

COMMON COUNCIL

March 25, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting, Monday, March 25, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Joel Cogdell of the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ gave the prayer.

The roll was answered by 6 Council members: Mitzi Pilgrim, Charlie Coyne, Terry Brewer, Eric Schoening, Wade Weaver, and John Burnsworth. Bryan Dillon was absent.

The minutes of the meeting held March 11, 2024, were approved as circulated. Council Member Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Pilgrim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Long swore in Assistant Chief Ryan Rosen, Lieutenant Mitch Meyer, and Inspector Colton Ringle to their new positions at the Wabash City Fire Department.

Proclamations were signed for Disability Awareness Month (March), Work Zone Awareness Month (April), and National Farm Worker Awareness Week (March 25 – 29).

OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business brought before the Council.

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:

Council member Pilgrim reported that she had attended a Region 3 meeting in Columbia City regarding the “MakeMyMove” program that the City participates in to encourage remote workers to choose Wabash as their home and found it very informative.

Council member Weaver attended the most recent school board meeting and shared that more Kathy Swan awards were given out. He is encouraged by the way the school corporation's fiscal planning has worked out this year.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Park Department Head Adam Hall reported that a Patronicity fundraising campaign is beginning soon to raise \$25,000 in order to receive the match from IHCD of \$25,000 for playground equipment. He also expressed his appreciation to Geoff Schortgen, County Purdue Extension Director, and his 20 volunteers for the Weed Wrangle that Mr. Schortgen recently coordinated at Paradise Springs, which included cleaning up a tree that had come down across the path.

Fire Chief Andy Oswalt reported they are interviewing twelve candidates this week who have already passed the agility and book parts of the hiring process.

Mayor Long asked if there were any Title VI or ADA compliance concerns. None were heard.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 8.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR Scott A. Long

ATTEST:

MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER Melanie Givens Penn