

COMMON COUNCIL

June 10, 2024

A public hearing was held concerning the Request for Approval from Wabash City Schools for Additional Appropriations. Superintendent Amy Sively was available to answer questions. City Attorney Doug Lehman explained that the additional appropriation was to come from the School's Rainy Day Fund and not the City's, along with the reasoning behind the requirement. Council Member Bryan Dillon asked the specific reason for needing the additional money. Dr. Sively stated that the request was due to several things: unexpected HVAC costs, sewer repairs, and additional costs after an insurance repair to the elevator required to bring it up to code. With no additional comments or questions, the public hearing was closed.

The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

Rick Carder, Regional Director Youth for Christ, gave the prayer.

The roll was answered by 7 Council members: Mitzi Pilgrim, Charlie Coyne, Terry Brewer, Bryan Dillon, John Burnsworth, Eric Schoening and Wade Weaver.

The minutes of the meeting held May 27, 2024, were approved as circulated. Council Member Dillon made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second Reading of General Ordinance No. 7, 2024 – Being an Ordinance to Adopt an Investment Policy for the City of Wabash, Indiana. After some discussion among the Council as to the benefits of both investing City money locally and receiving the best return on City money, Dillon made a motion to accept the second reading of the Ordinance. Council Member Burnsworth seconded the motion. All were in favor except for Council Member Pilgrim voting No. After the vote, Lynn Yohe, a citizen in attendance, questioned the lack of checks and balances on the position of the Clerk-Treasurer as it related to choosing investments. He was assured that all relevant state statutes

were being followed and the Clerk-Treasurer's actions were subject to audit by the State Board of Accounts as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Mooney was sworn in as Chief of Police by Mayor Long.

Kevin Evenson was sworn in as Assistant Chief of Police by Mayor Long.

Resolution No. 5, 2024 – A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana Waiving Noncompliance with Certain Filing Requirements of IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1(b). This Resolution was a request from Troxel Equipment to accept their late Compliance with Benefits that was to have been filed in 2023 in order to receive their Year 7 Abatement amount, as per Indiana Code. Three members of the company were in attendance to answer questions as well as their attorney. Dillon asked how the error occurred; the attorney stated it was his mistake in not forwarding the approved CF-1 to the County Auditor. Dillon made a motion to accept the Resolution. Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor except for Burnsworth voting No.

Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Personal Property) – Paperworks. A member of the company was present from Paperworks to answer questions. Burnsworth made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Personal Property) – Paperworks. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Estate) – Paperworks. A member of the company was present from Paperworks to answer questions. Dillon made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Estate) – Paperworks. Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 6, 2024 – A Resolution for Additional Appropriation. Superintendent Amy Sively of Wabash City Schools was present to answer questions regarding the resolution to request a transfer from the School's Rainy Day Fund into their General Fund. Burnsworth made a motion to accept the Resolution. Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jeff Abbott of Alena Street asked about the City's policy on chickens and ducks within the city limits. He stated that he had been required to rehome his flock after a complaint from a neighbor. He is aware that Wabash City has an ordinance prohibiting them but knows of many citizens with chickens. Mayor Long stated that the City is preparing an ordinance allowing six hens and no roosters. After additional discussion, it was decided to include ducks in the ordinance. It is likely that a first reading of the Ordinance will be at the next Council meeting with a second reading in July. Mr. Abbott was encouraged to attend these meetings to speak in favor of the Ordinance.

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:

There were no reports from liaisons.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Park Department Head Adam Hall reported the pool has had good attendance and things are going well. Mayor Long reminded department heads that budget season is coming up and they will be invited to meet with him and the clerk-treasurer regarding their needs and requests for the upcoming year.

Mayor Long stated that the Live-Fire Training Building will be dedicated at 1pm on June 18. Governor Eric Holcomb will be in attendance.

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 6:50 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 24 at 6:00 pm.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Wabash City Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at [City Council 6/10/2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CityCouncil6/10/2024) for as long as this media is supported.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR 

ATTEST:

MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER

