



Common Council Meeting – Minutes

Date: February 3, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm – 7:20 pm

Council Members in Attendance: Todd Nunemaker, Anna Huff, Amy Rosa, Brandie Yoder, Denny Miller

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins, **City Attorney:** Brian L. Hoffer, **Clerk-Treasurer** Knight and seven guests. Denise Federow and Merrie Chapman from the press were also in attendance.

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call: All Council members were in attendance.
- The minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting were submitted by Mayor Jenkins. Councilwoman Huff motioned they be accepted. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. There was no further discussion regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Petitions or comments from citizens:
 - Mayor Jenkins introduced Kelby Veenstra to the Council members. Mrs. Veenstra gave a brief biography and told the Council that she is running for the Elkhart County Council as an At-Large member. She has desired to get involved in politics. Bobbie Wilson approached her last March. Mrs. Veenstra wants to be a voice for her generation. Mayor Jenkins thanked Mrs. Veenstra for attending the meeting and sharing.
 - Public Hearing on Ordinance 1566 regarding the annexation of the Beacon Health Systems property: Mayor Jenkins opened the hearing for public comment. Mayor Jenkins noted that we have proof of publication. No public comments were made. Mayor Jenkins then closed the hearing.
- There were no reports from Committees, Boards and Commissions
- Unfinished Business
 - 2nd Reading of Ordinance 1566 – Beacon Annexation: Councilwoman Yoder motioned to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading. Councilwoman Huff seconded. There were no questions on the 2nd Reading. The Ordinance was approved by unanimous voice vote. The 3rd Reading will take place during the Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020.

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- New Business
 - Resolution 723-20 - Fiscal Plan for Beacon Annexation: Mayor Jenkins commented that this is a notice to the Council and taxpayers regarding what the fiscal impact will be on the City of Nappanee. This should have no significant or adverse impact on the City's current tax rate or the end user. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the Resolution. Councilman Miller seconded. Councilman Nunemaker inquired if Superintendent Gerber had reviewed the utility requirements. Superintendent Gerber said he had. The Resolution was approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Expression of Interest in Acquiring a Portion of Aero Ranch for a new Water Tower: Mayor Jenkins stated that this will be a 200' by 200' parcel for the water tower to be located. This will be in addition to the drive access to that point up to our existing easement for the sanitary sewer we have up there. Expressing interest will allow the City to obtain the two appraisals it needs to purchase the property. Councilman Nunemaker made the motion to express interest in acquiring the property. Councilwoman Huff seconded. After a brief discussion about the property layout, zoning, and how it became part of the City, the Council approved the expression of interest unanimously by voice vote.
- A/P Vouchers: Accounts Payable Vouchers in the amount of \$467,467.16 were submitted for approval. Councilwoman Huff made the motion to approve the vouchers and Councilman Nunemaker seconded. Councilman Miller noted the APV regarding training for Ms. Brooklyn Moore. He was pleased that the City was allowing her to have further training and suggested that it would be good for her to be able to take advantage of future training opportunities as well. Mayor Jenkins noted that she was doing a great job of keeping the public informed with what is going on in Nappanee. The Council approved accepting the A/P Vouchers unanimously by a voice vote.
- Reports of City Officers:
 - Clerk-Treasurer Knight stated his appreciation for the efforts his staff have made. They have done an excellent job in difficult circumstances. Clerk-Treasurer Knight noted that there is a great deal of work ahead, but that the staff has helped the City move forward without issue. Mayor Jenkins concurred. Councilwoman Huff noted her appreciation of the timeliness of the reports and the clarity of the minutes. Clerk-Treasurer Knight thanked Councilwoman Huff for her comments.



- Mayor Jenkins talked about the meeting and discussion of the Five Year Capital Plan with the Redevelopment Commission. They are analyzing the funds they have and the best possible uses of those funds. Mayor Jenkins voiced his appreciation for the work the department heads did in pulling all of the information together. A further review will take place later this year in April or May. Perhaps the Council will have more of a work session type meeting where they can see what is being discussed.

Mayor Jenkins also mentioned that the Council meeting scheduled for April 6th, may need to be moved due to that being Spring Break week. One possibility is the meeting taking place on the Thursday prior.

In conclusion Mayor Jenkins reminded the Council that the auction of Amish Acres would take place on the upcoming Wednesday evening.

With no further business to be discussed, Councilwoman Rosa motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Nunemaker seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by unanimous voice vote.