



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for February 1st, 2021

Council Members in Attendance: Todd Nunemaker (OL), Anna Huff (OL), Amy Rosa (OL). Neither David Kauffman nor Denny Miller were able to attend the meeting.

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins (OL), **City Attorney:** Brian L. Hoffer (OL), **Clerk Treasurer:** Jeff Knight (IP) plus 10 guests (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 January 19th, 2021: Councilwoman Huff motioned to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. There were no further questions or comments. The minutes were approved unanimously (3-0) 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:
 - First Reading of Ordinance 1584 – Beacon Health Systems Rezoning: Superintendent Lehman presented the Ordinance for consideration. The Plan Commission had a Public Hearing regarding this request on January 14th which was filed by Progressive Engineering for Beacon Health Systems, Inc. for the property they own just to the north of where their new facility is being built. The petition was to establish a zoning classification from R-1 to B-2 (General Business). The Plan Commission voted 5-0 in favor of recommending the Nappanee City Council approve the zoning to B-2 with the condition that no additional road cut will be provided off SR 19. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve Ordinance 1584 on first reading. Councilwoman Huff seconded. Councilwoman Rosa asked if there was any further discussion on the curb cut off SR 19. Superintendent Lehman indicated there will not be any further consideration from Planning at this point. No further need due to no intent to have any further buildings built. Any further curb cut would need to be petitioned by INDOT. Further discussion would be warranted at that time. Mayor Jenkins commented that a

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discussion had been held with Beacon regarding an easement for the north lot to prevent any further curb cuts. Stephanie Floyd (with Progressive) asked why the easement was necessary if no further expansion was planned and no curb cuts requested. Mayor Jenkins wanted the easement in case Beacon did not always own the land. They are currently two lots. If they were combined into one lot, then it may not be an issue. Superintendent Lehman concurred. Ms. Floyd asked if this issue was not something that could be included in the Ordinance language. City Attorney Hoffer concurred with how Mayor Jenkins viewed the ingress and egress issues. Mayor Jenkins commented that he will review his notes and get back to Ms. Floyd. With no further questions or comments, Ordinance 1584 was unanimously approved (3-0) on first reading via roll call vote. Second reading will be at the Council meeting on February 16th at 7:00 pm

- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2020 APVs Totaling \$696,918.98: CT Knight presented the APV's. The only real point of significance was these APVs contained to payrolls. Councilman Nunemaker motioned to approve the APV's. Councilwoman Huff seconded. There were no further questions or comments. The APV's were approved unanimously by roll call vote (3-0).
- Reports from City Officers (reports are generally submitted for the second Council meeting of the month):
 - Fire Chief/Planning and Zoning: Chief Lehman gave an update on the status of the Ladder Truck that is being repaired and the one that has been loaned to the City at no cost.
 - Street Department: Mayor Jenkins thanked Superintendent Warren for the work his staff has done to keep the roads clear during the past snowstorm.
 - Park Superintendent: Superintendent Davis updated the Council on the status of the Build, Operate, Transfer process being undertaken on behalf of the various parks including Wellfield Park. The project is currently in the scoping phase. Drawings were displayed to give the Council an idea of what South Park and Wellfield Park will potentially look like upon completion. South Park will be funded 50/50 by a grant from the DNR up to \$500,000 (City and DNR both pay \$250,000). Councilwoman Huff asked if the gray was concrete paths in the South Park drawing? Superintendent Davis said yes and then discussed all that was displayed in the drawing.
 - Elder Haus: A year end report was submitted to the Council for review. There were no questions.



- Mayor – Mayor Jenkins noted that members from the City met with Emergency Vehicle Response which is undertaking a feasibility study as a precursor to the merging of the fire department and EMS. They are reviewing the trucks and equipment the fire and EMS departments have. A final report is expected in late March or early April. Mayor Jenkins also commented that even with a full-time fire department, there will still be a need for volunteers.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilman Nunemaker motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Rosa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm by unanimous voice vote. The next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council