



Common Council Meeting – Minutes

Date: March 2, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

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

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins, **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jeff Knight and seven guests. Denise Federow from the press was in attendance.

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call: All Council members were in attendance except Anna Huff.
- The minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting were submitted by Mayor Jenkins. Councilwoman Rosa motioned they be accepted. Councilman Miller seconded. There was no further discussion regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Mayor Jenkins asked if there were any petitions or comments from citizens. Mr. Bill Dixon, running to be the Republican State Representative for the 22nd District, was recognized by Mayor Jenkins. Mr. Dixon gave a brief synopsis of why he was running and what he hoped to accomplish.
- Reports from Committees, Boards and Commissions: None were offered
- Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to discuss.
- New Business:
 - Kosciusko County Economic Development Corporation Presentation: Mr. Alen Tio, CEO at the Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation, discussed how his organization can partner with Nappanee to grow the community.
 - NLC Service Line Warranty Program: Lee Zell, Regional Area Director at National League of Cities Service Line Program, presented how his organization can help the citizens of Nappanee deal with water and waste-water issues that fall outside of the City's purview. The program is totally voluntary and optional to all residents and is no cost to the City. The program offers coverage to the residents for waterlines at \$5.75 per month, sewer lines at \$7.75 per month, and interior plumbing at \$9.99 per month. The organization partners with local contractors in



order to meet the needs of the citizens who utilize the program. Coverage is on a month to month basis for each resident who chooses to utilize the program. Mr. Zell was asking for the City to sign an agreement to work on an exclusive basis with the National League of Cities. The City may dissolve the partnership by sending a letter informing the National League of Cities that it wishes to make a change. Mr. Zell also noted that the City will receive 50 cents for each line the residents utilize, up to \$1.50 per resident if the resident utilizes all three services. These proceeds will be kept in a separate NLC related account. Councilman Nunemaker made the motion that the Council authorizes the City to communicate the National League of Cities Service Line Program to all of the residents, at no cost to the City, using no City tax dollars, as a voluntary program for all residents with no requirement for any resident to participate. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

- A/P Vouchers: Accounts Payable Vouchers in the amount of \$369,175.65 were submitted for approval. Councilman Nunemaker made the motion to approve the vouchers and Councilwoman Yoder seconded. The Council approved accepting the A/P Vouchers unanimously by a voice vote.
- Reports of City Officers: There were no questions for the department heads in attendance. Superintendent Lehman reminded the Council that the Census process will begin in 30 days. Clerk-Treasurer Knight briefly talked about the collection and write-off process for water bills. Mayor Jenkins concluded the meeting by noting that there will be a press conference held by the new owners of Amish Acres at 11:00 on Wednesday. Council members and department heads that will attend have been asked to be there by 10:30.

With no further business to be discussed, Councilwoman Rosa motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Huff seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm by unanimous voice vote.