wilhite to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. Motion made by Councilor Grose to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE AMENDING EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK/HR-

Ordinance #2015-09-05 was presented for approval. The amendment addresses emergency closings and employee compensation. After discussion, Councilor Grose made a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. Second reading will be during the October 17th meeting. (Copy attached to minutes).

OTHER MATTERS-

- Councilor Shoemaker asked about tagging trash containers.
- Local resident asked about extra trash containers.

ADJOURNED-

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

ATTEST:

Kelly Geiger, Deputy Clerk Treasurer