

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 17, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in Regular Session on Monday May 17, 2021 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 Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, Human Resources Director Jennifer Whitaker, Street Superintendent Dustin Dillon, Police Chief Scott Whitaker, Community Development Director Jeremy Skinner, InkFree News reporter Dan Spalding, and Times-Union reporter David Slone. Attending virtually was City Attorney Scott Reust.

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 May 3, 2021 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS-

The following reports and communications were presented:

- (1) April 2021 Fund Report.
- (2) Comcast First Quarter 2021 Franchise Fee- \$13,903.18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE AMENDING POLICE 2021 SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2021-04-04 was presented for approval. The ordinance increases the minimum bi-weekly wages for all sworn officer positions of the Police Department. After discussion, Councilor Wilhite made a motion to approve the ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Finch, carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES-

Ordinance #2021-04-05 was presented for approval. The ordinance establishes a solid waste disposal fee as well as additional rules for the disposal of vegetation. The disposal fee will start at a monthly rate of \$8.00 and increase by \$1.00 per year until 2025, while the vegetation rules call for the use of biodegradable bags or storage containers excluding fall leaf collection. After discussion Councilor Grose made a motion to approve Ordinance #2021-04-05 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, and carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE CREATING NEW FUND-

Ordinance #2021-05-01 was presented for approval. The ordinance creates Fund #176 that will be used as the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARP) per State Examiner Directive 2021-1. Funds received from the state from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will be deposited into the fund. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION-

Ordinance #2021-05-02 was presented for approval. The ordinance is for an additional appropriation of \$290,525.00 from the General fund for COVID-19 services, utility services, and new traffic signals. This is the advertised public hearing and Mayor Thallemer opened the meeting for public comment. No comments were made for or against the ordinance and the Mayor closed the public hearing. After discussion, Councilor Grose made a motion to approve the ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilor Quance, with Councilors Dobbins, Wilhite, Finch, and Klondaris voting aye and Councilor Frush abstained.

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ORDER FROM WARSAW PLAN COMMISSION-

Community Development Director Jeremy Skinner presented **Resolution #2021-05-03**. The Resolution approves an order of the Plan Commission naming Cross PVD UV Coating and Finishing Corporation as being located as a “designated taxpayer” in the Northern Economic Development Area. Cross PVD has acquired equipment of Winona PVD which is no longer in business, and Cross PVD will locate in a building formerly occupied by Winona PVD. Motion made by Councilor Klondaris to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS-

The following list of companies have submitted their CF-1 Real (SF 51766) and/or Personal Property (SF 51765), “Compliance with Statement of Benefits” forms for tax abatement for approval. Mr. Skinner Skinner recommended approval of continuation of the requested tax abatements, finding all companies to be in compliance.

1. Instrumental Machine & Development, 2098 N. Pound Drive, one (1) Personal Property, no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Grose approving the abatement, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, carried by unanimous vote.

2. Symmetry Medical Manufacturing/Tecomet, Inc., 486 W. 350 N., one (1) Personal Property, one (1) Real Property, no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Frush approving the abatements, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

3. Texmo Precision Castings US, Inc., 596 E. 200 N., one (1) Personal Property, no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Dobbins approving the abatement, seconded by Councilor Finch, carried by unanimous vote.

4. Wishbone Medical, Inc. 100 Capital Dr., one (1) Vacant Building, no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Frush approving the abatement, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION/POLICE-

Resolution #2021-05-01 was presented for approval. The Resolution transfers \$75,000.00 within the Police Departments budget for repairs and maintenance. Motion made by Councilor Dobbins to approve Resolution #2021-05-01, seconded by Councilor Frush, and carried by a unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS-

-Discussion was held on the timing of the lights at the intersections of Hickory Street with Market, Center, and Main Streets at the North-South rail road crossings as well as the condition of some of the crossings and the condition of several crossings along the east-west railroad path.

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk Treasurer