

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, September 21, 2020 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, Josh Finch, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Scott Reust, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Assistant City Planner Jonny Latsko, HR Director Jennifer Whitaker, Alan Tio from KEDCO, Nick Deeter from Wishbone Medical, LLC, and reporter Dan Spalding from InkFree News.

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 September 8, 2020 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.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

None noted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION-

Ordinance #2020-09-02 was presented for final approval. The Ordinance appropriates \$150,000.00 from the EDIT fund to be placed into the EDIT Revolving Fund. This is the advertised public hearing and Mayor Thallemer opened the meeting for public comment. None was made for or against the additional appropriation and Mayor Thallemer closed the floor for public comment. Councilor Quance made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-09-02 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Finch, and carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS-

DECLARATION OF FISCAL BODY/WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY (WCPL)-

The WCPL typically submits its annual budget for nonbinding review by a separate fiscal body per IC 6-1.1-1-17 but under certain conditions could be subject to binding review per IC 6-1.1-17-20.3 and 20.4. WCPL is designating that the Warsaw Common Council would be the fiscal body that would be responsible for binding review and adoption when conditions exist that require the binding review. After discussion Councilor Grose made a motion to acknowledge the Declaration, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

BIKE LANE EDUCATION AND SAFETY-

Assistant City Planner Jonny Latsko presented a plan for a month-long education and safety campaign for bicycling in Warsaw and the recently installed lanes on Main and Fort Wayne Streets. He is proposing deploying delineators at various intersections to highlight the bike lanes and draw attention to motorists on the purpose and use of the bike lanes. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the campaign, seconded by Councilor Finch, carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION/DESIGNATING AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF WARSAW AS AN ERA-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution #2020-09-06 declaring/designating property located at 100 Capital Drive as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). After discussion Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-09-06, Councilor Wilhite seconded, carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION AMENDING NORTHERN TIF DISTRICT-

Mr. Skinner presented Resolution #2020-09-07. The Resolution is approving an order of the Plan Commission specifically to meet the needs of a contribution from the Redevelopment Commission of \$250,000.00 for Nextremity to purchase new equipment as stated further in the Resolution. Motion made by Councilor Klondaris to approve Resolution #2020-09-07, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

2021 BUDGET AND TAX RATE APPROVAL ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2020-10-01, Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2021 was presented. This is the advertised "Public Hearing" for the 2021 budget. Mayor Thallemer reviewed the Ordinance and asked for discussion, comments, or questions from the Council. Mayor Thallemer opened the floor for any comments from the public, and no citizens came forward with comments 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 Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote.

2021 GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2020-08-02, an ordinance establishing maximum compensation levels for 2021 for department chairs, appointed positions and certain salaried and non-salaried employees of the City of Warsaw was presented for approval. Councilor Quance made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-08-02 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

2021 POLICE SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2020-08-03, establishing maximum compensation levels for 2021 for employees of the Police Department was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve Ordinance #2020-08-03 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

2021 FIRE TERRITORY SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2020-08-04, establishing maximum compensation levels for 2021 for employees of the Warsaw-Wayne Township Fire Territory was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Klondaris to approve Ordinance #2020-08-04 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

2021 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2020-08-05, establishing compensation for the year 2021 for Elected Officials, was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Dobbins to approve the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS-

- Councilor Grose advised that the deer reduction effort had started and the deadline for applications for previously accepted archers is Friday September 25, 2020.
- City Attorney Scott Reust mentioned that the Parks Department has loaned out picnic tables to the schools for outside learning.

ADJOURNED-

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer