

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 18, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ernest B. Wiggins presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Charles Smith, Jeff Grose, Diane Quance, George Clemens, Jerry Patterson, Joe Thallemer, and Kyle Babcock. Also present Mayor Ernest Wiggins, City Attorney Michael Valentine, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, Fire Territory Chief Mike Rice, Warsaw Police Officer Mike Cox, Jordan and Peggy Timbers, Jeffrey and Billijo Brown, Cathy Reed from the 911 Remembrance Committee, Tyler Pequignot from Rock Bottom Warehouse of Warsaw, WCDC Director Cindy Dobbins, and Warsaw 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 July 5, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilmember Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Patterson and carried by unanimous vote.

RECONITION OF VISITORS-

Mayor Wiggins presented information on a 9/11 10th Anniversary project that Jordan Timbers from Boy Scout Pack 715 is working on toward his Eagle Scout status. (Information attached).

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

1. Letter from Louann Wilkie complimenting Pike Lake Campground.
2. Warsaw Redevelopment Commission: TIF Excess notification letter.
3. 2012 Budget Proposed Budget Hearing Dates.
4. Financial report for the month of June.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 74-84 CITY CODE-

Ordinance #2011-07-01, amending Section 74-84 of the *WARSAW CITY CODE*. The amendment is changing the charges of towing and impounding a vehicle from \$20 to \$150 and storage charges from \$2 to \$15 per day more specifically stated within the amendment. This is the second reading of the ordinance and proper advertisement will occur. Councilmember Smith made a motion to pass the amendment, seconded by Councilmember Clemens and carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

NEW BUSINESS-

WAIVER OF SEWER TAP FEE-

Doug Harvey, Project Manager for Coplen Construction came before the Council to ask for a waiver of a sewer tap and inspection fee. The request is being made as Coplen Construction is building a new group home for Cardinal Center, a non-profit organization, on Parker Street. After discussion Councilmember Smith made a motion to waive the fee, seconded by Councilmember Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy of letter attached).

TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS –

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented for approval the following list of companies who submitted their form CF-1 Real (SF 51766) “compliance for continuation of tax abatement” request. Mr. Skinner recommended approval of continuation of tax abatements, finding the company to be in compliance.

1. Alchem Plastics, d./b/a Spartech Plastics Inc. (Spartech Product Development Center), 3454 N. Detroit St., Real Property, representative present.

Motion made by Councilmember Babcock to approve the form, seconded by Councilmember Thallemer, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy Attached)

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS-

During the July 5, 2011 Council meeting a letter of resignation from Bruce Woodward who sits on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) was acknowledged. The Council needs to appoint another member to the BZA. Council President Joe Thallemer recommended Derrick Haniford as the Council appointment to the BZA. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to appoint Derrick Haniford, seconded by Councilmember Grose, carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS-

WARSAW CITY CODE 18-31: ITINERANT MERCHANTS AND PEDDLERS-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented information on revising *WARSAW CITY CODE* 18-31 that refers to Itinerant Merchants and Peddlers. He offered several suggestions for the council to consider such as zoning references, different levels of fees, product display, right-of-ways and setbacks, insurance, retail or health certificates, waivers, and food versus retail vendors.

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE-

The Plan Commission did make a favorable recommendation toward the tattoo parlor zoning issue recently covered in several meetings. The amended ordinance will come before the Council in August after proper advertising.

DOG PARK-

Councilmember Quance provided information on a proposed dog park north of town just outside of the City limits. A local non-profit organization is trying to raise funds for the park and has entered a national contest in hopes of winning the \$100,000.00 prize. A dog park was mentioned in the current master plan for the Park Department with luke-warm results. The proposed dog park could be a perfect solution to answer the need of a dog park that will be opened to the public.

BUDGET TIME-LINE-

Departmental budgets will be presented at the August 1, 2011 Council Meeting, and Non-Profits request will be presented at the August 15, 2011 Council Meeting. Both meetings will start at 6:00 P.M.

DEER REDUCTION-

Councilmember Grose gave an update of the deer reduction effort. Mr. Grose, Police Chief Whitaker, Matt Dick, and John Cook have met and training dates have been approved. Mr. Grose also thanked Mayor Wiggins for recently hosting around ninety (90) high school students, and explaining City Government to them.

PROCLAMATION/NATIONAL BOWLING WEEK-

Mayor Wiggins handed out a proclamation naming the week of July 30th to August 6th, 2011 as National Bowling Week.

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