

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

March 7, 2022

6:00 P.M. Community Center

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich took the roll call:

Present were Gayle Conner, Sandra Flora, Spencer Kingery (by Zoom), and Cody Nelson; Mike Isley was absent.

The minutes for the February 7, 2022 meeting were presented for review. Gayle Conner moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion Carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

The minutes for the February 15, 2022 meeting were presented for review. Cody Nelson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Sandra Flora. Motion Carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

The minutes for the February 28, 2022 meeting were presented for review. Cody Nelson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Spencer Kingery. Motion Carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

Reports. Without objection, the reports of the department heads were incorporated into the minutes. Cody Nelson reported that the NWSWD had met to elect officers and set charges for the year. No other reports were offered.

Other Business.

Mayor Werling indicated that Councilwoman Conner had asked for two discussion items to be placed on the agenda: parking issue and vehicles with loud mufflers. Conner stated that the hardware store had approached her about getting a loading zone in front of their business. With the ordinance preventing parking against the flow of traffic, vehicles attempting to load lumber or other materials would either be at risk of a ticket or forced to load from the traffic side. Mayor Werling stated that trucks that were backed into a space for loading purposes should put a cone in front of the vehicle to indicate that they were temporarily parked there for that purpose. Police cruisers would not stop to ticket unless the vehicle was there unattended for a long period of time. Spencer Kingery asked if anyone had been ticketed there. Mayor Werling indicated that a ticket had been issued. Conner stated that the ticket was issued after 6:00 p.m. when parking enforcement is supposed to stop by our ordinance. Attorney Barbour was asked to review the ordinance wording and report back at the next meeting. Spencer Kingery asked about the lumber sometimes unloaded and left in the street in front of the hardware store. It was suggested that cones be placed to indicate that this was a temporary blockage while the lumber was relocated.

Regarding noisy vehicles, Conner stated that she had complaints concerning loud mufflers in town and asked that this be added to the noise ordinance. Attorney Barbour was asked to review our ordinance

with other communities regarding loud mufflers and to review how communities enforced the ordinance, e.g. were decibel meters required to verify noises over a certain threshold. Attorney Barbour will report findings at the next meeting.

New Business.

Proposed Ordinance 2022-5 was introduced to amend the Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy to bring into line with State policy. The ordinance would increase the minimum from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for capitalization. Cody Nelson moved to approve Ordinance 2022-5 on first reading. Second by Gayle Conner. Motion carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

Gayle Conner moved suspend the rules and allow passage of Ordinance 2022-5 on second and third readings. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

Gayle Conner moved to pass Ordinance 2022-5 on second reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

Gayle Conner moved to pass Ordinance 2022-5 on third and final reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

Resolution 2022-5 was presented to accept the offers from Wabash Valley Power Association for the easements on two city parcels as a power line is extended from The Andersons to IPC to create a redundant loop. Cody Nelson moved to approve Resolution 2022-5. Second by Sandra Flora. Gayle Conner noted incorrect date on p. 37 of the docket; Mayor Werling assured that the correct date would be used. Cody Nelson commented on Tract 15 utilizing 1.9 acres. Motion carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

Resolution 2022-6 was presented to restrict the usage of the funds from the WVPA easement offers for the improvement and development of the Monon High Bridge Trail. Cody Nelson moved to approve Resolution 2022-6. Second by Sandra Flora. Gayle Conner asked if there was a particular section of the trail that would receive the funds. Mayor Werling indicated that the funds could be used for the maintenance of the trail or to assist with construction of the final phase of the ADA compliant paving and trailhead construction at Miller Park. Conner asked if an additional appropriation would be needed. Werling responded that it would be needed only if the funds were expended this year. Sandra Flora asked if a fence would be needed as a safety factor where pole placement was adjacent to the trail. Mayor Werling indicated that that could be determined following construction and that the easement funds could be used for this purpose. Cody Nelson commented about the transmission line on the Burnbrae Farms area and asked if trails would be allowed under the lines. Werling responded that that was her understanding. Motion carried. (4-0 Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, Nelson)

Board Comments.

Spencer Kingery asked for an update on derelict properties. JT Doane indicated that he had talked with the owner of 402 S. Washington and that work was expected to begin there yet this week. The mortgage company for 411 W. Franklin has had a contractor working at the property. Some progress has been made, but there is still trash remaining on the porch and boarding yet to be completed. While some progress had been made on cleaning up the Summit Street property, debris is accumulating again on the

back side. Another notice will be sent to the owner. Doane reported he had been in contact with the owner of the Cook Street property who acknowledged receiving the notices from the City. While a few vehicles have been removed, there is a significant amount of work to be done. Monitoring will continue and the City may take further action if needed.

Gayle Conner asked about the progress on establishing a truck route. Mayor Werling indicated that this was being addressed as part of the Carroll County Transportation Plan with assistance from Kent Schumacher, County Highway Superintendent and Tippecanoe County Area Plan through their administration of the Carroll County Administrative Transportation Commission. The goal is to utilize Old SR25 as the truck route as was utilized during part of the construction phase on new SR25.

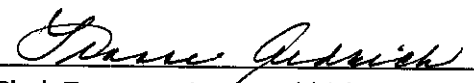
Conner asked about the contract approved by the BOW with iNc Empire for recruitment services and if paying fees would require additional funds. Mayor Werling indicated that the department heads felt that there would be sufficient funds in their budgets to cover the fees. Streets, Water, and Wastewater are each seeking one full-time hourly employee.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich reported that the financial year was closed on schedule and advertised as required.

There being no additional business, Cody Nelson moved to adjourn. Second by Gayle Conner. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest