

MARCH 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 North Public Square. Mayor Richard M. Hickman presided. Councilmembers Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, Kathleen G. Armstrong, David B. Martin, and Edward J. Nagle answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Present were City Attorney Kim Shoup, City Engineer Bill Boyer, Executive Secretary Suzy Adams, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Chief of Police Jon Parrish, Building Commissioner Dean Twitchell, Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti, and City Planner Julie Cole.

In addition, present were Jim Shilander of the *Herald-Republican*, Jim Measel of WLKI, Shelie Snowberger, Gail Linstrum, Lindi Marti, Kyle Siheus, Jordan Eldridge, Cory Staley, Daniel Jones, Ken Wilson, Laura Seifert, and Ann Marie Lindenmeyer.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Hickman publicly thanked department heads for quickly getting the necessary information gathered in such a short amount of time for the American Recovery and Investment Act of the stimulus plan. Mayor Hickman acknowledged City Engineer Boyer for compiling all the information and completing the paperwork.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Martin moved to approve the Common Council minutes of February 17, 2009 amending the presiding officer signature to David B. Martin. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:01 p.m., Mayor Hickman declared open the public hearing regarding the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for the Community Development Block Grant Community Focus Fund grant for the downtown revitalization project. Ann Marie Lindenmeyer of Region III-A stated the full application is due March 13. The scope of the project includes the Public Square area of the downtown revitalization project. The grant request will be \$500,000 with a local match of \$167,500 of which \$150,000 will come from CEDIT, \$12,500 from the Steuben County Community Foundation, and \$4,500 from fundraising. There being no public comment, the public hearing was considered closed at 7:06 p.m.

Resolution No. 2009-530, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ANGOLA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CFF APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & RURAL

AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Councilmember Olson moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1303-2009, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA, was read by title and presented to Council for second reading. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion, which then carried 5-0. (Supplement S-7)

Council reconsidered adding a public fire protection surcharge to utility users previously considered by Council. Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell explained financial consultant Umbaugh is presently working on the 2008 Utility Financial Management Reports and would like to know if the fire protection surcharge would be considered a user fee in 2009. Discussion followed. Councilmember Martin moved not to proceed with the surcharge at this time. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Shoup presented Council with two draft ordinances regarding the solicitation of money for charitable purposes on Public Square. One ordinance would prohibit the solicitation. The second ordinance would regulate such solicitation. Much discussion followed. Councilmember Martin moved to proceed with the ordinance regulating the solicitation. Councilmember Armstrong seconded. Motion carried 3-2. Councilmembers Crum Nagle dissented.

NEW BUSINESS

Bids were opened for the Angola City Hall Remodel.

Jim Ingledue Construction, Inc. \$68,057.00

Discussion followed. Councilmember Olson moved to award the bid. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Said motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 1304-2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE V. PUBLIC WORKS, CHAPTER 50, SOLID WASTE, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion, which then carried 5-0.

Council was presented with a request to approve the KERAMIDA Inc. Environmental Services Proposal at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 for the preparation and submittal of an application and preliminary engineering report (PER) for the State Revolving Fund for the environmental remediation of the former Dana Weatherhead facility located at 203

Weatherhead Street. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

Council was then presented with a request to approve the Indiana Department of Transportation Highway Utility Agreement in the estimated amount of \$103,966.31 paid by INDOT for the US Highway 20 an I-69 relocation of water and sewer lines. Councilmember Martin moved to approve thereby authorizing Mayor Hickman as signatory. Councilmember Crum seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

A presentation was made by Laura Seifert, Program Coordinator for the IDEM Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance CLEAN Community Challenge. To participate, communities must form a public stakeholder group and establish a leader with authority to take action. Once established, the stakeholder group will accomplish the following requirements for recognition as an Indiana CLEAN Community: 1) mission statement; 2) environmental activities and goals; 3) implementation and operation procedures; and 4) monitoring and reviewing the plans progress. Wastewater Superintendent Williams stated the program fits well with the High Performance Government Network program and the Downtown 20/20 Plan. Discussion followed. Councilmember Martin moved that Wastewater Superintendent Williams perform do diligence by contacting other communities before proceeding with the program. Councilmember Nagle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell reported the receipt of an additional CEDIT distribution from Steuben County of over \$36,000. By statute, the distribution was receipted to the Rainy Day Fund.

City Engineer Boyer noted for the record that the INDOT agreement approved by Council includes reimbursement to the City for design services. Boyer then reported that INDOT would let the Trail Phase II construction in May. Actual construction should begin late June or early July. In addition, the City has received notice from INDOT to proceed with the right-of-way acquisition for the Wohlert Street Extension project.

Building Commission Twitchell announced that several building demo projects are ongoing or will begin soon.

City Planner Cole announced that the City is applying for several different grants within one from the neighborhood stabilization program. The \$1 million program would allow the City to purchase various types of homes, demo, and then contract to rebuild. The City may collaborate with Steuben County Habitat for Humanity.

City Attorney Shoup announced that there are four dilapidated properties in court. The City is working with three of the property owners and the other has slowed down but the

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City will contact. Regarding the South West Street Stevens and Alles v. City trial, the court has not rendered a decision.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Councilmember Nagle moved to approve accounts payable vouchers 428 through 545 in the total amount of \$1,144,144.37 (CDs 500,000). Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Debra A. Twitchell, IAMC/MMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer