

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 17, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, October 17, 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, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present, Mayor Joseph M. Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Mike Valentine, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Street Superintendent Jeff Beeler, Fire Chief Mike Wilson, Attorney Randolph Rompolo from Fagre, Baker, Daniels, Todd Samuelson from H.J. Umbaugh, Kyle Babcock, members of the Eisenhower Elementary School Student Council and their sponsors, other local citizens as noted on the attached attendance sheet, InkFree News reporter Deb Patterson and Times-Union reporter David Slone.

ABSENT: None noted

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the October 3, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Frush and carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-

Mayor Thallemer recognized the Eisenhower Elementary School Student Council and welcomed them to the meeting.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

1. September 2016 Fund Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

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. It was noted that the section labeled "Clothing Allowance" pertains to the Police Department only. After discussion a motion was made by Councilor Quance to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

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 Grose to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

2017 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2016-09-03, an ordinance establishing compensation for the year 2017 for Elected Officials was presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilor Frush to table the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Dobbins and carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK/HR-

Ordinance #2016-09-05 was presented for approval. The amendment addresses emergency closings and employee compensation. After discussion, Councilor Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

2017 BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION-

This is the advertised "Adoption Hearing" for the 2017 budget. Ordinance #2016-10-03, an ordinance adopting the 2017 budget, appropriations, and tax rates was presented for final approval. After discussion a motion was made by Councilor Klondaris to pass Ordinance #2016-10-03 on second and

final reading, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, with Councilors Dobbins, Grose, Frush, and Quance voting aye and Councilor Shoemaker voting nay. (Copy attached to minutes).

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION MAKING A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #3-

Resolution #2016-10-02 was presented for approval. The Resolution makes a preliminary determination to set a public hearing to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to finance the construction of Fire Station #3. The amount of the bonds is not to exceed \$3,900,000.00. Todd Samuelson from H.J. Umbaugh and Associates explained the financial part of the bonds, and Attorney Randolph Rompola from Fagre, Baker, Daniels explained the legal aspects of the bond. After discussion, Councilor Quance made a motion to approve Resolution #2016-10-02, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY/CODE OF ETHICS-

Ordinance #2016-10-05 was presented for approval. The ordinance adds Appendix 5- Code of Ethics to the Employee Personnel Policy Handbook. After discussion, Councilor Shoemaker made a motion to table Ordinance #2016-10-05 pending further review, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

TRANSFER ORDINANCE/STREET-

Ordinance #2016-10-06 transferring \$16,500.00 within the Street Department budget and appropriations and more specifically set forth within the Ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Dobbins to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Shoemaker, 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 Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

OTHER MATTERS/COMMENTS-

-Local citizen Kyle Babcock informed the Council that he had streamed the meeting live over the internet. He also asked if it was possible to provide the documents of Council meetings to the public before meetings.

-Councilor Wilhite thanked Fire Chief Mike Wilson for inviting the Council to “burn” training that was held on October 15th. The next training will take place on November 5th.

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