

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 15, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, November 17, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ernest Wiggins presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Councilmen Charles Smith, George Clemens, Jerry Patterson, Joe Thallemer, Jeff Grose, Kyle Babcock and Daniel Hampton. Also present Mayor Wiggins, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Michael Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Airport Manager David Beall, Local Citizens Bruce Woodward, Gary Parker, Heather Reichenbach and Sariah Morgan, Journalism students from Grace College (as listed on attached attendance sheet), and Times Union Reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: None.

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

MINUTES –

The minutes from the November 1, 2010 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Babcock to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Thallemer and carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS –

The following reports were presented:

- (1) Several articles from Fort Wayne Business Weekly
- (2) Fire Department October Activity Report
- (3) Comcast Cable quarterly Franchise Fee
- (4) Clerk-Treasurers October Financial Report

NEW BUSINESS –

ORDINANCE/ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/AVIATION-

Mayor Wiggins introduced Ordinance 2010-11-03 requesting an additional appropriation from the Aviation General Fund of \$600,000.00 for the funding of real estate property acquisition by the Warsaw Board of Aviation Commissioners. The proposed purchase will be at auction scheduled for December 6, 2010. Proper advertisement has taken place and approval from the Department of Local Government Finance is pending upon receipt of information. Motion made by Mr. Smith to accept Ordinance 2010-11-03, seconded by Mr. Hampton and carried by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Councilman Grose to suspend the rules and pass on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Clemens, carried by unanimous vote.

TRANSFER ORDINANCE/AVIATION –

Ordinance #2010-11-04, an ordinance transferring \$38,000 within the Aviation Budget, more specifically set forth within the ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Smith to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilman Patterson, carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION/AIRPORT-

Councilman Babcock asked Mr. Beall about the recent articles in the paper of the possible closure of CR 100 East for the extension of the east/west runway. Mr. Beall advised there is no plan at this time to close the road because it is in the discussion stage and several other steps need to be taken before an official closure is possible. Mr. Beall advised that the earliest that may happen could be in 2012 or 2013, but pinpointing a time-table is impossible at this time.

RESOLUTION/PUBLIC HEARING/ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION-

Resolution #2010-11-02, (*originally introduced as Resolution #2010-11-01 during the council meeting on 11/15/10; it was later discovered that an error had been made and Resolution #2010-11-01 had been adopted by the Plan Commission earlier in the day*) a resolution setting forth the

authorization of public notice for a public hearing for an additional appropriation by the Common Council to appropriate \$1,400,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund to acquire property at 117 W. Center Street and 102 S. Buffalo Street for the purpose of a new location for City Hall. Councilman Thallemer stated that a new location for City Hall had been considered for a long time and the opportunity to purchase an existing building could be cost effective over building a new City Hall. Councilman Babcock expressed concern for the need to use Rainy Day funds in other ways such as street improvements. Motion made by Councilman Smith to approve Resolution #2010-11-02, seconded by Councilman Thallemer, with Councilmen Clemens, Patterson, Grose, and Hampton voting aye, and Councilman Babcock voting nay.

RESOLUTION/AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN-

Resolution #2010-11-03, *(originally introduced as Resolution #2010-11-02 during the council meeting on 11/15/10; it was later discovered that this resolution had been omitted on the Agenda for this meeting)* approves an order by the City of Warsaw Plan Commission approving a certain declaratory resolution and an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Warsaw Central Development Area, adding two parcels of property to the property acquisition list contained in the Original Plan. Motion made by Councilman Hampton to approve Resolution #2010-11-03, seconded by Councilman Clemens, with Councilmen Smith, Thallemer, Grose, and Patterson voting aye, and Councilman Babcock voting nay.

ORDINANCE/ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION-

This is the first reading of Ordinance 2010-11-05 appropriating \$1,400,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund for the acquisition of property by the Redevelopment Commission. Motion made by Councilman Clemens approving Ordinance #2010-11-05, seconded by Councilman Patterson, with Councilmen Smith, Thallemer, Grose, and Hampton voting aye, and Councilman Babcock voting nay.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST-

Mayor Wiggins related that a request had been made for an additional street light at the intersection of Scott Street and Smith Street. Councilman Smith also had a concern expressed to him by a constituent that the area needed better illumination. John Hire, representative for Northern Indiana Public Service Company, has evaluated the area and advised a pole is already in place and that the light would just need to be added to the pole to fulfill the requests. Motion made by Mr. Patterson to add the street light to the pole, seconded by Mr. Smith, carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS-

PARKER AND DUBOIS STREET UPDATE-

Councilman Babcock read a text message he had received stating "Don't forget to bring up the no stop, no yield at Parker and Dubois Street." Mayor Wiggins advised that there is signage on the way and that some directional arrows in front of the Spectacle Shoppe are going to be removed.

DEER REDUCTION-

Councilman Grose advised that almost eighty (80) deer had been harvested from all the deer reduction zones. Mayor Wiggins asked if archery season ends when gun season begins and Mr. Grose advised that archery season will continue but there will be a break in December for several days, and after the break the reduction effort will continue until the first part of January, 2011.

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

