



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for October 11, 2021

Council Members in Attendance: Ben Leavitt, Dana Hollar, Amy Rosa, David Kauffman, Kelbi Veenstra

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins, **City Attorney:** Brian Hoffer, **Clerk Treasurer:** Jeff Knight, 2 guests (1 in person and 1 guest via ZOOM), and 1 member of the press.

- 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 September 20th, 2021: Councilman Leavitt motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Hollar seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Petitions or Comments by Citizens:
 - Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 1595 – 2022 Budget: Mayor Jenkins opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. As there was no one from the public in attendance at the meeting and there were no public comments, Mayor Jenkins closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm.
- Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions:
 - Clerk-Treasurer Reports for August 31, 2021 and September 30, 2021: CT Knight gave an overview of both reports, dealing specifically with the investment/reinvestment of roughly \$3.6 million. The rates on CD's have improved to .40% which is 22 basis points better than what is being received via the money market account. CT Knight stated that he intentionally stayed shorter term (12 months or less) in order to access liquidity post first of the year for the Wellfield Park and various park restroom projects. Councilman Kauffman commented that .40% was probably about the best that could be done unless the term was much longer. CT Knight concurred. Councilman Kauffman asked if the Water Revenue bonds would be reduced to zero. CT Knight said it would be close to zero as did Mayor Jenkins. Mayor Jenkins noted that there are contingency dollars which may or may not be used which could impact how close to zero these balances get. There were no further questions or comments. Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the CT reports. Councilman Hollar seconded. The CT reports were approved unanimously by voice vote.



- Unfinished Business:
 - Second Reading of Ordinance 1595 – 2022 Budget: Due to the Budget being thoroughly vetted at the last meeting by Mayor Jenkins, CT Knight, and the Council members, there were no questions or concerns noted at this meeting. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve Ordinance 1595 - 2022 Budget on second reading. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. Ordinance 1595 was approved unanimously on second reading by a roll call vote.
- New Business:
 - Resolution 748-21 – AIM Medical Trust: Mayor Jenkins presented the resolution and discussed how the City had looked at the Trust four years ago but that it was not cost effective at that time to go with them. The City has worked closely with a private broker for a number of years and has a good working relationship with them. However, the increased insurance costs expected for 2022 caused the City to give the Trust further consideration. At this time, the Trust can offer the City substantial savings versus remaining with CIGNA. This resolution indicates that the City will start with the Trust on January 1, 2022 and it is a three-year agreement. This will allow the City to move forward with open enrollment. Councilman Hollar confirmed that this means the City is changing health insurance providers. Mayor Jenkins said yes. CT Knight reconfirmed that costs will be substantial. Councilwoman Rosa also confirmed that there will be insurance cost savings to the employees as well. CT Knight noted that HR Consultant Robertson has looked into the possibility of employees being able to stay with their current physicians, and they should be able to do so with the Trust. CT Knight also noted that for 2023, the increase from the Trust will be capped at 3%. Councilman Kauffman inquired what the increase might be for year three. Mayor Jenkins thought the highest annual increase was roughly 10%. Councilman Hollar asked if a wellness exam was required each year. Mayor Jenkins said the City does that now with Get Fit, Get Healthy out of Goshen. Councilman Leavitt commented on the accessibility part of the Trust plan. The City premiums are tied to other municipalities performance. Councilman Kauffman asked if there was a mental health component to this. Mayor Jenkins said yes and then described how the current system works and how the Trust was similar. After a bit of further conversation about the nuances of the Trust, Councilman Hollar motioned to approve the Resolution. Councilman Kauffman seconded. Resolution 748-21 was approved unanimously by roll call vote.



- Resolution 749-21 – Nappanee 3 Year Levy Appeal Paperwork/Petition: CT Knight gave a brief overview of the resolution. This is based upon three-year growth rate in Net Assessed Value that the City of Nappanee experienced compared to the state. Based upon the calculation, the City will be able to recognize an additional \$91,729 in property tax revenue. Councilman Kauffman asked if the City was able to look at this on an annual basis. Mayor Jenkins commented that it was a three-year average. Councilwoman Rosa asked if the appeal process was already completed. Mayor Jenkins replied that this documentation will allow us to proceed with the process. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the Resolution. Councilman Hollar seconded. Resolution 749-21 was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2021 APV's Totaling \$4,582,048.01: CT Knight reiterated the impact that the reinvestment of CD had upon the APV Total (\$3.6 million) and commented that three payrolls were included in this overall total as well (\$900,000). Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the APV's. Councilman Leavitt seconded. There were no further questions or comments. The APV's were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Reports from City Officers: Monthly reports were not required at this meeting. Attendance by department heads is optional if they do not have any business to tend to or reports for which to answer questions.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilwoman Rosa motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Hollar seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council