

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 1, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday July 1, 2019 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 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 Scott Reust, Attorney Chad Miner, Wastewater Treatment Utility Manager Brian Davison, others as noted on the attached attendance sheet, InkFree News reporter Dan Spaulding, and Times-Union reporter David Slone.

ABSENT: Council member Cindy Dobbins.

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the June 3, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, and carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

-May 2019 Fund Report
-2nd Quarter of 2019 Investment Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE/VACATION OF ALLEY-

Ordinance #2019-06-01 was presented for approval. The Ordinance vacates alleyways running East and West between Washington Street and Lake Street, and North and South between Main Street and Fort Wayne Street. Kosciusko County owns the properties bisected by the alleyways and County Attorney Chad Miner explained the vacations to the Council. Mayor Thallemer opened the meeting for public comment, and none was offered for or against the vacations. After discussion, Councilor Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

NON-PROFIT FUNDING TASK FORCE-

Earlier this year a Council task force was formed to review funding requests from non-profit organizations seeking assistance from the City. One of the task-force members, Councilor Mike Klondaris, will not be available to help review the request applications so he needs to step down. Councilor Shoemaker offered to fill the vacated position. The other members on the task force are Councilor Dobbins and Councilor Grose. The task force will report back to the Council with recommendations on funding after the applications have been reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS-

TRANSFER RESOLUTION-

Resolution #2019-07-03 was presented for approval. The Resolution transfers \$15,500.00 within the Cumulative Capital Development budget. Motion made by Councilor Klondaris to approve Resolution #2019-07-03 seconded by Councilor Shoemaker, carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION/REDUCTION TO ENCUMBRANCES-

Resolution #2019-07-02, setting forth reductions to encumbrances in the General, Fire Operating, Motor Vehicle Highway, Park, Aviation, Redevelopment General, Cumulative Capital Development, Economic Development, and Fire Equipment funds carried forward from 2018, and more specifically set forth within the Resolution was presented. Motion was made by Councilor Grose to approve the Resolution, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, carried by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON LEGAL REPRESENTATION-

Mayor Thallemer handed over the discussion of Council legal representation to Council President Diane Quance:

Councilor Quance stated she has been approached by several Council members who want to explore the possibility of the Council hiring legal representation for their use. She said there were several objectives

to consider, such as what the attorney would be used for, as well as the process of hiring an attorney who would be used on a contractual basis and any parameters associated with the objectives. She reminded the Council that they already have access to the City attorney as well as an attorney at Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM). She asked to hear the thoughts and opinions of the other Council members, and discussion was held. City Attorney Reust added that hiring an attorney for a third-class city would be unique. Mayor Thallemer explained the difference between second-class and third-class City Councils, and why second-class City Councils have an attorney. He also pointed out that the Council has access to the AIM attorney, State of Indiana Public Access Councilor, bond attorneys, and employment law attorneys. He would like the Council to take that under consideration so services are not duplicated. After further discussion it was the consensus of the Council to form a three-person task force and continue with the discussion. Councilor Grose wanted it noted that he is “against it”.

OTHER MATTERS-

-Councilor Quance reminded other members to check their Council mail boxes for important information they may have overlooked. She also reminded the Council that if they want to meet with department heads to go over their budgets, they should schedule time to do so.

-Local resident Sarah McNeal-Strahan Lenfestey asked the City to look into safety improvements on Husky Trail in regards to several tragic accidents that have occurred along the street.

-Local resident Dave Taylor noted the amount of non-recyclable material placed in the recycle bins at the Solid Waste Management Districts location on S. Union Street. Mayor Thallemer advised him that the District was under the County’s jurisdiction but he was aware of the problem. Mr. Taylor also noted that no bike paths are marked on Market Street and he is concerned with bicyclist safety.

ADJOURNED-

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer