February 4, 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 4th day of February 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
Also Present: Attorney Steve Harants

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting as mailed. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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Mayor Steve McMichael asked the board for permission to stray from the agenda. The Mayor asked Dylan Caudill to come up and receive a proclamation. Dylan has outstanding academic and athletic achievements at New Haven High School. Mayor Steve McMichael declared February 4, 2020, as Dylan Caudill Day in the City of New Haven.

Clerk-Treasurer Natalie Strock presented to the council the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for 2020. The Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements that were presented were for Craig Dellinger, Natalie Strock, Steve McMichael, Jeff Turner, Terry McDonald, Zachary Moord, Laura Hartman, Jonathan M Stauffer, Natalie Rider, and Angela Daniel. Dave Cheviron made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for 2020. Floyd Ball 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
Nays: None

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of Surety Bond for Public Employees Blanket Bond. Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock said the blanket bond is for the Redevelopment Commission President, Redevelopment Commission Vice President, Redevelopment Commission Secretary, Redevelopment Commission Board Member, Police Pension Secretary Chief, and Superintendent of Utilities. There might be an amendment to add the HR director. Mike Mowery made a motion to approve the Surety Bond for the Public Employees Blanket Bond. 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
Nays: None

Mayor McMichael gave an update on Board of Works projects, the Community Center project is moving right along with construction starting later this year. Landin Road is scheduled to start next year and Green Road with get a final coat asphalt. Tanglewood project has a few sewer lines running under homes or near homes.

Mayor McMichael gave an update on Senior staff. Darrin Good is the first city of engineer, Rob Gutierrez is Director of Planning, and there has been an offer extended and accepted by a new Economic Development Director. The city will be at full staff around March 1st. Mayor McMichael thanked former Mayor McDonald for filling in as interim Economic Development Director. Mayor McMichael would like to thank the public for the donations for the Clothes4Joes box. They have had to empty the box four times since installing it a couple weeks ago. On the Facebook page, it was shared that Sieler and Hartzell is going to be a four-way stop starting in two weeks. On the Facebook page, we have over 900 followers which will help get information out more effectively.

Under other business, Councilman Terry Werling spoke about the Groundhog Day fundraiser. He said it was nice to see the public supporting the community. Councilman Mowery thanked the city for sending them to the NEO training in Indianapolis. Thank the executive summary from Chief McCracken. Councilman Craig Dellinger discussed the city’s new website, www.newhaven.in.gov. He discussed how
there is a contact button to easily connects the public with someone with in the city to help them. He also talked about agendas, minutes, and video from Board of Works and City Council could be found on there. Councilman Jeff Turner thanked the Caudill family for their support of New Haven and congratulations to Dylan on his proclamation. Councilman Floyd Ball discussed changes to Landin Road about adding a right turn lane. Mayor McMichael said he would talk with the Director of Engineer regarding this and follow up next meeting. Councilman Dave Cheviron was asked by Bob Schrock next to Pilot Flying J Travel Center to ask about the road to his home. He wanted to know if the city could put up a no outlet sign. The grass is torn up and he is unable to maintain it. Council Attorney Steve Harants said he possibly has a file states that might say who owns the road to help Mr. Schrock out.

Marvin Jarvis, of 9547 Falcon Way, asked for an update about House Bill 1065. Mayor McMichael gave an update that it had passed the House and was on to the Senate.

Terry Werling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Mowery seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Steve McMichael
Presiding Officer

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Natalie Strock
Clerk-Treasurer