



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for April 3, 2023

Council Members in Attendance: Ben Leavitt, Dana Hollar, Amy Rosa, Dustin Geyer, Kelbi Veenstra

Also Present: City Attorney: Brian Hoffer, **Clerk-Treasurer** Jeff Knight, **Guests:** 2 (2 IP) and 1 member of the press (IP).

- Call to Order: Deputy Mayor Rosa called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilwoman Veenstra opened with prayer.
- Roll Call: DM Rosa asked for CT Knight to do call the roll of the council members. All council members listed above were in attendance.
- Approval of Minutes from the March 20, 2023, Council meeting: Councilwoman Veenstra motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Leavitt seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- There were no petitions or comments by citizens, and no reports of committees, boards, or commissions.
- There was no unfinished business.
- New Business:
 - Approve Funding of Nappanee’s portion of Woodview Drive Reconstruction: CT Knight presented the memo that delineated where the City’s portion of \$1,445,496.14 (20%) of the Woodview Drive project funds will come from (\$1,250,995.67 from the Major Moves investment, \$100,000 from MVH, \$50,000 from Stormwater, and \$44,540.47 from LRS). INDOT will fund the remaining 80%. Councilman Geyer asked what the timing of the funding is. CT Knight said he has an invoice for the City’s portion on his desk now. Councilman Leavitt asked what the project completion timeline is. CT Knight said he thought it was to be completed next year but did not want to speculate on a specific completion date since that was not a discussion that he had been involved with. DM Rosa noted that the school district had been notified of the construction and how it would impact access to Woodview Elementary next Fall. Councilman Geyer asked how firm the cost of the project was with how rapidly costs of materials and construction have changed recently. City Attorney Hoffer noted that this was their low bid (\$7,227,480.68) and so no change could take place to the bid amount. Attorney Hoffer and CT Knight both noted that there could be change orders if additional work were found to be necessary, but that the bid was a number that could not change. DM Rosa requested that a timeline be provided that shows when the project was initiated and how it has evolved since inception. Attorney Hoffer asked CT Knight if the engineering firm was First Group. CT Knight said yes. DM Rosa commented that work began on the project a couple of years ago with property purchases. CT Knight said yes that in 2020 easements had been acquired from the homeowners along Woodview for the widening of the road. Councilman Leavitt motioned to approve the portion of the City’s Woodview Drive construction costs. Councilman Hollar seconded. With no further questions or comments, the funding of Nappanee portion of the cost for Woodview Drive reconstruction was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers - 2023 APV’s Totaling \$1,398,837.26: CT Knight gave an overview of the major costs were (3 payrolls, pension payroll, insurances, FCDC, B&G Club, Animal



Control, trash services, and GM Development). Councilman Hollar motioned to approve the APV's. Councilman Geyer seconded. The APV's were approved unanimously by voice vote.

- Reports by City Officers: A proclamation was submitted by Mayor Jenkins regarding April being Child Abuse Prevention Month. No action is required. This is submitted for the record. DM Rosa asked how to obtain some pinwheels (representative of supporting child abuse prevention) and noted that this is a cause worth fighting for. CT Knight said he would find out and get back to the Council.
- Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilwoman Veenstra motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Leavitt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Amy Rosa, Deputy Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council