

## **COMMON COUNCIL**

**August 25, 2025**

**The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a council meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, in regular session.**

**The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison; Dave Snowden, Chaplain US Navy, Retired, gave the prayer. The roll was answered by 7 Council members: Mitzi Pilgrim, Eric Schoening, Bill Barrows, John Burnsworth, Bryan Dillon, Terry Brewer and Charlie Coyne.**

**The minutes of the meeting held August 11, 2025, were approved. Council Member Schoening made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Burnsworth seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**There was no old business.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. City Council Appointment to Library Board. Burnsworth made a motion to appoint Jim Widner to the Library Board. Council Member Dillon seconded the motion. All were in favor. It was noted that Mr. Widner has served on the Library Board for seven years.**
- 2. First Reading of General Ordinance No. 9, 2025 – An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Making Changes to the Zone Map of the City of Wabash. This Ordinance follows the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the 3.4 acre parcel owned by Wabash Steel Supply. Behind this parcel is Plant #1 of Metal Source, and the purpose of this Amendment is to move their peddler scrap and retail operation traffic away from the semi-trucks coming and going in service of Plant #1. To do this, the parcel must be zoned Heavy Industry to match the rest of the plant's land. Attorney Josh Petruniw and Chief Compliance Office Mike Hough were present to explain the issue and answer questions. After a thorough discussion of the topic, Council Member Brewer made a motion to approve the first reading of General**

**Ordinance No. 9. Council Member Barrows seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Second Reading will be held September 8.**

- 3. The Agenda was amended to add a late request to include the annual reading of the Constitution Proclamation. Mayor Long read the Proclamation and designated September 17-23 as Constitution Week in the City of Wabash.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**There was no other business to come before the Council.**

#### **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

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

#### **REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:**

**Schoening reported that the Park Board met August 13 and discussed the status of the pickleball and tennis courts as well as pavilion rentals.**

**Dillon stated his frustration with those on social media who find fault with City improvements or ways they feel the City is lacking. Mayor Long suggested that the best policy is to refrain from reading the comments on the Wabash City social media posts. Dillon also brought up his appreciation for those who worked on the drainage issues and new paving of the Mitten/Oxford/St. James streets and went on to praise all the recent street improvements around the city.**

#### **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**There were no reports from 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 City Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 pm.**

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Wabash City Council meeting. A video archive of the meeting is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= VZLUu6hik](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZLUu6hik) for as long as this media is supported.

**SCOTT LONG, MAYOR**

*Scott A. Long*

**ATTEST:**

**MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER**

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