



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for August 15, 2022

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

Also Present: Mayor: Phil Jenkins, **City Attorney:** Brian Hoffer, **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jeff Knight, **Guests:** 5, and 1 member of the press.

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.
- Roll Call: Council members listed above were in attendance. Councilman Hollar was unable to attend the meeting.
- Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2022: Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Petitions or Comments by Citizens: There were none.
- Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions:
 - Clerk Treasurer Report for July 2022: CT Knight presented the report for July. The focus was on the improved investment return due to increased interest rates. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the report. Councilwoman Veenstra seconded. The CT report was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Unfinished or New Business: There was none.
- New Business:
 - Rezoning Request for 252 S. Madison Street: Planning Superintendent Nunemaker presented the rezoning request to make this property a B1 property. The area is industrial, but the uses are more residential/business mixed. The Plan Commission recommended approval by a 7-0 vote. NIPSCO has provided a letter to allow access to the rear of the building to get to parking. Councilman Kauffman confirmed that parking would be in the back and thought that it looked like there was sufficient room. Superintendent Nunemaker said there was about 60 feet. Mrs. Lindsay Yoder informed the Council that there was no problem with NIPSCO. Superintendent Nunemaker said that since this is a rezoning change it should be put in Ordinance form and submitted for three readings. Mayor Jenkins agreed. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve



the rezoning request and authorize that the ordinance be drafted. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The rezoning request was approved unanimously by roll call vote (4-0).

- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: 2022 APV's Totaling \$1,172,987.71: CT Knight commented that these APV's include one payroll and two HRP invoices for work being done on Miriam Ave. The invoices for HRP are for approximately \$300,000 each. Councilman Kauffman motioned to approve the APV's as presented. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The APV's were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Reports by City Officers: There were no reports from the various department heads at this meeting. Mayor Jenkins gave an update on the Miriam Avenue project and mentioned the special meeting for a financial review with Baker Tilly on August 29th.
- Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilman Leavitt motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Kauffman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council