



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for January 4th, 2021

Council Members in Attendance: Todd Nunemaker (OL), Amy Rosa (OL), David Kauffman (OL), Denny Miller (IP). Anna Huff was unable to attend the meeting.

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins (OL), **City Attorney:** Brian L. Hoffer (OL), **Clerk Treasurer:** Jeff Knight (IP) plus 6 guests (1 IP, 5 OL) and 2 members of the press (OL)

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.
- Roll Call: Members listed above were in attendance either in person or online via ZOOM videoconference.
- Approval of Minutes from December 21st, 2020: Councilman Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. There were no other questions or comments. The minutes were approved unanimously via roll call vote.
- Petitions or Comments by Citizens: There were none.
- Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions: There were none.
- Unfinished Business: There was none.
- New Business:
 - Designation of The Goshen News and Warsaw Times Union as qualified publications for legal advertising in 2021: Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the designation of the papers as the qualified publications for legal advertising in 2021. Councilman Miller seconded. There were no further questions or comments. The Goshen News and Warsaw Times Union were approved as the qualified publications for legal advertising in 2021 unanimously (4-0) by roll call vote.
 - Resolution 740-21 – Mileage Reimbursement for 2021: Mayor Jenkins informed the Council that the reimbursement per mile was reduced by the IRS from 57.5 cents to 56 cents for 2021. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the mileage reimbursement resolution for 2021. Councilman Kauffman seconded. The resolution was approved unanimously (4-0) by roll call vote.



- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2020 APVs Totaling \$1,347,304.91: Mayor Jenkins presented the APV's to the Council. Councilwoman Kauffman motioned to approve the accounts payable vouchers. Councilman Nunemaker seconded. Mayor Jenkins asked CT Knight if there were any clarifications that he would like to make regarding the APV's presented. CT Knight pointed out that while the APV's were \$1.3 million, that the majority of these pertained to the dormant payroll account transfers that took place (roughly \$800,000). The way the accounting system functions is that when transfers are made, it mirrors the process of cutting a check and making a payment. Councilman Nunemaker thanked CT Knight for his explanation regarding the dormant accounts and asked if the same thing applied to the negatives regarding the Park Department. CT Knight said that those were the year end transfers that took place independent of the dormant payroll account transfers. There were no further questions or comments. The APVs were approved unanimously (4-0) by roll call vote.
- Reports from City Officers:
 - EMS Director: There were no questions for Superintendent Sumpter.
 - Fire Chief/Zoning and Planning: There were no questions for Chief/Superintendent Lehman.
 - Police Chief: There were no questions for Chief Rulli.
 - Street Department: Superintendent Warren talked about the Street Department's efforts to clean up the City after the ice storm that came through. Crews are out picking up brush from the aftermath. Brush pickup will take place this week and next as needed. Mayor Jenkins voiced his appreciation for the work the Street Department crews have done clearing the roads and picking up the debris.
 - Park Superintendent – There were no questions for Superintendent Davis.
 - Elder Haus – Mayor Jenkins told the Council that the COVID situation continues to be monitored and as the vaccine comes out and the State determines it is safe, at that point the City will look at opening the Elder Haus back up for activities for its seniors.
 - Water/WWTP – Superintendent Gerber commented that the portion of water main being installed between Clark Street and Elm Street (on the south side of Market St) may be done by the end of the week if the weather holds. At that point the work crews will move over to Lincoln Street and Main Street. The work will begin at Lincoln Street and go north to Centennial Street. Overall, Superintendent Gerber thought it would be about 3 to 3 ½ weeks



for the main line to be put in and then the testing can take place. Once again, if the weather holds, they can begin putting the services in then.

- Clerk-Treasurer – CT Knight requested approval from Council, in lieu of having a formal resolution submitted at this meeting, to transfer funds in order to cover the \$29.06 negative balance in the City Council Social Security appropriation line. This was a remnant from the final payroll of the year and thus was not captured in the year end transfers that had been requested at the last meeting. A formal resolution will be presented at the next meeting relating to this request. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the transfer to cover the negative balance. Councilman Kauffman seconded. The request was approved unanimously (4-0) by roll call vote.
- Mayor – Nothing to report, but Mayor Jenkins also noted that the next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 pm due to the 18th being Martin Luther King Jr. day. Also noted was the intent to have the State of the City address, the 2021 appointments, as well as the public hearing regarding the Confirmatory Resolution pertaining to the tax phase in for LFM Properties.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilman Nunemaker motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Rosa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council