

COMMON COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 5, 2020  
6:35 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER, 311 N. WASHINGTON STREET

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich took the roll call:

Present were Gayle Conner, Sandra Flora, Mike Isley, Spencer Kingery, and Cody Nelson.

Minutes from the meeting held on September 21, 2020 were presented for approval. A few typos were noted and Cody Nelson moved to approve with corrections. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried (4-0). Sandra Flora abstained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance 2020-11, *Budget Ordinance for 2021*. Mayor Werling indicated that the changes requested at the second hearing were not completed since increases to line items were not permitted once the data had been submitted to Gateway, only reductions. Werling clarified that the \$5,000 for gym fees for full-time-employees had actually been addressed under the Health Insurance line item. The proposed budget had this line at \$275,000; following the budget workshop, it was increased to \$280,000; then increased by 5% after first reading to \$294,000 with. Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich addressed the discrepancy in the Rainy Day budget showing \$10,000 vs. \$100,000 planned due to a Gateway glitch. A motion to pass the 2021 budget on third and final reading was made by Mike Isley. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried (4-1) with Gayle Conner voting nay.

Proposed Ordinance 2020-12, *Salary Ordinance for 2021*. Cody Nelson moved for passage on third and final reading. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried (4-1) with Gayle Conner voting nay.

Proposed Ordinance 2020-13, *Wages Ordinance for 2021*. Mike Isley moved for passage on third and final reading. Second by Sandra Flora. Motion carried (4-1) with Gayle Conner voting nay.

Proposed Ordinance 2020-4, *An Ordinance Amending Penalties for Ordinance Violations*. Gayle Conner moved to take it from the table. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried (5-0). President Pro Tempore Conner stated that with this ordinance on the table, there was nothing on the books to support the police as they issue citations for the new ordinances. She recommended that the table be updated with the new ordinances for presentation at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Gayle Conner moved to [I don't remember whether this motion was to pass on second reading or to return to the table.] Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Proposed Ordinance 2020-9, *An Ordinance Regarding Unsafe Buildings*. Mayor Werling stated the ordinance was more of a preventive maintenance ordinance which could help the City address property issues before they fell into the state of decline or abandonment covered in the Unsafe Building ordinance. Cody Nelson moved to take the ordinance from the table. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried (3-2) with Gayle Conner and Sandra Flora voting nay. Concern for individual rights and the

possibility of overzealous enforcement were expressed by Mike Isley and Gayle Conner. Cody Nelson had distributed his thoughts by email to the Council prior to the meeting and offered to revise the first two sections of the ordinance with input from the Council. Spencer Kingery offered his assistance. Attorney Martin cautioned the Council of the importance of the final two sections of the ordinance addressing standards for boarding of abandoned properties and defining violations and penalties and enforcement. Cody moved to return Proposed Ordinance 2020-9 to the table. Second by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried. (5-0)

**New Business:**

Proposed Ordinance 2020-15, *An Ordinance Amending Title V, Chapter 52, Section 55 Allowing an Increase in Seasonal Wastewater Flows for Class II Users* was brought up for consideration. John Brand from Butler, Fairman and Seufert explained that the proposed ordinance is an extension of seasonal flows that has been granted to IPC for many years running and which is required by IDEM. In past years, the ordinances have generally been for a span of three (3) years. This ordinance is for the current year 2020 only with the intent that future amendments be for single years giving the City the ability to evaluate

Mayor Werling updated the Council on the Small Business Resilience Grant program. Letters and a new income survey were mailed to qualifying recipients with surveys to be returned to K-IRPC by September 24. The surveys will determine eligibility for reimbursement to the City from the OCRA grant received for this purpose. Also being reviewed is the status of reports from the grant recipients on how dollars were spent. An update will be provided to Council on October 5.

**Council Comments and Requests:**

Gayle Conner asked if there were plans to reopen the City Building to the public. Mayor Werling indicated that there were none at the present time and stated that the public could schedule a time to come in to review public documents. Conner also asked how delinquent water bills were being handled now that the State's mandate preventing water turnoffs had expired. Werling indicated that letters had been sent by Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich notifying delinquent accounts that water shut off could occur if bills were not paid and encouraging the arrangement of payment plans.

Mike Isley indicated how nice it was to see businesses open and new businesses starting in the downtown.

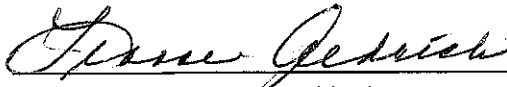
Cody Nelson wanted to clarify that he felt Trick or Treat in the City was warranted due to the relatively low incidence of cases among the young.

**Public Comments and Requests:**

Tony Brooks expressed concern about the unsafe condition of the building at 106 E. Main Street and stated that it should be torn down.

Cody Nelson moved to adjourn. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor Anita Werling

  
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Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest