

## **SEPTEMBER 21, 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, with Mayor Richard M. Hickman presiding. Councilmembers Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, David B. Martin, and Edward J. Nagle answered roll call. Councilmember Kathleen G. Armstrong was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Present were Economic Development and Planning Director Julie Cole, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Assistant Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti, Human Resource Administrator Sue Essman, Street Commissioner Doug Anderson, City Engineer Bill Boyer, and Executive Secretary Suzy Adams.

In addition, present were Jim Shilander of *The Herald Republican*, Jim Measel of WLKI, Steve Glasper, Ann Marie Lindenmeyer, R. Bennett Steury, Robert Waltz, and Scott Houlton.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Olson moved to approve the Common Council minutes of September 8, 2009. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Minutes of the August 12, 2009 Board of Public Works and Safety were presented for Council information.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1324-2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1318-2009 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AND OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR OF 2010", was read by title and presented to Council for third and final reading. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

### NEW BUSINESS

At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Hickman declared open the public hearing for taxpayers regarding the 2010 proposed budget and tax rates. There being no public comment, the public hearing was considered closed at 7:03 p.m. Ordinance No. 1325-2009, ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2010, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 2009-548, 2009 RESOLUTION ON THE SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS TO THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA, was read

in its entirety and presented to Council for approval. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. (United Steel Workers Local 1015L Alliance for American Manufacturing)

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Hickman declared open the public hearing regarding waiver of non-compliance relating to tax abatement. There being no public comment, the public hearing was considered closed at 7:06 p.m. Resolution No. 2009-549, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Economic Development and Planning Director Cole explained the tax abatement paperwork had never been filed by the owner with the County; therefore, the tax abatement had not been used. Cole stated the eligible building located at 1304 Wohler Street, owned by Randall Smith, and occupied by Quality Trailer Products is in an economic revitalization area within the City. Discussion followed. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

At 7:08 p.m., Mayor Hickman declared open the public hearing regarding a modification to the City's Community Focus Fund grant for the Downtown Revitalization Project. Ann Marie Lindenmeyer of Region III-A Development explained a resolution would be presented at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to modify the scope of City's Community Focus Fund Grant. Lindenmeyer explained the Public Square and Maumee Streetscape construction contracts would be under one umbrella, including the CFF OCRA grant project and the INDOT TE and TIGER projects. Council questions and comments followed. Economic Development and Planning Director Cole conveyed that INDOT has been very supportive of combining the projects. Council discussion followed. There being no further public comment, the public hearing was considered closed at 7:12 p.m.

Council was presented with a request to approve the SESCO Group Proposal/Scope of Work – Replacement Wells for the 300 West Mill Street leaking underground storage tank at a cost not to exceed \$6,453.73. Discussion followed. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Nagle seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Council was then presented with a request to approve the proposal by M. D. Wessler & Associates for additional services totaling \$22,000 related to Collection System Project. Discussion followed. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for the month of August 2009 were presented to Council for information.

#### CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Wastewater Superintendant Williams reported the Angola Wastewater Department is partnering with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in a two-year Energy Management Pilot Project which will help municipal wastewater treatment facilities reduce energy usage, minimize plant impact on the environment, and develop documented case experiences which can be used to encourage broader regional application. The partnership will also provide an open forum for participating water and wastewater utilities to receive technical assistance to develop equipment and process improvement plans and explore funding options to implement energy improvement projects. Targeted energy usage reduction is 10%.

Economic Development and Planning Director Cole reported receiving a \$300 scholarship for a Brownfield training school. Cole also reported working on a tax increment financing (TIF) district for the newly annexed area west of the City. Cole stated the money would be used for streets and utility projects and that the City would be able to recoup funds used on the new water tower.

#### APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Councilmember Martin moved to approve accounts payable vouchers 2098 through 2212 in the amount of \$344,284.01. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hickman stated last week (September 15) was the closing on the Univertical project (Indiana Department of Environmental Management soil contamination remediation for the Walker Corporation/Univertical site, formerly owned by Dana and located at 203 Weatherhead Street, and wastewater plant and system improvement projects). Mayor Hickman then expressed appreciation for efforts by City, Steuben County, and State officials. Letters of thanks have been mailed to officials and Univertical. Mayor Hickman stated the project was quite an effort involving two and a half years but feels the project is something the City can look at and feel very good about in the long run. Also, on Friday (September 19), the City received word that things have been put in motion to transfer the Dana stock to the City. Even though the project is something no one from the City created, Mayor Hickman believes the City can feel good about the project because everyone came together and now have a better understanding of everyone's role. Now IDEM will bid and complete the soil contamination remediation project.

Mayor Hickman announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Nagle would be presiding over the next Council meeting on October 5 as City officials will be in French Lick, Indiana for the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) annual conference.

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There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Richard M. Hickman, Mayor  
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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