

**A public hearing was held concerning the Proposed City of Wabash Budget, Tax Rate, and Levy for 2025. Hearing no 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 Tuesday, October 15, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.**

**Kirk Johnson of Wabash Church of the Nazarene gave the prayer.**

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

**The minutes of the meeting held September 23, 2024 were approved as circulated. Council Member Dillon made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Weaver seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**There was no old business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Eli M. Travis was sworn in by Mayor Long as Patrolman First Class.**

**Charles Cameron Sesco was sworn in by Mayor Long as Patrolman First Class.**

**Bryce A. Kendall was sworn in by Mayor Long as Patrolman First Class.**

**First Reading of General Ordinance No. 16, 2024 – City of Wabash Budget, Levy and Tax Rate 2025. Dillon made a motion to accept the First Reading of General Ordinance No 16, 2024. Weaver seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

**First Reading of Special Ordinance No. 3, 2024 – Salary Ordinance for 2025. Council Member Burnsworth made a motion to accept the First Reading of Special Ordinance No. 3, 2024. Weaver seconded the motion. All present were in favor.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Long announced that the Local Trax Railroad Bridge is scheduled to go to bid on November 12 at INDOT after many years of planning to get to this point.

Dillon asked for the official times for Wabash City's Trick or Treat hours this year. Mayor Long stated that the hours are on October 31 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

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

There were no questions from the audience.

### **REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:**

Weaver stated that it was nice to see our firemen and police officers in attendance to support the city and each other.

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

Fire Chief Oswalt stated that last week's Fire Prevention Week went well and the station conducted several tours for schoolchildren.

Police Chief Mooney reported another successful First Friday event downtown for the police officers. They are in the process of obtaining grant money from Wal-Mart to enable them to continue this outreach. Chief Mooney also reported that the department recently partnered with Kroger's to collect \$1000 worth of food and \$300 cash to benefit local banks and those who help with food insecurity in our area. The department also appreciated the assistance with some heavy machinery from the Street Department during an investigation earlier this month. And Chief Mooney stated that his department very much appreciates the work the city officials have done for Wabash and the department.

The Street Department is still taking applications for their open position.

Wade Weaver announced that the Chili Cook-off, featuring nearly 70 teams, will be held Saturday at Paradise Springs.

Mayor Long shared that he had undergone heart catheterization last week to put in a stent after clearing a 90% blockage in his coronary artery. He felt

much better immediately and encouraged anyone with chest pain to get it checked out right away.

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, October 28 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 at [City Council 10-15-2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=City_Council_10-15-2024) for as long as this media is supported.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR 

ATTEST:  
MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER 