

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

April 15, 2019

The City of Nappanee Common Council met on Monday April 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building. Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Members were present or absent as follows:

Present: Todd Nunemaker, Anna Huff, Amy Rosa, Dana Hollar and Jake Dermott

Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Phil Jenkins, Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Brown, City Attorney Brian Hoffer, EMS Director Jim Sumpter, Fire Chief Don Lehman, Police Sergeant Josh Harner, Park Superintendent Chris Davis, Street Superintendent Brent Warren and Superintendent Gale Gerber, 7 visitors and 2 media.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Jake Dermott a motion to approve the April 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Dana Hollar seconded the motion and it carried, *viva voce*.

PETITIONS AND COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Todd Nunemaker made a motion to reject the Clerk-Treasurer report as it had been changed after he had looked at his packet on one drive and wanted to know why if the Clerk-Treasurer was putting things on the one drive on Friday why were things were getting changed. Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated that the Mayor had found an error and she got another report on Monday that needed to be added. Anna Huff asked how often that happened. Clerk-Treasurer Brown stated it happens frequently by various departments. Amy Rosa seconded the motion and it carried, *viva voce*.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Stager, the President of the Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation on projects EDC has been doing, created 1.6 billion in investments since 2002, have completed 69 projects with 19 wins, the average wage is now \$22.00 per hour and they have helped create 1737 jobs. Worked with the City of Nappanee to secure Chase Manufacturing, U S Rod and Agrinomics. They are looking at ways to recruit veterans to Elkhart County and ways to retrain (non-violent and non-sexual) ex-offenders for jobs in Elkhart County. They assist with abatements and with training as needed. Mr. Stager stated they are here to help Nappanee anyway they can. Amy Rosa made a motion to approve ATC Personal Property and Real Estate Tax Abatement. Dana Hollar seconded the motion and it carried, *viva voce*. Anna Huff made a motion to approve Fairmont Homes Personal Property Tax Abatement. Dana Hollar seconded the motion and it carried, *viva voce*. Dana Hollar made a motion to approve WGGD Personal Property and Real Estate Tax Abatement. Amy Rosa seconded the motion and it carried, *viva voce*.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: Todd Nunemaker made a motion to approve 2019 APVs totaling \$208,601.32 and 2019 Payroll Holding APV's totaling \$163,906.40. Anna Huff seconded the motion and it carried, *viva voce*.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS: The Mayor stated that code enforcement will be out with spring coming. Clerk-Treasurer Brown apologized again for changing the one drive and told Council once it is put on their one drive it will not be changed. The Mayor gave an update from the last meeting. Tri-State has done a press release; the Mayor has met with two resident home owners; Tri-State has until 5/6/19 to show significant progress. Please let me know if

you have questions or issues. Councilman Hollar read his resignation which is effective 4/30/19 since he is moving out of the district. He thanked the Mayor, Council and departments for their hard work. Mayor Jenkins thanked him for his willingness to serve.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kathy L Brown, Clerk of the Council