

January 09, 2018

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 9th 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 Mayor Terry McDonald who presided.

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

Present: Dave Cheviron, Sarah DiGangi, Bob Byrd, Terry Werling, Steve McMichael, Floyd Ball, Craig Dellinger

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Steve Harants

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting as mailed. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Mayor McDonald told Terry Werling it is good to see him back and Terry Werling said it is good to be back.

The 2017 Organizational Meeting was held. Council President Craig Dellinger said it is time to mix things up with the liaison positions so everyone can try to get experience in all positions. Craig said two years is enough time to serve as Council President and we should rotate around the Board. Craig Dellinger made a motion to nominate Steve McMichael as Council President. Floyd Ball seconded the motion. With no other nomination the nominations were closed. Craig Dellinger said all in favor of Steve McMichael serving as Council President and there were all ayes and no nays. Steve McMichael is the new Council President for 2018.

Additional 2018 Council appointments are as follows:

Council President Steve McMichael announced the Council Department Liaison positions as follows:

Police and Dispatchers	Bob Byrd
Fire and EMS	Steve McMichael
Court	Terry Werling
Engineering Department	Floyd Ball
Planning and Economic Development	Craig Dellinger
Utility Services and Clerk's Office	Dave Cheviron
Park Department	Sarah DiGangi
Mayor's Office	Steve McMichael

Steve McMichael made a motion to nominate James Ball for the Police Merit Board. Bob Byrd seconded the motion. Nominations were closed. Steve McMichael said all in favor of James Ball for the Police Merit Board and there were all ayes and no nays. James Ball will continue to be on the Police Merit Board from Council.

Steve McMichael made a motion to nominate Sara DiGangi and Bob Byrd for the Redevelopment Commission. Craig Dellinger seconded the motion. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Steve McMichael said all in favor of Sara DiGangi and Bob Byrd for the Redevelopment Commission and there were all ayes and no nays. Sara DiGangi and Bob Byrd will serve on the Redevelopment Commission as representatives of Council.

Steve McMichael made a motion to nominate Craig Dellinger as representative from Council for the Plan Commission. Terry Werling seconded the motion. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Steve McMichael said all in favor of Craig Dellinger as representative from Council for the Plan Commission and there were all ayes and no nays. Craig Dellinger will serve as representative from Council for the Plan Commission.

Steve McMichael made a motion to nominate Dave Cheviron for the two year appointment to the Economic Development Commission and nominate himself for the one year appointment to the Economic Development Commission. Terry Werling seconded the motion. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Steve McMichael said all in favor of Dave Cheviron for the two year appointment to the Economic Development Commission and Steve McMichael for the one year appointment to the Economic Development Commission and there were all ayes and no nays. Dave Cheviron will serve a two year appointment and Steve McMichael will serve a one year appointment to the Economic Development Commission.

The next item was to adopt the Rules of Procedure. Floyd Ball made a motion to adopt the Rules of Procedure. Steve McMichael reminded Council that it is Chapter 30 of the New Haven Code and said we should review it at least once a year. Bob Byrd seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Dave Cheviron, Sarah DiGangi, Terry Werling, Bob Byrd, Steve McMichael, Floyd Ball, Craig Dellinger
Nays: None

The Presiding Officer, Mayor McDonald declared the motion passed.

The 2018 employee meetings are scheduled for April 24, 2018 and May 22, 2018.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Surety Bond for Clerk Treasurer, Brenda Adams. Clerk Treasurer Brenda Adams said the surety bond is for her in the amount of \$300,000.00 and it is good for one year. Terry Werling made a motion to approve Clerk Treasurer, Brenda Adams Surety Bond. Steve McMichael seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Dave Cheviron, Sarah DiGangi, Terry Werling, Bob Byrd, Steve McMichael, Floyd Ball, Craig Dellinger
Nays: None

The Presiding Officer, Mayor McDonald declared the motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the Approval of Surety Bond for Public Employees Blanket Bond. Clerk Treasurer Brenda Adams said the blanket bond is for the Redevelopment Commission, Police Pension Secretary Chief, City Court Judge and Court Clerk and the Public Works Superintendent. Steve McMichael made a motion to approve the Surety Bond for the Public Employees Blanket Bond. Floyd Ball seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Dave Cheviron, Sarah DiGangi, Terry Werling, Bob Byrd, Steve McMichael, Floyd Ball, Craig Dellinger
Nays: None

The Presiding Officer, Mayor McDonald declared the motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the conflict of interest forms. Under IC 35-44.1-1-4 it requires all elected official to disclose of any potential conflict of interest. Craig Dellinger made a motion to approve the conflict of interests for Robert Byrd, Craig Dellinger, Laura Hartman, Brenda Adams, Sara DiGangi and Steve McMichael. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved. The forms will be loaded in the Gateway website for public review.

Terry McDonald said this was all the items on the agenda and asked Council if they have any comments. Terry Werling said it is really a sincere thought to have the backing he has had in the last three months; he said it is very humbling. Bob Byrd asked about the train derailment and was told when the track was changed and the train car had a broken wheel. Steve McMichael said he will be hosting a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 16th to explore options and potential donors for updating /upgrading the Christmas decorations for the Downtown corridor. Mayor McDonald reminded Council that after the decorative light poles were installed the City did pay \$2,000.00 a year out of taxpayer money for the garland and lights but then the price was tripled and Terry said he could not see spending that kind of money. Going back further the festival committee bought decorations and maintained them and put them up. The banners we now have were donated by a local merchant. Floyd Ball and Craig Dellinger said how good it was to have Terry Werling on board again and Council agreed. Craig Dellinger was thanked for his service as Council President for the last two years. Public Works Superintendent Dave Jones said they have a bad water break in Highland Terrace by the school. The Tree Commission Board members were present talking about a matching \$6,000.00 grant they received. The grant will allow them to contract a company to do tree inventory and it will be GIS based and computerized. This will allow the City to manage the trees within the City. They discussed how the pear tree is now an invasive species. This will also help the City of New Haven to keep their Tree City USA certification. Bob Nelson from the School Board said they have a committee of about 10 people who will be visiting Ben Davis Vocational School. The committee will be surveying local manufacturing to find their needs. Another committee will be visiting Vantage Vocational School. The committees will be looking at vocations so the building can be designed to fit those vocations and what the vocations are. Mr. Nelson made an invitation to Council if a couple of them would like to join the 2nd committee to let him know. Craig Dellinger said he would like to go. Bob Nelson also said the

EACS will be offering a CNA program next semester. The Mayor said the Fire/EMS Department has done an outstanding job with the severe cold with an active fire and potential rescue. Also the Department of Public Works does a great job, it is no fun working on main breaks in this kind of weather. Terry McDonald said he is really proud of his staff and they will be providing their year-end reports soon. The State of the City address will be March 12 and the Chamber is taking reservations. Charlie Hatten of the Chamber said the Police Department did an outstanding job with the shopping with the kids at Christmas. There were about 60 children and our department and surrounding departments enjoyed shopping with the kids and had donated pizza and it was hosted by Tony at the Whispering Creek Golf Course.

Dave Cheviron moved to adjourn the meeting. Craig Dellinger seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Brenda Adams
Clerk Treasurer

Mayor Terry McDonald
Presiding Officer