

COMMON COUNCIL

April 22, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting, Monday, April 22, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Todd Render of the Wabash Alliance Church gave the prayer.

The roll was answered by 5 Council members: Mitzi Pilgrim, Charlie Coyne, Terry Brewer, Bryan Dillon, and John Burnsworth. Eric Schoening and Wade Weaver were absent.

The minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2024, were approved as circulated. Council Member Burnsworth made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Pilgrim seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Retired Fire Chief Barry Stroup was presented with a ceremonial axe by Fire Chief Andy Oswalt.

Mayor Long swore in Major Jason E. Mooney as Assistant Police Chief.

Proclamations were signed for Youth Week (May 1-7, accepted by Beth Miller of the local Elks Lodge) and Monarch Mayor's Pledge (accepted by Susie Jones).

Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Kelly Springer. Ms. Springer had a conflict with tonight's meeting but had been available for the April 8 meeting when it was on the agenda prior to the meeting being cancelled. Council Member Dillon made a motion to accept the

Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Kelly Springer. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Personal Property) – Buehrer Industries (dba B Walter & Co). An employee of B Walter was present to answer questions, and he also gave Council an update on the current state of the manufacturing industry. Burnsworth made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Personal Property) – Buehrer Industries. Pilgrim seconded. All present were in favor.

Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Personal Property) – Schlemmer Brothers. As no one was present from Schlemmer Brothers to answer questions, Dillon made a motion to table the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Personal Property) – Schlemmer Brothers until someone from the company can be available. Burnsworth seconded. All present were in favor.

Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Tammy Grizzle. Ms. Grizzle was present to answer questions. Council Member Burnsworth made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Tammy Grizzle. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

First Reading of General Ordinance No. 4, 2024 – Being an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7, Article 2 and 3 and 5 of the Wabash City Code for the City of Wabash, Indiana Making Changes Regarding Sanitary and Stormwater Sewers and Street Cuts in the City of Wabash, Indiana. The purpose of the Amendment is to increase accountability of utility companies and others who make street cuts concerning their responsibility for repairs including the requirement for proof of their financial responsibility to cover repairs etc., and also to clarify that the portion of the property from the home to the street is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. Dillon made a motion to accept the first reading of the Amendment. Burnsworth seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

First Reading of General Ordinance No 5, 2024 – Being an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 Article 2, Division VIII Sections 4-60 through 4-73 and

Division XIII, Sections 4-136, 4-137, and 4-143 of the Wabash City Code for the City of Wabash, Indiana Providing for the Regulation of Transient Merchants and Restaurants within the City of Wabash. The purpose of the Amendment is to bring City Code reflect the actual practices of the City regarding Transient Merchants specifically. As the current Code specifies that food cannot be sold from a vehicle, the Amendment allows for food trucks to sell food. In addition, the Amendment clarifies requirements for food trucks concerning registration and fee payment. Burnsworth made a motion to accept the first reading of the Amendment. Dillon seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

First Reading of General Ordinance No. 6, 2024 – Being an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Article 6, Section 9-202 2.b. Regarding Maintenance of Retention and Detention Ponds. The purpose of the Amendment concerns the ongoing maintenance and ability to enforce responsibilities of city-required retention ponds and clarifies that the developer of the property must set up a mechanism for maintenance, and also establishes an agreement that must be signed prior to receiving permission to develop a property. Dillon made a motion to accept the first reading of the Amendment. Brewer seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Dillon stated that Saturday was the opening day for the 71st year of Wabash Little League. He appreciates the contribution of all who make Little League possible as a youth program for Wabash.

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:

Dillon reported that the Parks Board met March 13. The Parks Department recently helped with the Babe Ruth diamond. The Patronicity fundraising drive has 34 days to go and the amount raised is currently \$7,600. Special events were approved and renewals signed for user agreements.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Chief Matt Bruss stated that three officers graduated from Academy and are back on patrol.

Wastewater Superintendent Bob Gray stated that he has five active projects in progress. They will soon be finished with the East Street RR piping project, the Olive Street RR crossing is being worked on and the Thorne Street project will be wrapped up soon and ready for paving. McKibben & Glendale project is making good progress.

Street Superintendent Scott Richardson stated that the first day of Spring Cleanup went well.

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 6:48 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 13.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR Scott A. Long

ATTEST:

MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER

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