January 7, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, INDIANA

The Common Council of the City of New Haven, Indiana, met at the City Administration Building on the 7th day of January at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in regular session in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Steve McMichael who presided.

On call of the roll, the members of the Common Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Terry Werling, Dave Cheviron, Floyd Ball, Jeff Turner, Craig Dellinger, Mike Mowery, and Matthew Kennedy

Absent: None

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2019 meeting as mailed. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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Mayor Steve McMichael welcomed all returning Council members along with new Council members.

Mayor McMichael brought to everyone’s attention Board of Works meeting this morning was the first tested live streaming using Facebook. Both Board of Works and Council will be live streamed at each meeting in the future.

The 2020 Organizational Meeting was held. Terry Werling made a motion to nominate Craig Dellinger as Council President. Floyd Ball seconded the motion. Dave Cheviron made a motion to close nominations. Matthew Kennedy seconded the motion to close nominations. The motions to nominate Craig Dellinger and close nominations were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Terry Werling, Dave Cheviron, Floyd Ball, Jeff Turner, Craig Dellinger, Mike Mowery, and Matthew Kennedy

Nays: None

Craig Dellinger is the Council President for 2020.

Council President Craig Dellinger announced the Council Department Liaison positions as follows:

Engineering, Planning and GIS Matthew Kennedy
Park Department Mike Mowery
Clerk Treasurer’s Office Terry Werling
Mayor’s Executive and Human Resources Floyd Ball
Utilities Services Jeff Turner
Police and Dispatchers Craig Dellinger
Fire and EMS Dave Cheviron

Additional 2020 Council appointments are as follows:

Economic Development Commission: Jeff Turner and Craig Dellinger
Plan Commission: Matthew Kennedy
Redevelopment Commission: Mike Mowery

Floyd Ball made a motion to approve the appointments as read. Matthew Kennedy seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Terry Werling, Dave Cheviron, Floyd Ball, Jeff Turner, Craig Dellinger, Mike Mowery, and Matthew Kennedy
Mayor Steve McMichael asked each member appointed to get with Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock to get sworn in at a later date for the new appointments.

Steve McMichael mentioned that the City recently aligned Board of Works and City Council meeting to the same day. The goal is to give an update to City Council and the community every two weeks.

Steve McMichael gave an update on the morning’s Board of Works meeting. There was an update on the Green Road project and pay tabulations. The section from the Bus Barn roughly to North of Moeller Road intersection is substantially complete other than some sidewalks and final pavement. Final paving will be going down in the Spring and a small area of sidewalks needing to be done yet with weather permitting. Section 3 of Green Road has started with some underground stormwater work to continue through Spring into early Summer. The Green Road project to the South of Moeller Road will include closing the open ditch on the West side of the road and a sidewalk connecting Section 5 down to Little Bay of Scarborough back into the sidewalk at Moeller and Green. The Landin Road project was discussed and estimates on Engineering bills pertaining to the project. Landin Road had to be divided into two sections. The first section will be starting fiscal year 2021 and from the railroad tracks south to Powers. The second section will be in 2022 from the railroad tracks to North River. There was an update on the Wayne Haven stormwater project at Broaster Sales. This was a property swap with the City of New Haven giving the City of New Haven access to the Community Center onto Wayne Haven Drive and eventually have safe access to the turn light at Wayne Haven and 930. The stormwater work is substantially complete other than planting grass. Mark Anderson, owner of Andy’s Knockout Chicken, was named as the Board of Works Representative on the Plans Commission and Dave Jones was named as the Board of Works Representative on the Tree Commission. Due to an unexpected departure, Terry McDonald was offered a short-term intern contract to be the Intern Economic Development Director. An update on the 3R project with a bid in an access of 10% over the Engineer’s estimate and the bid was rejected.

Craig Dellinger gave an update on the STELLAR Project with the Splash Pad at the Community Center. Mike Clendenen mentioned the latest plans are available at the Community Center for anyone interested in stopping by and seeing the plans. The project may possibly start later this year and finish up next year.

Mayor McMichael thanked everyone for coming out to meet the newly elected officials. Mayor McMichael also talked about open communication. There was a whole city employee meeting this week which has not happened in quite a while. The City of New Haven will continue to see additional ways of communication with Facebook being one of those ways. The City of New Haven’s new website will be another way of communicating, with a new version launching at the end of January.

Jeff Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.