

OCTOBER 12, 2009

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 5:00 p. m. at City Hall, 210 North Public Square, with Mayor Richard M. Hickman presiding. Councilmembers Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, Kathleen G. Armstrong, David B. Martin, and Edward J. Nagle answered roll call. No Councilmember was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Present were City Attorney Kim Shoup, Assistant Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, Human Resource Administrator Sue Essman, City Engineer Bill Boyer, Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti, and Executive Secretary Suzy Adams.

In addition, present were Jim Shilander of *The Herald Republican*, Jim Measel of WLKI, Sara Tubergen, Paul Sparks, and Robert Meeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council was presented with and asked to approve the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the IACT Medical Trust. Among the highlighted features of the newly formed medical plan outlined by Human Resources Administrator Essman were a cost savings to the City. Discussion followed. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council was asked to determine the funding source for the contribution to the Steuben County Economic Development Corporation to pursue a referendum through the State Legislature for a casino in Steuben County. Former Senator Robert Meeks said the intent was to get the referendum on the general election ballot November 2010. Senator Meeks stated northeast Indiana was the only part of the State that did not have a gaming facility. Senator Meeks also stated a casino could bring up to 700 jobs to Steuben County with an average salary of \$30,000 - \$35,000 and a handful of jobs in the six digit figures. Discussion followed. Councilmember Olson moved to use the Local Major Moves Construction Fund to fund the contribution. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion, which carried 4-1. Councilmember Crum dissented. County Councilmembers Paul Sparks and Sara Tubergen, along with Senator Meeks, thanked the Council for the \$10,000 contribution.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Olson reported Thelma Beer, wife of former Mayor Roman Beer, had passed away. Councilmember Olson said Beer was dedicated to the parks and deserved public recognition for her service.

Mayor Hickman informed Council of being approached by two Steuben County Councilmembers that recall Mayor Hickman stating the City would share with the County the Dana stock proceeds resulting from the Agreed Order between the City and

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the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for the Dana/Univertical cleanup located at 203 Weatherhead Street. Steuben County donated \$1 million towards the cleanup. The City would receive approximately 250,000 shares of Dana stock. Mayor Hickman did not recall stating anything about sharing the stock proceeds with the County knowing the Mayor does not have the authority to make such an offer and that only the City Council could determine what to do with the stock. Mayor Hickman apologized for any confusion. Discussion followed. Councilmember Martin said the City appreciated the County \$1,000,000 contribution however, sharing the stock proceeds was a little too premature for any conversation on the matter considering the City may consider retiring utility debt obligated for the cleanup. No action was taken by Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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