



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for August 16th, 2021

Council Members in Attendance: Ben Leavitt, Dana Hollar, Amy Rosa, David Kauffman (OL), Denny Miller

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins, **Clerk Treasurer:** Jeff Knight, 11 guests (of the 11 guest, and 3 members of the press (1 attended via videoconference)).

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened the session with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.
- Roll Call: Council members listed above were in attendance in person.
- Approval of Minutes from August 2nd, 2021: Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Petitions or Comments by Citizens: There were none.
 - Mr. Steve Peach who resides at 354 N. Rosenberger Street in Nappanee requested to speak to the Council regarding drivers speeding on Van Buren Street. Mr. Peach noted that the excessive speeds tend to take place between 2:00 pm and 7 pm. He is concerned for the public safety specifically kids that could be seriously injured. Mr. Peach requested a police presence in order to get the speeds reduced. He also suggested the possibility of putting stop signs at every intersection. Mayor Jenkins thanked Mr. Peach for attending the meeting and bringing this issue to the attention of the Council. In attendance was Police Chief Rulli. Chief Rulli was unaware of the issue but said he would look into the situation.
 - Public Hearing for Ordinance 1592 – TIF Citywide Additional Appropriation for Wellfield Park: At 7:06 pm Mayor Jenkins opened the Public Hearing for comments pertaining to the additional appropriation. There were no comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:06 pm.
 - Public Hearing for Ordinance 1593 – Parks and Recreation Additional Appropriation for South Park Project: At 7:06 pm Mayor Jenkins opened the Public Hearing for comments pertaining to the additional appropriation. There were no comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.



- Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions:

- Clerk Treasurer's Report – July 31, 2021: CT Knight presented the report. He noted that the cash balance was down roughly \$1 million. This was due primarily to the City paying various Pay Apps to the general contractor (Indiana Earth) for the work completed on the Water Project. He reminded the Council that these Bond Fund balances are prefunded balances derived from the bonds financing the Water Project. Thus each time a pay application is received, payment is made from these cash balances. There were no further questions or comments. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the CT Report. Councilman Kauffman seconded. The CT report was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

- Unfinished Business:

- 2nd Reading Ordinance 1592 – TIF Citywide Additional Appropriation for Wellfield Park: There were no questions or comments due to this request being thoroughly covered at the last Council meeting. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve this ordinance on 2nd reading. Councilman Leavitt seconded. Ordinance 1592 was approved on second reading unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Jenkins continued by noting that it is unusual but in certain circumstances such as this, the rules may be suspended, and a 3rd reading may be held immediately following the second reading. CT Knight said the reason he would like to pursue this option is due to the lead time it takes to get the park equipment ordered and delivered. Parks and Rec Superintendent Davis interjected that it could take up to six weeks. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to suspend the rules and proceed to 3rd reading. Councilman Miller seconded. The rules were suspended unanimously by roll call vote.

3rd Reading of Ordinance 1592 – TIF Citywide Additional Appropriation for Wellfield Park: Mayor Jenkins presented the Ordinance for approval on 3rd reading. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve the Ordinance on 3rd reading. Councilman Kauffman seconded. With no further questions or comments, Ordinance 1592 was approved on 3rd reading unanimously by roll call vote.

- 2nd Reading Ordinance 1593 – Parks and Recreation Additional Appropriation for South Park Project: There were no questions or comments due to this request being thoroughly covered at the last Council meeting. Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve this ordinance on 2nd reading. Councilman Hollar seconded. Ordinance 1593 was approved on second reading unanimously by voice vote.



Councilman Miller motioned to suspend the rules and proceed to 3rd reading. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The rules were suspended unanimously by roll call vote.

3rd Reading of Ordinance 1593 – Parks and Recreation Additional Appropriation for South Park: Mayor Jenkins presented the Ordinance for approval on 3rd reading. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the Ordinance on 3rd reading. Councilman Hollar seconded. With no further questions or comments, Ordinance 1593 was approved on 3rd reading unanimously by roll call vote.

- New Business:
 - Newcomer Service Rezoning: Superintendent of Planning Nunemaker presented the request to the Council. The rezoning will shift the properties from an R1 to B2. The Plan Commission approved this request 6-0 and recommended the change to the Council. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the rezoning request. Councilman Hollar seconded. Councilman Hollar referred to the image displayed to the Council and asked if the zoning change pertained to all of the red highlighted sections and Councilman Miller asked if the red box behind was for special use. Mr. Miller said yes to both. The special use may be for future parking. With no further questions or comments, the rezoning request was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2021 APV's Totaling \$274,340.67: Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the APV's. Councilman Hollar seconded. There were no further questions or comments. The APV's were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Reports from City Officers: Monthly reports were submitted by most of the department heads. Fire Chief Lehman told the Council the combining of the EMS department and Fire department is going well. Mayor Jenkins thanked the chief for his leadership. Park Superintendent Davis told the Council that the city pool is now closed. Utility Superintendent Gerber informed the Council that all of the highway water services are in. The work has now shifted to W. Centennial by Geist. Also, work on the Airport Water Tower is starting to ramp up. Mayor Jenkins commented that the Senior Center continues to operate on a business-as-usual basis. However, the COVID situation is being monitored. He concluded by giving a tentative timeline on the budget.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilwoman Rosa motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Hollar seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm by unanimous voice vote.



Immediately upon closing the meeting, Mayor Jenkins reopened the meeting in order for Councilman Miller to have the floor and officially submit his resignation with an effective date of September 7th. Councilman Miller gave an emotional resignation speech with an emphasis placed on the need to focus on his health and family. He also implored the Council to invest in the mental health and well-being of the residents of the City. Various members of the Council and city administration offered words of encouragement and appreciation for his service.

Adjournment: For a second time, with no further business to be discussed, Councilman Hollar motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Leavitt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council