June 2, 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 2nd day of June at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in a regular session in accordance with the rules of the Council.

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

Mayor Steve McMichael asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He also asked everyone to take a moment of silence after to reflect on the events going on in the world.

Title VI Statement

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 May 19, 2020 meeting as mailed. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Before beginning with the items on the agenda, Mayor Steve McMichael talked about the fire downtown that recently happened. The fire department did get the fire out quickly so that the landscape downtown would not change. City Hall is open by appointment only. Starting June 15th, City Hall will be open to the public, following Governor Holcomb’s reopening plan. Mayor McMichael thanked the staff of City Hall for continuing to work hard during this time. Mayor McMichael thanked the Public Safety staff for all they have been doing during this time. Mayor McMichael talked about his COVID scare. He wanted to remind citizens to stay home if they are not feeling well. He gave a Board of Works update.

Under old business was the second reading of Ordinance G-20-08 An Ordinance to Change the Zoning Map of the New Haven Plan Commission’s Jurisdictional Area. Dave Cheviron made a motion to read by title only Ordinance G-20-08 An Ordinance to Change the Zoning Map of the New Haven Plan Commission’s Jurisdictional Area. Craig Dellinger seconded that 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

Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock read by title only Ordinance G-20-08 An Ordinance to Change the Zoning Map of the New Haven Plan Commission’s Jurisdictional Area.

Terry Werling made a motion to have the third and final reading by title only Ordinance G-20-08 An Ordinance to Change the Zoning Map of the New Haven Plan Commission’s Jurisdictional Area. Dave Cheviron seconded that 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

Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock read by title only Ordinance G-20-08 An Ordinance to Change the Zoning Map of the New Haven Plan Commission’s Jurisdictional Area.

Presiding Officer Mayor Steve McMichael declared the Ordinance G-20-08 to have passed.

The first item under new business was a Resolution to Transfer of Funds for the year 2020. Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock explained it was originally 100 line item for social media specialist as an employee and now needs transferred to under Mayor expenses for a contract. Floyd Ball made a motion to read by title only A Resolution to Transfer City Funds Between Accounts for the year 2020. Craig Dellinger 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

Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock read by title only Resolution R-20-06 A Resolution to Transfer City Funds Between Accounts for the year 2020.
The second item under new business was A Resolution Regarding Transfer of Funds for Sidewalk Matching Fund. Mayor Steve McMichael discussed this program would be a 50/50 with the homeowner and would be for sidewalks from driveway to property line. It would not include the driveway portion. This program will improve the quality of life. Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock discussed that she was waiting for guidance on the fund number from the State Board of Accounts. The Clerk Treasurer Office is working hard to make sure fund numbers match the State Board of Accounts for easier uploading. Mayor McMichael stated that Board of Works would set the parameters of the program but council needs to pass the resolution first. Mike Mowery made a motion to read by title only A Resolution Regarding Transfer of Funds for Sidewalk Matching Fund. Dave Cheviron 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

Clerk Treasurer Natalie Strock read by title only Resolution R-20-07 A Resolution Regarding Transfer of Funds for Sidewalk Matching Fund.

The third item under new business was a discussion of Economic Development Revolving Fund. This fund would help local business still needing help after July when the PPE money runs out from the State. The goal is to start with $50,000 in the fund and given out small loans of $2,000-$2,500 with 0% interest. There would be a committee with Pone Vongphachanh, New Haven Community and Economic Development Director, a member of New Allen Alliance, President of New Haven Chamber of Commerce, a member of GFW, council member, Board of Works member, and a few local business owners. The program would give the company six months to start repayment having the first payment due on the seventh month of the loan. If this program had been setup prior to the pandemic, there was grants given of $250,000 from the Federal Government. By establishing this fund now, possible funds could come from the CARE Act. Mayor McMichael went around to each council member which all agreed that New Haven should have an Economic Development Revolving Fund. Attorney Steve Harants will then begin work on putting paperwork together.

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

Mayor Steve McMichael  
Presiding Officer

Natalie Strock  
Clerk Treasurer