

January 23, 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 23rd 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, Terry Werling, Steve McMichael, Floyd Ball, Craig Dellinger

Absent: Sarah DiGangi, Bob Byrd

Also Present: Attorney Steve Harants

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting as mailed. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Item B, Amend Resolution R-17-37 to Grant Certain Employees Vacation Leave in 2018 was withdrawn from the agenda

First item on the agenda was a presentation of the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed better known as "ALICE" from David Nicole of United Way of Allen County. Mr. Nicole had Council do an activity to show how people who live below the stability line have hard life essential decisions every day to make. There are 33,000 households in Allen County with people who are working, but struggling to make ends meet. There are 21,000 below the poverty level. Thirty six percent of New Haven households with 2 adults, 1 infant, and 1 preschooler with a total income of \$48,096 are living below the financial stability level. Mr. Nicole challenged the Council when we look at bringing jobs to our community, to make sure we're using our incentives effectively, that we give those incentives to jobs which pay over \$35,000 and up, not jobs which are at the \$10 hour to \$13 hour pay level. We need to bring the right jobs to the area. There was discussion on where the data came from and how soon it will be updated. Steve McMichael said when we approve tax abatements; there is a point scoring system which includes wages and benefits so we are factoring that into our decision. Steve said there is a certain amount of population in any community where they have entry level skills where no employer is going to pay \$24 hour. He believes as a community, one of the best things we can do is get \$12 hour jobs, so people can learn those skills and move up the ladder. Mr. Nicole said yes and to remove the barriers of transportation, child care and other things so they can move up. Mayor Terry McDonald said we need all of this data to make a better balance. Also, we need the opportunity for training to keep up with the needs of industry. In closing Mr. Nicole said the whole 300 page report can be found at: <http://www.unitedwayalice.org/reports.php> and he also talked about some of the services United Way offers.

Under other business Craig Dellinger announced the NH Community Foundation was having a Ground Hog Party on Ground Hog Day. The Mayor, Steve McMichael, Craig Dellinger and Brian Yoh will be taking a tour of the former Rickenbacker Air Force Base in southern Ohio. This is a project similar, but larger than the CASAD project. Brenda Adams told Council we have received our 1782 notice and the 2018 budget was approved as submitted. Terry Werling said things are only getting better. Dave Jones said the I&I inspections were suspended recently because of the snow, but they will soon be back up and running and hopefully we will have some information on Woodridge.

Terry Werling moved to adjourn the meeting. Craig Dellinger seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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Brenda Adams  
Clerk Treasurer

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Mayor Terry McDonald  
Presiding Officer