

COMMON COUNCIL

December 8, 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, November 24, 2025, in regular session.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing regarding Additional Appropriations. This additional money is being requested for the money needed in 2025 for the upcoming solar project, as Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Penn explained. No one else spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

The Council meeting was then called to order with Mayor Pro Tem John Burnsworth presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison; Andrea Lantz of North Manchester United Methodist 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 November 24, 2025, were approved. Council Member Barrows made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Dillon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Second Reading of General Ordinance No. 15, 2025 – Being an Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of the Wabash City Code for the City of Wabash, Indiana. This Ordinance amends the City's credit card policy to add department heads and the mayor's assistant to the list of those carrying City credit cards for purchases, training, and other purposes and amends other items in the Ordinance to reflect current practices. Dillon made a motion to approve the second reading of General Ordinance No. 15, 2025. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution No. 17, 2025 –Additional Appropriations Rainy Day Fund. Council Member Burnsworth made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17, 2025. Council Member Schoening seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- 2. First Reading of Amended Special Ordinance No. 1 – Being a Salary Ordinance for Appointed and Elected Officers and Employees of the City of Wabash, Indiana for the Year 2026. The only change in the**

Amended Special Ordinance is in the verbiage of the Ordinance to clarify that any extra pay amount received by employees in 2026 is to be considered a bonus. Brewer made a motion to approve the first reading of Amended Special Ordinance No. 1. Barrows seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Givens Penn informed the Council that the 2026 Redevelopment Commission TIF Annual Spending Plan was uploaded to Gateway by the December 1, 2025 deadline.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There were no questions from the audience.

REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:

Dillon reported that the School Board held a public hearing to discuss possible bond projects, such as new roofs and HVACs. The second required hearing is on December 15 at 6pm.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

There were no reports from department heads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Burnsworth informed the Council that there will be a special Council meeting on December 15 for a public hearing regarding a grant application under the Recovery Housing Program through OCRA.

The Street Department was complimented for their handling of all the snow the City recently received.

Mayor Pro Tem Burnsworth reminded the Council of the ribbon cuttings happening this week for Arnold's Jewelry and Volts Family Fun and invited everyone to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Burnsworth asked if there were any Title VI or ADA compliance concerns. None were heard.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. There will be a Public Hearing on December 15 at 5pm and the next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 22 at 6:00 pm.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Wabash City Council meeting. A video recording of this meeting can be found for at least 90 days following the meeting date at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMKi76LfUDk>

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR 

ATTEST:
MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER 