



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for February 16th, 2021

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

Also Present: City Attorney: Brian L. Hoffer (OL), **Clerk Treasurer:** Jeff Knight (IP) plus 7 guests (1 IP, 6 OL) and 1 members of the press (OL)

- Call to Order: Deputy Mayor Nunemaker presided over the meeting in Mayor Jenkins absence and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call: Members listed above were in attendance either in person or online via ZOOM videoconference.
- Approval of Minutes from February 1st, 2021: Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Miller seconded. There were no 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:
 - 2nd Reading of Ordinance 1584 – Beacon Health Systems Rezoning: Deputy Mayor Nunemaker turned the presentation over to Planning and Zoning Superintendent Lehman and asked if there were any updates as there were some easement questions at the last meeting. Superintendent Lehman told the Council members that he had been given an update by Mayor Jenkins regarding the easement issue. Mayor Jenkins has spoken with Dr. Bralick (with Beacon Medical Group) and he is aware of the ownership situation as it pertains to the easements. Everything should be ok as long as they own the property. They have no plans on selling the property. Dr. Bralick did not have time to draft a letter to Council indicating such but said that he would have one sent over prior to third reading on March 1st. There were no further questions or comments. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the ordinance on second reading. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. The ordinance was approved on second reading unanimously by roll call vote.



- New Business:
 - Wellfield Park Agreement with Wa-Nee Schools: Deputy Mayor Nunemaker had a conversation earlier in the day with Mayor Jenkins who asked that this agreement be tabled until the next meeting on March 1st. Councilwoman Huff motioned to table the agreement until the March 1st meeting. Councilman Miller seconded. The motion to table was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2020 APVs Totaling \$363,631.05: There were no questions or concerns raised regarding the APV's. Councilman Kauffman made the motion to approve the APVs. Councilwoman Huff seconded. There were no further questions or comments. The APV's were approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Reports from City Officers (reports are generally submitted for the second Council meeting of the month):
 - EMS Director: Director Sumpter noted how busy they have been with calls and how he looked forward to it slowing down. There were no other questions or concerns.
 - Fire Chief/Planning and Zoning: Chief Lehman submitted his monthly report and commented on how busy the fire department has been, especially on the first day of the month. He also congratulated Scott Kern on being named the Delbert Yoder Memorial Fireman of the Year. This is awarded to an individual selected by the department. Chief Lehman also congratulated Junior Mast on receiving the McQueens Excellence Award. This is a District award for which he was selected by all the firefighters from St. Joe County and Elkhart County. Deputy Mayor Nunemaker offered his congratulations to both award winners. There were no further questions or concerns noted.
 - Police Department: Chief Rulli submitted his monthly report. There were no questions or concerns noted.
 - Street Department: Superintendent Warren submitted his monthly report. Deputy Mayor Nunemaker inquired as to the condition of the streets after the snowstorm moved through. Superintendent Warren responded that they were in good shape and that the sun coming out helped them. Superintendent Warren also commented that due to the snowstorm Himco will be picking up the trash one day later than normal during the week. There were no further questions or concerns noted.



- Park Superintendent: Superintendent Davis presented the Park's reports. There were no questions or concerns noted.
- Elder Haus: There were no questions for the Senior Center.
- Water/WWTP: Superintendent Gerber informed the Council that Indiana Earth has stopped work due to the weather but is expected to begin again in approximately another week. Deputy Mayor Nunemaker asked Superintendent Gerber if there was any concern with the temporary shutdown of construction with certain areas being blocked off. Superintendent Gerber said that this had been expected during the month of February. There were no further questions for Superintendent Gerber.
- Clerk-Treasurer: CT Knight noted that the absence of a report was simply due to going through the year end closing process. The Council should expect to see a January and February CT Report in March. There were not questions for CT Knight.
- Mayor – Due to weather, Mayor Jenkins was unable to attend the meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilman Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Kauffman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm by unanimous voice vote. The next Council meeting will take place on Monday, March 1st at 7:00 pm.

Todd Nunemaker, Deputy Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council