

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 19, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, December 19, 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 Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Michael Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker, Wastewater Superintendent Brian Davison, Street Superintendent Jeff Beeler, Assistant Street Superintendent Warren Gruenewald, InkFree News reporter Deb Patterson, and Times-Union reporter David Slone.

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 December 5, 2016 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-

Mayor Thallemer welcomed all of those in attendance.

REPORTS/ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION-

The following reports and communications were presented:

- (1) November 2016 Fund Report.
- (2) Mayor Thallemer advised the Council that a complete list of Boards & Commissions would be presented after the first of the year.
(Copies attached).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

2017 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2016-09-03, establishing compensation for the year 2017 for Elected Officials, was presented for final approval. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION REDUCING 2016 BUDGETS-

Resolution #2016-12-01 setting forth Line 2 cuts from the 2016 Budget was presented for approval. Reductions represent a cut in the General Budget of \$533,700.00; Aviation Budget of \$45,800; Cemetery Budget of \$23,000.00; Park & Recreation Budget of \$80,000.00; and Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory Operating Budget of \$161,000.00 for a grand total of \$843,500.00, and more specifically set out in the Resolution. Motion was made by Councilor Quance to approve Resolution #2016-12-01, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

DISCUSSION/LINE 1 REDUCTIONS/2017 BUDGET-

A discussion was held on the possible reductions from Line 1 from the 2017 budget(s).

RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING GRANT FUNDS/HUSKY TRAIL/B&P-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution #2016-12-02. The Resolution is to transfer reimbursed grant funds received from the State of Indiana (INDOT) for expenditures relating to the Husky Trail and Market Street Projects. The amounts to be refunded are \$187,761.09 into the EDIT fund, \$16,394.08 into the Rainy Day Fund, and \$31,784.00 into the Eastern TIF Fund. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Shoemaker, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS-

Ordinance #2016-12-03 authorizes several transfers to the Grant Fund with the amounts noted below:

- Rainy Day Restricted-Wheel and Sur Tax Fund #260-000-449.000 to (Paving) Grant Fund (412-370.311)-\$280,000.00
- Rainy Day Restricted-Local Road and Street Fund #261-000-449.000 to (Paving) Grant Fund (412-370-311)-\$63,222.36
- Rainy Day Restricted-MVH Fund #263-000-449.000 to (Paving) Grant Fund (412-370.311)-\$83,000.00

After discussion Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve all the transfers to the (Paving) Grant Fund, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote. Councilor Quance made a motion to suspend the rules and pass on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE/AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY/CODE OF ETHICS-

Ordinance #2016-12-04 was presented for approval. The Ordinance amends the City's Personnel Policy handbook by adding Appendix 5 "Code of Ethics". The addition sets guidelines for employees and accepting any goods, services, or other things of monetary value that may lead to special consideration or influence for doing so, and meets the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) requirement for accepting Federal Funding for projects. Councilor Quance made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-12-04, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. Councilor Quance made a motion to suspend the rules and pass on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

OTHER MATTERS-

- Mayor Thallemer announced that the Federal Rail Association has given approval for a Tier 1 study on a high speed rail system from Columbus, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois.
- Mayor Thallemer also announced that he had spent time with Senator Joe Donnelly today during a tour of Zimmer-Biomet, and that Senator Donnelly talked about repealing the Medical Device Tax.
- The Council agreed to elect the Council President during the January 17th meeting.

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