



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for September 8, 2020

Council Members in Attendance: Todd Nunemaker (OL), Anna Huff (OL), Amy Rosa (IP), David Kauffman (OL), Denny Miller (IP).

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins (IP), **City Attorney:** Brian L. Hoffer (OL), **Clerk Treasurer:** Jeff Knight (IP) plus 6 guests (OL) and 1 member of the press (OL)

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call: All members listed above were in attendance either in person or online via ZOOM videoconference.
- Approval of Minutes from August 17th, 2020: Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Huff seconded. There were no other questions or comments. The minutes were approved unanimously via roll-call vote.
- Petitions or comments from citizens: Mr. Gary Nephew (resides at 1937 County Circle S, Nappanee) asked to speak on behalf of Ruhe 152 and the outside seating they wish to create. Prior to yielding the floor to Mr. Nephew, Mayor Jenkins informed the Council that he had spoken with Mr. Nephew earlier in the day and told him that this issue is a Board of Works issue and not a Council matter but if Mr. Nephew wished to speak, he could do so. Mr. Nephew presented his request that includes two rows of seating with four seat tables. The dimensions presented will only allow for 4' of pedestrian walkway space through the alley. In a memo between the City and Ruhe 152, in June of 2019, the allocation of space for a pedestrian walkway through the alley was designated as 5'. Mr. Nephew commented on how much money they had invested in the restaurant and noted the strain that restaurants have endured due to the pandemic. They feel like they have been a good neighbor and utilize the various restaurants in Nappanee for Ruhe 152 food offerings. Councilman Miller inquired if there was a Register of some sort in Indiana that lists restaurants that have outside seating. Mr. Nephew said that there was but did not list a specific Register. Councilwoman Rosa commented on how the City has benefited from having Ruhe 152 in the community and hoped that a solution could be reached between the restaurant and the BOW. Mayor Jenkins noted his appreciation for Ruhe 152 as well, and invited Mr. Nephew to attend the next BOW meeting on September 8th in order to discuss the use of the alley with them. There was no further discussion on the matter.
- Reports from Committees, Boards and Commissions: There were none.



- Unfinished Business: There was none.
- New Business: There was none.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2020 APV's totaling \$923,446.19: Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the APV's. Councilman Miller seconded. Councilman Nunemaker inquired about a CIGNA APV that had a negative balance, asking if this was a credit and if the total shown on the APV was correct. CT Knight responded that it was correct, but it took a couple minutes to confirm such. The APV's were approved unanimously via roll-call vote.
- Reports of City Officers:
 - No specific reports were presented by the various department heads. On behalf of the Street Department, Mayor Jenkins commented that if a tree comes down and needs to be removed over a weekend, then call the police department on the non-emergency number (4111) and they will get the public in touch with the service that can provide help.
 - Mayor Jenkins read a proclamation on behalf of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month for the City of Nappanee. To conclude the meeting, Mayor Jenkins and CT Knight commented on the preliminary budget worksheets provided to the Council. The first reading will take place on September 21st.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilwoman Huff motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Rosa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council