

## **COMMON COUNCIL**

**July 8, 2024**

**A public hearing was held concerning the Annexation of Certain Territory to the City of Wabash, Indiana. Grow Wabash County Project Manager Chelsea Parsons and Howard Halderman, who was present to represent the three owners of the land in question, agreed they were enthusiastic about the voluntary annexation. With no further 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, July 8, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.**

**Bill Lliorca of the Wabash Reformed Church gave the prayer.**

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

**The minutes of the meeting held June 24, 2024, were approved as circulated. Council Member Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Schoening seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Evan Coffman was sworn in by Mayor Long as Fire Fighter First Class/EMT-B. This had been postponed from the previous meeting due to a fire run.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Three members of the Wabash City Fire Department were sworn in by Mayor Long: Brandon Hewitt as Probationary Fire Fighter/EMT-B, Dan Dyson as Lieutenant, and Mitch Meyer as Assistant Chief.**

**Resolution No. 8, 2024 – Being a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana, Adopting a Fiscal Plan for the Annexing of Certain Territory to the City of Wabash, Indiana. City Attorney Doug Lehman explained the State requirement for this resolution prior to annexing the Halderman properties. Schoening pointed out that part of the description includes land that was already City property. Council member Burnsworth**

**made a motion to accept the Resolution. Weaver seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

**First Reading of General Ordinance No. 9, 2024 – Being an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana, Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Wabash, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the City of Wabash Indiana. The description was adjusted to 155 acres since some of the property was already within City Limits, as pointed out previously by Schoening. Burnsworth made a motion to accept the first reading of the Ordinance. Weaver seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Attorney Lehman stated that the second reading of the Ordinance will include the corrected description of the property involved.**

**First Reading of General Ordinance No. 10, 2024 – Being an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Article 3, Division I Section 6-16 to Authorize and Regulate the Presence of Chickens and Ducks Within the City of Wabash. Schoening asked how the number of chickens and ducks in the Ordinance were decided; it was shared that our code enforcement officer investigated other communities and used the average of several of them. There was discussion concerning whether five animals in total was too few and Council Member Brewer suggested the number be increased to twelve, stating that the Ordinance as it is currently written will still work for the additional animals concerning the size of the coop, etc. Jeff Abbott of Alena Street spoke to agree with the proposed change. A question was raised concerning the need for a permit to install a coop; Attorney Lehman explained that the coop will be considered an “accessory building” and so not require a permit rather than a building such as a shed which would require a permit. Weaver made a motion to amend the Ordinance to 12 chickens or ducks. Coyne seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Weaver made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Schoening seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

**Brewer made a motion to suspend the rules and go forward with a second reading of General Ordinance No. 10, 2024. He feels that a second reading should be done so those citizens who wish to raise chickens and ducks can do so legally. Weaver seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Weaver made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Brewer seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**There was no other business brought before the Council.**

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

**There were no questions from the audience.**

## **REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:**

**Weaver stated that he was unable to attend meetings of the school board, as their schedule during the summer conflicts with Council meetings.**

## **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**There were no reports from the department heads.**

**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. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 22 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 Meeting 7-08-2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-08-2024) for as long as this media is supported.

**SCOTT LONG, MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_**

**ATTEST:**

**MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_**