

**COMMON COUNCIL
OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
JANUARY 6, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Mayor Eckstein called to order the Common Council at 6PM.

ROLL CALL: Members of the council present were Michael Wolfe, Dustin George, Jimmy Lytle, Tony Scaggs, and Bob Sine. Mayor Dan Eckstein, City Attorney Brandon Murphy, and Clerk Treasurer Pam Fancher were also present.

VOTE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Tony Scaggs nominated Jimmy Lytle as Common Council President. Bob Sine seconded. Motion Carried 5-0. Jimmy Lytle nominated Dustin George as Council Vice President; Bob Sine seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jimmy Lytle made a motion to amend the Agenda to include New Council Appointments, Item D under New Business. Jimmy Lytle motioned to approve Agenda with amendment; Dustin George seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jimmy Lytle made a motion to approve minutes; Dustin George seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) REQUEST TO VACATE AT END OF FIRST STREET- Dustin George discussed the need to table this upon further documentation on this matter. A motion to table was made by Jimmy Lytle upon further documentation. Tony Scaggs seconded. Motion Tabled 5-0.

B.) APPROVAL TO PAY \$8,960.00 FOR PRIMARY/GENERAL ELECTION. Mr. George motioned to approve; Mr. Lytle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

C.) ORDINANCE 2019-14, CREDIT CARD USE: Council requests a copy of this ordinance to review. A motion was made by Mr. Lytle to table; Mr. George seconded. Motion Tabled 5-0.

D.) ORDINANCE 2019-15, TRAVEL & MEAL EXPENCE REIMBURSEMENT: Council requests a copy of this ordinance to review. Mr. George made a motion to table; Mr. Lytle seconded. Motion Tabled 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Anne Owens made a request to amend the Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance. A favorable recommendation was made by Mr. George; seconded by Mr. Lytle. Motion to amend ordinance passed 4-1.

B.) FIRE CHIEF, RON PARROTT REQUEST TO PURCHASE TRUCK: Fire Chief Parrott would like permission to spend over \$5,000.00 to purchase a new truck to replace the old one. Estimate cost of \$35,000.00. He will get 3 bids to find the best deal. They will use Loit, and Fire funds, and finance remaining cost. Motion to grant permission to purchase truck by Mr. Sine; seconded by Mr. Scaggs. Motion carried 5-0.

C.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION ABOUT HSA. Mr. Williamson explained that there have been issues with the HSA accounts for employees who are over 65 yrs. of age when they enroll for Medicare benefits. Mr. Williamson recommended that we need to research, investigate options, and further discuss how to resolve these issues so to prevent problems in the future. Council agreed to discuss further.

D.) NEW COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

I. ANIMAL SHELTER-TONYSCAGGS: Mr. Lytle Motioned; Mr. George second. Motion carried 5-0.

II. AREA PLANNING- DUSTIN GEORGE: Mr. Sine Motioned; Mr. Scaggs seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

III. RE-DEVELOPMENT- BOB SINE: Mr. Lytle Motioned; Mr. George seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. REVOLVING LOAN- MICHAEL WOLFE: Mr. Lytle Motioned; Mr. George seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- JIMMY LYTLE: Mr. George Motioned; Mr. Scaggs seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. SOLID WASTE- BOB SINE: Mr. Lytle Motioned; Mr. Scaggs seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

INTRODUCTION OF CITY ATTORNEY BRANDON MURPHY

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Library director, Michele Risinger, introduced herself.

Sherri Brown introduced herself and explained plans for "What's Up 24/7" Program.

Mayor Eckstein introduced Morgan Sands as his new Assistant, and new Board of Works Members Pam Weiseman and Kristi Bonewit.

Jimmy Lytle asked me, Pam Fancher, new Clerk Treasurer if I am receiving the training I am entitled to. I introduced my Deputy Clerk, Dana Whatley.