



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for January 18, 2022

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

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins, **City Attorney:** Brian Hoffer, **Clerk Treasurer:** Jeff Knight, **Guests:** 11 (8 IP and 3 OL), and two members of the press.

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.
- Roll Call: Council members listed above were in attendance.
- Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2022: Councilman Leavitt motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Hollar seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Petitions or Comments by Citizens: There were none.
- Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions: There were none.
- Unfinished Business:
 - Third Reading of Ordinance 1599 – Wa-Nee Annexation: Mayor Jenkins presented the request. Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the ordinance on third reading. Councilman Hollar seconded. Ordinance 1599 – Wa-Nee Annexation was approved 4-0 on third reading by roll call vote. Councilwoman Rosa abstained due to her employment with the Wa-Nee School District.
- New Business:
 - First Reading of Ordinance 1600 – Annexation – Cleveland Capital, LLC: Mayor Jenkins presented the request. There are two tracts of land along County Road 7 that make up the annexation request. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve the annexation on first reading. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. Ordinance 1600 – Annexation – Cleveland Capital, LLC was approved unanimously on first reading by roll call vote.

Councilwoman Rosa made the motion to set the public hearing for the annexation on February 22nd at 7:00 pm. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.



- Resolution 754-22 - 2022 Mileage Reimbursement: Mayor Jenkins introduced the resolution. CT Knight indicated that the reimbursement rate for 2021 was 56 cents per mile for personal vehicle use while on official city business. For 2022 the rate has been increased by the IRS to 58.5 cents per mile. Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the resolution. Councilman Hollar seconded. Resolution 754-22 was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 755-22 – Amended ADA Transition Plan: Mayor Jenkins introduced the resolution and Street Superintendent Warren made the presentation. In 2011 the city adopted an ADA transition plan. This request updates that plan, bringing it current. A map was displayed indicating curb ramps that were compliant, those that need to be done, and those that need to be reviewed. In the resolution is language providing for Public Input. This request is actually for setting a public hearing for February 7th at 7:00 pm. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve setting the public hearing on the date and at the time mentioned. Councilman Hollar seconded. Councilman Hollar asked how many crosswalks are updated each year. Superintendent Warren said they are usually done as part of other projects but did not stipulate a number. Councilman Hollar expressed his appreciation for how much has been updated thus far. Mayor Jenkins commented that the city has made good progress. Councilman Leavitt commented that he would assume that we are doing a lot better than other cities our size. Mayor Jenkins said yes and that INDOT has been pushing hard on these upgrades. The public hearing request was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Resolution 756-22 – Fiscal Plan for Wa-Nee Annexation: Mayor Jenkins presented the resolution that spells out the fiscal responsibility of the City and owner/developer of the property. The city would like to provide water and sewer infrastructure to this site. It will provide a loop around the school for water service as well as extend sewer service to the north of the high school for future expansion. This project is being worked on by Mayor Jenkins, Dr. Croner (Wa-Nee Schools Superintendent), school district counsel, and City Attorney Hoffer. Attorney Hoffer interjected how the relationship with the school district will work. Dr. Croner noted his appreciation for the working relationship the school district has with the city. Mayor Jenkins also noted his appreciation of the city's partnership with the school district. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve the fiscal plan. Councilman Leavitt seconded. Resolution 756-22 – Fiscal Plan for Wa-Nee Annexation was approved unanimously by a 4-0 roll call vote. Councilwoman Rosa abstained due to her employment with the school district.



- First Reading of Ordinance 1601 – Rezoning of property owned by Jamie Corporation and Irene Corporation: Planning Superintendent Nunemaker presented the rezoning request. These will be rezoned to I1 Industrial from R1 Residential. Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the rezoning request on first reading. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. Ordinance 1601 – Rezoning of property owned by Jamie Corporation and Irene Corporation was approved unanimously on first reading by roll call vote.
- Designation of The Goshen News and Warsaw Times Union as qualified publication for legal advertising in 2022: Mayor Jenkins presented the document designating these two newspapers as qualified publications for legal advertising in 2022. Councilman Leavitt motioned to approve the designation. Councilman Hollar seconded. The designation was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- 2022 Appointments: Mayor Jenkins presented a spreadsheet listing the various governing bodies of the city along with the members he is appointing to each. Councilwoman Rosa noted the need to add Councilman Leavitt to the Planning Commission. Mayor Jenkins will fix the omission. He will also remove Superintendent Nunemaker, who was replaced by Councilman Leavitt. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve the 2022 appointments as amended. Councilman Kauffman seconded. The 2022 appointments were approved as amended unanimously by roll call vote.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2022 APV's Totaling \$157,556.64: Mayor Jenkins presented the APVs. CT Knight stated that these were normal expenses incurred but that no payrolls were in this batch. Thus the dollar amount is smaller than normal. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve the APV's. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The APV's were approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Reports from City Officer: There were none.
- 2022 State of the City: Mayor Jenkins concluded the meeting by presenting his annual State of the City speech. The theme of the speech was "Together".



Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilman Leavitt motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Rosa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council