

**COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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, Ron Shoemaker, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Mike Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, WWTU Manager Brian Davison, City Engineer James Emans, Greg Cobb from Freedom Oil, Gary Ruston from Wessler Engineering, Police Captain Joel Beam, others as noted on the attached attendance sheet, InkFree News reporter Maggie Kenworthy, and Times-Union reporter David Slone.

**ABSENT:** Council member Jeff Grose.

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

**MINUTES-**

The minutes from the February 6, 2017 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Dobbins to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS-**

The following reports and communications were presented:

1. Comcast Cable Franchise Fee for the fourth quarter of 2016-\$13,809.65.
2. January 2016 Fund Report.
3. Department Year-End Reports & Strategic Plan in Board Paq Library
4. Second half of 2016 Sewage Works and Stormwater Utility Financial Management Reports.
5. Presentation on WWTU Plant Expansion

(Copies of available items attached).

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**RESOLUTION/DESIGNATING AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF WARSAW AN ERA/FREEDOM OIL, LLC-**

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution **#2017-02-02** which is a confirming Resolution designating property located along Argonne Road as an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA). The area is further described within the Resolution, and will allow Freedom Oil, LLC to apply for tax abatements on real property. This is the advertised public hearing for the matter and Mayor Thallemer opened the floor for public comments. None were given for or against the resolution and Mayor Thallemer closed the public hearing. Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-02-02, Councilor Quance seconded, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

**TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION/FREEDOM OIL, LLC-**

Mr. Skinner presented a Statement of Benefits Form SB-1/Real Property for Freedom Oil, LLC, for approval. Freedom Oil is requesting tax abatement for Real Property located at 401 and 425 Argonne Road. Greg Cobb from Freedom Oil is asking for five-year abatement on Real Property for the expansion and construction of a new building located at the above addresses. Motion was made by Councilor Dobbins to approve the SB-1 and abatement, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote. (Copies attached to minutes).

**ORDINANCE/PETITION FOR VACATION OF ALLEY/ FREEDOM OIL, LLC -**

Mr. Skinner presented **Ordinance #2017-02-01** for the vacation of an alleyway. Greg Cobb from Freedom Oil, located at 425 Argonne Road, explained the project and added that Freedom Oil has recently purchased property located adjacent to their building, addressed as 401 Argonne Road, and wishes to vacate the alley between the two buildings for a planned project and expansion. This is the advertised public hearing for the vacation and Mayor Thallemer opened the floor for comments. No comments were made for or against the vacation, and Mayor Thallemer ended the public hearing. Motion made by Councilor Klondaris to approve Ordinance #2017-02-01 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. Second reading will take place during the March 6, 2017 session.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS AND ALLEYS-**

Ordinance #2017-02-02 was introduced for consideration. The Ordinance allows the use of golf carts on City streets and in alleyways and better described in the Ordinance. Mayor Thallemer turned the meeting over to Council President Mike Klondaris to explain the matters addressed in the Ordinance and Council member Shoemaker added several other factors and thoughts on the Ordinance. Mayor Thallemer advised that three members of the Traffic Safety Commission voted nay for the Ordinance with two members voting aye. Police Captain Joel Beam addressed the Council about safety concerns with allowing golf carts on City streets and alleys. Several citizens gave their opinions of the Ordinance and further discussion with the Council was held. Motion made by Councilor Shoemaker to approve Ordinance #2017-02-02 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, with Councilors Wilhite, Klondaris, and Frush voting aye, and Councilor Quance voting nay. Second reading will take place during the March 6, 2017 Session.

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROPER USE OF CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA-**

Ordinance #2017-02-03 was introduced addressing the proper use of the City's social media sites. The Ordinance adopts a policy to determine how the City's social media is used and lays out rules of the policy. Motion made by Councilor Wilhite to approve Ordinance #2017-02-03 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Shoemaker, carried by unanimous vote. Second reading will take place during the March 6, 2017 session.

**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**