

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 21, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in Regular Session on Monday May 21, 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: Council members Elaine Call, Cindy Dobbins, Jeff Grose, Charles Smith, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Thallemer, Clerk Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Mike Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Mark Dobson from Warsaw-Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce, Mike Ragan, Bobbie Leeth, Ron Shoemaker, Richard Gaul, Stacey Page, reporter for The Papers/Stacey Page Online, and Jennifer Peryam, reporter with the Times-Union

ABSENT: Councilmember Mike Klondaris arrived at 7:18 p.m.

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

MINUTES –

The minutes from the May 7, 2012 regular 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.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS-

The following reports and communications were presented:

- (1) Comcast Cable- Franchise Fee paid to the City for the first quarter of 2012 in the amount of \$13,756.97
- (2) April 2012 Financial Report.

Documentation attached to minutes.

NEW BUSINESS –

NORTHEAST INDIANA PASSENGER RAIL ASSOCIATION-

Mark Dobson, Director of the Warsaw-Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce presented information on forming an alliance among cities that would benefit from a new Amtrak passenger rail service from Chicago to cities in Ohio. Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association (NIPRA) is a volunteer group based in Fort Wayne that is working with partner organization All Aboard Ohio. Mr. Dobson asked the Council to consider contributing funds to help finance an economic impact study as a first step for bringing passenger rail service back to the community. After discussion the Council took the information under advisement. (Information attached).

PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY/PUBLIC HEARING/PARK-

Park Superintendent, Larry Plummer, asked the Council for permission to dispose of the Boggs Recreation Building that the Park Department currently owns located at 420 Little League Drive. The Park Department no longer needs the building since more space became available at the Pete Thorn Building. This meeting is also the Public Hearing for the disposal of the property and Mayor Thallemer opened the floor for public comments. No parties spoke for or against the sell and Mayor Thallemer closed the Public Hearing. After discussion, Councilor Call made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING /RESOLUTION 2012-05-01/54.11 ACRE PARCEL/AIRPORT VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION/ FISCAL PLAN-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Resolution #2012-05-01** accepting the fiscal plan for annexation of the 54.11 acre parcel which is a tract of land in the Fractional Northeast Quarter of Section 4 Township 32 North, Range 6 East, Plain Township containing 54.11 acres more or less , and more particularly described within the document. Mr. Skinner reported the Fiscal Plan lists minimal capital cost for street and wastewater improvements and no non-capital cost for street upkeep. There is no cost for essential services. He stated that the proposed annexed territory will bring in no annual tax revenues since the property is already owned by the City. This is the advertised public hearing for the voluntary annexation of the 54.11 acre parcel of land east of the Airport (partially described above). The floor was opened for comments for or against the annexation. Mike Ragan stated he supported the annexation. No other comments were made

either way and Mayor Thallemer closed the public hearing. After discussion Councilor Smith motioned to pass the resolution, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

PUBLIC HEARING /RESOLUTION 2012-05-02/ 62.21 ACRE PARCEL/AIRPORT VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION/ FISCAL PLAN-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Resolution #2012-05-02**, accepting the fiscal plan for annexation of the 62.21 acre parcel of property located in the Fractional Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 33 North, Range 6 East, Plain Township, more particularly described within the document. Mr. Skinner reported the Fiscal Plan lists minimal capital cost for street and wastewater improvements and non-capital cost of \$2,000-\$3,500 for street upkeep. There is no substantial cost for essential services. He stated that the proposed annexed territory will bring in no annual tax revenue since the property is already owned by the City. This is the advertised public hearing for annexation of a 62.21 acre parcel of land north of the Airport (partially described above). Mayor Thallemer opened the floor for comments for or against the annexation and no comments were made either way. Mayor Thallemer closed the public hearing and Councilor Call made the motion to accept the fiscal plan, seconded by Councilor Smith, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached).

STRATEGIC PLAN/AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT-

Mayor Thallemer reviewed the final version of the Strategic Plan that was created for the City by American Structure Point. Each Councilmember has given information to Mayor Thallemer expressing their interest, support, and involvement in the six primary goals developed in the strategic plan. Councilor Smith made a motion to accept the final Plan, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS-

SMART METERS-

Richard Gaul sent information to the Mayor and Council members bringing to their attention the disadvantages of Smart Meters. Kosciusko REMC and NIPSCO are adding Smart Meter, also known as Advanced Meter, technology to our area. He asked the Council to review the information and contact him if they have any questions. (Information attached).

COMMENTS-

*Councilor Dobbins commented on the Downtown Parking Survey and upcoming meeting on the matter that will be held on May 30th in the Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M.

*Councilor Call advised the Council that she and Councilor Frush attended the NIPSCO rate seminar held at Ramada.

*Councilor Quance advised that she attended the ABATE fundraiser for the Hoosier Burn Camp and that it was well attended. She also advised that the Greenway/Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Survey was available on Facebook. Mayor Thallemer advised the survey was on the City's website as well.

ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and noted the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk Treasurer