



Common Council Meeting – Minutes for June 19, 2023

Council Members in Attendance: Dana Hollar, Amy Rosa, Dustin Geyer

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

- Call to Order: Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.
- Roll Call: Council members listed above were in attendance in person. Councilwoman Veenstra and Councilman Leavitt were unable to attend due to both families welcoming new additions to their families. The Leavitt's had a son named Cooper Dean. The Veenstra's had a daughter named Caroline Drew. Congratulations were extended to both families.
- Approval of Minutes from the June 5, 2023, Council meeting: Councilman Geyer motioned to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Petitions or Comments by Citizens: There were none.
- Reports of Committees, Boards, or Commissions:
 - Clerk Treasurer Report for May 2023: CT Knight presented the May report. He noted the improvement in the Fund balances due to the receipt of \$722,000 in supplemental/special income tax distributions. He also noted that in the last week of June, the City will receive its normal property tax distribution and that payment-in-lieu of taxes from the Water and Wastewater utility will be received. This will increase the General Fund further. CT Knight concluded with a discussion of the Jumbo CD rates that may pertain to the City Investor CD that matures on July 10th. Councilwoman Rosa motioned to approve the CT Report for May 2023. Councilman Hollar seconded. The CT Report for May 2023 was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Unfinished Business: There was none.
- New Business:
 - 1st Reading of Ordinance 1622 – Amending 2023 Salary Ordinance: Mayor Jenkins presented the ordinance. The time is approaching when the City pays its volunteers their base salary. When the salary ordinance was created the volunteer EMT's and Firefighters were overlooked. They were budgeted for, but their pay did not appear in the ordinance. This amends ordinances 1610 and 1618. The annual payment is \$2,500/volunteer EMT and \$3,050/volunteer Firefighter. Half of this is paid in the first payroll in July and the other half comes out in the first payroll in December. Councilman Hollar motioned to approve Ordinance 1622 amending the 2023 salary ordinance. Councilman Geyer seconded. Ordinance 1622 amending the 2023 Salary Ordinance was approved unanimously by voice vote on first reading.
- Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers - 2023 APV's Totaling \$458,928.75: CT Knight told the Council that these vouchers include one payroll, \$6,000 for Lawson Fisher for Woodview Drive engineering fees, \$6,000 for Get Fit Get Healthy by Goshen Hospital, \$17,000 for First Group Engineering fees related to Woodview Drive, and various normal monthly costs. Councilman Geyer motioned to approve the APV's. Councilwoman Rosa seconded. The APV's were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Reports by City Officers: Mayor Jenkins updated the council about the Fire Station process and the Patronicity campaign to raise funds for a Pickleball court. As it pertains to the Fire Station location, all of



the property owners have been met with and a site has been selected but that will not be announced until everything is in order. Progress is being made. An RFQ will be sent out and Design/Build teams put together. It is hoped that the designs will be finished, and costs determined, at some point this Fall.

Mayor Jenkins then talked about how the City has gone through the IHADA (Indiana Housing Community Development Agency) about putting a proposal together to add Pickleball to the City's parks. If the City raises half, the State will match it. The City's half is \$35,000. The link can be found in the Park's section on the City website.

There followed a discussion about potentially changing the next Council meeting since it is scheduled for 7:00 pm on July 3rd. It was decided to leave it as scheduled.

Finally, Mayor Jenkins talked about the upcoming AIM Idea Summit (August 22nd through 24th). If Council members would like to attend, CT Knight needs to know by 10:00 tomorrow in order to reserve rooms.

- Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed, Councilwoman Rosa motioned to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Hollar seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Phil Jenkins, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeff Knight, Clerk of the Council