

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 2, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in Regular Session on Monday April 2, 2012 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: Councilmembers Elaine Call, Cindy Dobbins, Charlie Smith, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Street Department Superintendent Lacy Francis, Police Lieutenant Kip Shuter, Chris Hamm, Rachel Uthe, and Joe Fragomeni from American Structurepoint, Inc., Mike Ragan, B.J. Leeth, Jon Fussle, Jerry Oerrud, Grace College Journalism student MariJean Wegert, and Jennifer Peryam, reporter with the Warsaw Times-Union

ABSENT: Councilmember Jeff Grose

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

MINUTES –

The minutes from the March 19, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Frush and carried by unanimous vote.

VISITORS-

Mayor Thallemer welcomed MariJean Wegert, Grace College Journalism student, and local resident Mike Ragan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE/TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION –

Ordinance #2012-03-04 amending Section 74-33 of the City Code was presented for approval. This ordinance revises the membership, duties, and responsibilities of the Traffic Commission. Item (b) (7) was modified to reflect discussion from the Council session on March 19, 2012 when this matter was tabled. Motion made by Councilor Call to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, carried by unanimous vote. Board pay to qualified voting members will be retroactive from January 1, 2012. (Copy attached to minutes).

NEW BUSINESS –

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER OF FUNDS-

Ordinance #2012-04-01, an ordinance transferring funds within the Street Department Budget and the Motor Vehicle Highway Budget, and more specifically set forth within the ordinance, was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Dobbins to approve the transfer ordinance, seconded by Councilor Quance, and carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT/STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT-

Chris Hamm from American Structurepoint, Inc. presented a draft of the Strategic Plan 2012 for the City. Mr. Hamm reviewed the draft with the Council and discussion was held as he proceeded with the review. Mayor Thallemer asked the Councilmembers to send e-mails to Mr. Hamm for any questions, suggestions, thoughts, or concerns for developing the final plan.

**PUBLIC HEARING /RESOLUTION/ KERLIN (OGDEN-ZEHR) ANNEXATION
FISCAL PLAN-**

This is the advertised public hearing for annexation of the Kerlin (Ogden-Zehr) property (partially described below). The floor was opened for comments for or against the annexation. Mike Ragan asked if this was a voluntary or involuntary annexation and Mayor Thallemer advised him it was a voluntary annexation. No other comments were made either way and Mayor Thallemer closed the public hearing. Next, City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Resolution #2012-04-01** accepting the fiscal plan for annexation of the Kerlin (Ogden-Zehr) property located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 33, Range 6 East, in Plain Township, and more particularly described within the document. Mr. Skinner reported the Fiscal Plan lists an estimated capital cost of \$1,160,000.00 for street and wastewater improvements and an

estimated non-capital cost of \$2,000-\$4,000 for street upkeep. There is no substantial cost for essential services. He stated that the proposed annexed territory will bring in approximately \$ 850.00 in annual tax revenues based on last year's net tax rate and assessed valuation. After discussion Councilor Smith motioned to accept the fiscal plan, seconded by Councilor Call, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

PUBLIC HEARING /RESOLUTION/ CARDINAL CENTER ANNEXATION FISCAL PLAN-

This is the advertised public hearing for annexation of the Cardinal Center property (partially described below). Mayor Thallemer opened the floor for comments for or against the annexation. Mike Ragan stated "I think it's wonderful". No other comments were made either way and Mayor Thallemer closed the public hearing. Next, City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Resolution #2012-04-02**, accepting the fiscal plan for annexation of the Cardinal Center property located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 33, Range 5 East, in Prairie Township, more particularly described within the document. Mr. Skinner reported the Fiscal Plan lists an estimated capital cost of \$1,160,000.00 for street and wastewater improvements and an estimated non-capital cost of \$2,000-\$4,000 for street upkeep. There is no substantial cost for essential services. He stated that the proposed annexed territory will bring in approximately \$330.00 in annual tax revenues based on last year's net tax rate and assessed valuation. Councilor Quance made the motion to accept the fiscal plan, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT -

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