

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, September 17, 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 Charles Smith, Jeff Grose, Elaine Call, Cindy Dobbins, Diane Quance, and Jerry Frush. Also present, Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Michael Valentine, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Street Superintendent Lacy Francis, Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky, Ron Shoemaker, Jan Hammaker, James Bausch, Grace College Professor Terry White and students as noted on the attached attendance sheet, on-line news reporter Stacey Page, and Times-Union reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: Council member Mike Klondaris

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the September 4, 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 acknowledged and welcomed Professor Terry White and Journalism students from Grace College.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

- (1) August Financial Report.
- (2) Kosciusko County Resolution to Non-Binding Review
(Documentation attached to minutes).

NEW BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER OF FUNDS/STREET DEPARTMENT-

Ordinance #2012-09-01 an ordinance transferring \$126,200.00 within the Street Department budget more specifically set forth within the ordinance was presented for approval. After discussion a motion was made by Councilor Smith to approve the transfer ordinance, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

EQUIPMENT LEASE OPTIONS/STREET DEPARTMENT-

Street Superintendent Lacy Francis presented information to the Council on possible lease options for equipment needed for his department. Only one bank and one vendor provided information in a timely manner but Mr. Francis told the Council he had received more information recently and would forward it onto the Council. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE/TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY-

Ordinance #2012-09-03 an ordinance transferring \$5,000.00 within the Cemetery Permanent budget and more specifically set forth within the ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the transfer ordinance, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

RESOLUTION/DEVELOPMENT OF EASTERN TIF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented **Resolution 2012-09-02** establishing an Eastern TIF Economic Development Area. He explained to the Council where the Eastern Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Economic Development Area is located and provided a map as well. The new TIF area contains 250 acres, more or less all within established City Limits. The Plan Commission and Redevelopment Commission adopted their resolutions declaring the Eastern TIF Area on September 10, 2012. After discussion, Councilor Smith made a motion approving the Resolution, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

2012 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-

Ordinance #2012-09-02, an amendment to the 2012 Salary Ordinance, was presented for approval. The amendment adds the position of Janitor, under Human Resources, with ½ of the wage being paid from the General Fund and ½ of the wage being paid from the Sewage Operating Fund. Motion made by Councilor Call to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

2013 GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2012-10-01, an ordinance establishing maximum compensation levels for the year 2013 for Department Heads, Appointive Positions and certain Salaried and Non-Salaried employees of the City of Warsaw was introduced. Discussion followed and this ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the October 4, 2012 Council meeting for its first reading. Passage must occur by November 1, 2012.

2013 FIRE TERRITORY SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2012-10-02, an ordinance establishing maximum compensation levels for the year 2013 for Department Heads, Appointive Positions and certain Salaried and Non-Salaried employees of the Warsaw Wayne Township Fire Territory was introduced. This ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the October 4, 2012 Council meeting for its first reading, and passage must occur by November 1, 2012.

2013 ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARY ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2012-10-03, an ordinance establishing compensation for the year 2013 for Elected Officials was introduced. Passage of this Ordinance must occur by December 31, 2012.

2013 BUDGET AND TAX RATE APPROVAL ORDINANCE-

Ordinance #2012-09-04, appropriations and tax rates for 2013, was presented. This is the advertised "Public Hearing" for the 2013 budgets. No citizens came forward with any comment for, or opposed to, the 2013 proposed City Budget. After discussion, Councilor Smith made a motion to approve the budget on first reading, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. The "Adoption Hearing" will be held on October 15, 2012.

OTHER MATTERS-

BICYCLING CLASS UPDATE-

Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky gave the Council an update on bicycling skills classes held at the Y.M.C.A. recently. He introduced his classmate Jan Hammaker and the instructor James Bausch, who gave their experiences with the class.

CITY HALL UPDATE-

Mayor Thallemer gave an update on the progression of the new City Hall. He advised the Council that there has been a delay with Northern Indiana Public Service Agency (NIPSCO) connecting the new electrical service to the building but they will be starting tomorrow, September 18th. The delay will push back the move-in date as well. The buildings at 117 W. Center Street will be taken down soon to make way for the parking lot/plaza. He further informed the Council that the outside of the building is beginning to take shape and major improvements should be visible in the next few weeks.

Mayor Thallemer advised demolition of the newly acquired properties in the 300 Block of S. Buffalo Street and abandoned property on Cook Street will be taking place soon.

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