

March 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall, 210 North Public Square. Mayor Richard M. Hickman presided. Councilmembers Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, Kathleen G. Armstrong, and Edward J. Nagle answered roll call. Councilmember David B. Martin was absent. 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, Assistant Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, and Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti.

In addition, present were Jim Shilander of the *Herald-Republican*, Jim Measel of WLKI, Curtis Daniels, Kevin Hintz, Eric Haenlein, Jordan Eldridge, Gary Nielander, and Fred Beck.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Hickman presented Council with copies of the 2008 State of the City Report.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Crum moved to approve the Common Council minutes of March 2, 2009. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

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 third and final reading. Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion, which then carried 4-0. (Supplement S-7)

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 second reading. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Nagle seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1305-2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANGOLA CODE OF ORDINANCES BY PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS AND ESTABLISHING A NEW STOP INTERSECTION, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Olson moved to approve. Councilmember

Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Councilmember Nagle then moved to amend said ordinance removing Henry Street. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion to amend. On call of the vote to amend, said motion carried 4-0. On call of the vote to adopt said ordinance as amended on first reading, the motion carried 4-0. (Superior Street and Park Avenue)

Ordinance No. 1306-2009, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SOLICITATION OF MONEY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES AT CERTAIN STOP OR YIELD INTERSECTIONS, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Olson moved to approve. Councilmember Nagle seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Councilmember Olson moved to amend seven (7) changing “between the hours of noon and 2:00 o’clock p.m.” to “between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon”. Councilmember Nagle seconded the motion. Discussion followed. On call of the vote to amend seven (7), the motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Olson then moved to change sections two (2) and four (4) from blank “_____ Department” to “Planning Department”, and the penalty amount in the last paragraph from blank “_____” to “\$2,500.00”. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mayor Hickman suggested that Council table the ordinance. Councilmember Armstrong then moved to table said ordinance. Councilmember Nagle seconded. The motion to table carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 1307-2009, AN ORDINANCE FOR FLOOD HAZARD AREA, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Nagle seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 2009-531, AN RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE STATE OF INDIANA REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (Wastewater)

Resolution No. 2009-532, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORY FOR THE STATE OF INDIANA REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (Wastewater)

The Clerk-Treasurer’s Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for month of February 2009 were presented for Council information.

CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Assistant Chief of Police Hamblen announced Tuesday, August 4, 2009 as National Night out.

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.

City Attorney Shoup reported the spring weather has prompted complaints from neighbors concerning run down properties. Shoup stated along with the help of Building Commissioner Twitchell the appropriate steps would be taken.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve accounts payable vouchers 546 through 663 in the total amount of \$125,567.12. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Gary Nielander, Executive Director of Steuben County Economic Development Corporation, stated a new business was interested relocating to Angola and purchasing the Intertech Park building located at 330 Intertech Parkway upon approval of two year tax abatement. Fred Beck, CEO of the Klein Group addressed Council. The company is currently located in Coldwater, Michigan and would bring fifteen existing jobs to Steuben County and add ten more in the future. City Attorney Shoup stated the first step would be designating the property as an economic revitalization area. Discussion followed.

Mayor Hickman appointed a three member committee to review and score proposals to construction engineering services for the Wohlert Street extension project. The committee will consist of City Engineer Bill Boyer, Street Commission Doug Anderson, and Mayor Richard Hickman.

Councilmember Crum expressed concern of all the generic signs that are being placed around town. Mayor Hickman stated the City just did not have the manpower to patrol every sign. Hickman stated Councilmembers should pull the signs as they see them and bring to the Planning Department.

Councilmember Crum then expressed concern of curbside trash bins not removed from the curb in the 24-hour time frame after trash pick up. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Armstrong reported that City Planner Cole plans to contact Burkhart Signs to discuss the billboards that are currently empty and paper in the area around the billboards.

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There being no other business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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