

February 13, 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 13th 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 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, Terry Werling, Bob Byrd, Steve McMichael, Floyd Ball, Craig Dellinger

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Steve Harants

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting as mailed. Steve McMichael seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

First item on the agenda was the public hearing regarding the Casad 2 Annexation. Planning Director Brian Yoh reported this was the 2nd phase of the Casad annexation which was started last year, fiscal plans have been distributed, notice has been mailed out to all property owners, public hearing has been noticed and now we are here to answer any questions the public may have. Mayor Terry McDonald opened the public hearing to speak in favor or against the Casad 2 Annexation. No one commented, so the Mayor asked for anyone wishing to speak for the 2nd and 3rd time and hearing or seeing no one wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing. The next step is the 2nd and 3rd reading of the ordinance within 30-60 days after the public hearing, then publish the ordinance and then the remonstrance period. The Mayor told Brian to coordinate with the Clerk Treasurer's office on these dates.

Next on the agenda was approval to Amend Resolution R-17-37 to Grant Certain Employees Vacation Leave in 2018. The Clerk Treasurer asked to amend the ordinance because Josh Daring and Amanda Jones work for the EMS and work 120 hours a pay period instead of the normal 80 hours. Bob Byrd made a motion to amend the ordinance so it shows Josh Daring and Amanda Jones receiving 120 hours a pay period instead of the normal 80 hours. Dave Cheviron 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

Next item on the agenda was approval of a Resolution Regarding Nondiscrimination. Steve McMichael asked for Council's review and hopefully approval on this Resolution. Craig Dellinger made a motion to number and read by title only a Resolution Regarding Nondiscrimination. 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 Clerk Treasurer numbered and read by title only Resolution R-18-01 a Resolution Regarding Nondiscrimination. The Presiding Officer declared Resolution R-18-01 to have passed.

Next item on the agenda was the introduction of an Ordinance Establishing a Cumulative Bridge Fund. Mayor Terry McDonald said this is a new fund and it is a way to save money to go toward bridge construction and repair. Allen County was responsible for the bridges in New Haven but they wanted a tremendous amount of money besides what we already gave them. In 2008 effective 2009 Allen County Commissioners and the County Council did not renew the special bridge monies. The Mayor looked at some of the reports and found a bridge the County claimed to be New Haven's area and was using our money to pay for it, but it was not ours. There were numbers that should be looked at and money spent on bridges and what was not actually spent on bridges. The Mayor believes we will have better control, oversight and better accountability for those bridge funds. We will still partner with the County for bridge inspections. Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions said if this is passed, we will put this fund in our sustainability analysis and review it at budget time. He said this will be a challenge and this is how we are going to address it. The Mayor told Council for a basis of knowledge; Allen County

went to the State Legislature and got legislation passed that if Cities did not go into a memorandum of understanding/financial agreement with the County, the County could dump the bridges on the Cities plate. Then the next year there was additional legislation prohibiting this from ever happening again and now we are stuck with it until we can get the law changed. The County did away with their Bridge Fund in 2008 in lieu of additional wheel tax. Steve Michael said the County estimates we need \$425,000 a year to do our bridges. Steve asked how much would the fund generate and Greg Guerrettaz said about \$58,000 per .01 cent and the Ordinance is asking for up to \$.10 cents, but remember the General Fund would go down by this amount. Greg said we now need to do a 15-year bridge replacement plan for the projection of the costs to rehabilitate the bridges. There is an assumption the City will need to put other taxes in the Cum Bridge fund because the General fund would suffer. He said remember this is not outside the maximum levy but within the maximum levy. We will advertise at the maximum rate but when we go through the budget process, this is where we will know what we can and what we cannot afford. Terry McDonald said since 2009 we have contributed \$500,000 and not one of our bridges has been rehabilitated or replaced. The County has spent all but \$203,000 on patches and minor fixes and this does not add up. The Mayor then discussed Maplecrest Bridge and how he did not like where the County said our part went from 2 million to 4 million. We never saw any change orders except for a change order for drainage. The Mayor would like to see the State House take control of this and force the County to take it back over. He went on to say if it is necessary to do a wheel tax, it is necessary. Terry Werling made a motion to number and read by title only an Ordinance Establishing a Cumulative Bridge Fund. Craig Dellinger 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 Clerk Treasurer numbered the Ordinance G-18-01 and read the same by title only.

Next on the agenda was the introduction of an Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund. Steve McMichael made a motion to number and read by title only an Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund. 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 Clerk Treasurer numbered the Ordinance G-18-02 and read the same by title only.

Next on the agenda was the introduction of an Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Fire Fund. Bob Byrd made a motion to number and read by title only an Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Fire Fund. The Mayor said this fund helps us save the money for the fire trucks. 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 Clerk Treasurer numbered the Ordinance G-18-03 and read the same by title only.

Next on the agenda was an Ordinance to Establish and Consolidate a Petty Cash Fund. Clerk Treasurer Brenda Adams explained to Council that this Ordinance would clean up and put the Petty Cash Fund in the Code of Ordinances where it would be easy for anyone to access it. For internal controls purposes, the Utility Office needs four \$100 drawers. Each person will now have their own drawer. The Court will have a petty cash draw of \$300 instead of \$500. Steve McMichael made a motion to number and read by title only an Ordinance to Establish and Consolidate a Petty Cash Fund. Dave Cheviron 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 Clerk Treasurer numbered the Ordinance G-18-04 and read the same by title only.

Under any other business Terry Werling said he spent some time with the Judge today and he said it is very enlightening to know what goes on in the different departments. Steve McMichael, Mayor, Brian Yoh, Craig Dellinger took a tour of the former Rickenbacker Air Force

Base on January 24th. Steve McMichael said they got some real good information for some potential partners for the Casad facility. Steve gave an update on the Christmas decoration committee. He said it is moving along very well and we have a lot of donors stepping up to make that happen. He believes we will all be very proud this December and the community is stepping up to do this. Craig Dellinger said we are trying to figure out some kind of a matching fund with the New Haven Community Foundation. Marvin Jarvis said there is a tax implication whether we stay with the County or not concerning the Bridge Fund. He believes this is kind of an easy decision in some respect. Marvin asked about re-doing the north lane on Lincoln Highway because it is getting pretty rough and heard we weren't going to fix it until the bridge was fixed. The Mayor said we will be paying attention to this bridge and Terry did say the road has been ours to fix since 1994, just need the money. Greg Guerrettaz said the Council will be getting a brochure on the lateral program which is known as the 3 R Program. The State Revolving Fund has given their blessing on it and now Attorney Steve Harants will review it and Wessler needs to file the Engineering PER with the State so the State will give us funding for this program. We are trying to get 1.3 million from the State of Indiana by lowering our interest rate which is about \$17,000 a month savings which we would leverage that savings for the program. Terry Werling thanked Steve McMichael for initiating the Christmas lighting program.

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