

APRIL 19, 2010

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, Kathleen G. Armstrong, David B. Martin, and Edward J. Nagle answered roll call. Councilmember David A. Olson was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Present were Economic Development and Planning Director Julie Cole, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, City Engineer Bill Boyer, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Wastewater Operator Scott Stevens, Fire Captain Terry Gary, Fire Chief Mike Meek, Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti, Systems Administrator Nate Armstrong, and Executive Secretary Suzy Adams.

In addition, present were Jim Shilander of *The Herald Republican*, Jim Measel of WLKI, and Brian Houghton.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Nagle moved to approve the Common Council minutes of April 5, 2010. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1348-2010, 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 Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion, which carried 4-0. (2010 S-8)

Brian Houghton of Jones & Henry Engineers, Limited and Wastewater Superintendent Williams presented a progress report on the investigation into total chlorides (dissolved salts) sources and feasible control/management alternatives. The current discharge permit for the wastewater treatment plant limits the amount of chlorides discharged in effluent. Using a gallon jug of water and salt packets, Williams demonstrated to the Council the proposed limits and how those limits compare to the levels of chlorides monitored in the treatment plant's effluent over the previous six years. Houghton presented to the Council the results of a preliminary study identifying sources of chlorides from numerous types of users including residential without softeners, residential with softeners, industrial, commercial, and water treatment plants. Houghton also briefly described some of the alternatives being considered to help the City comply with the new permit limits including the application for a variance. Houghton and Williams explained that a variance would eliminate numerical limits and an action plan with benchmarks would be executed and become a legally binding portion of the discharge permit. Although approval of the variance is not guaranteed, Houghton and

Williams believe that after meeting with IDEM officials the previous week that IDEM understands the difficulties that the situation creates and is sympathetic to the fact that utilizing best management practices and source control/minimization are likely the only ways to reduce chlorides. Houghton and Williams will finalize the variance request in the coming week and will forward a copy of the request to the Council.

Mayor Hickman informed Council more information would be forthcoming on how the Steuben County Port Authority would be run. Council consensus was to table the appointment to the Port Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2010-559, AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND AS REQUESTED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND FORWARDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR ACTION AND PASSAGE PURSUANT TO IC 6-1.1-18, was presented to Council for approval. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

Council was presented with a request to approve repairing water well #8 at an estimated cost of \$49,223 as recommended by Water Superintendent Dan Olis. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Nagle seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

City Engineer Boyer asked Council to table the proposed site improvement permit class structure and fee schedule until MS4 Coordinator Eric Henion was available to make a presentation to Council. Councilmember Martin moved to table. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for the month of March 2010 were presented for Council information. Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell informed Council that the end of month Dana stock quantity and value had been added to page two.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell provided Council with a copy of the letter that would be mailed with the May utility bills explaining to Angola residents and property owners the new stormwater rate structure based on impervious surface area. In addition, Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell provided Council with a copy of the 2011 budget calendar. The budget calendar coincides with Steuben County's budget review schedule. Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell then informed Council that the new bar code mailing system was used with the April utility bills. The new system will save the City approximately \$300 a

month in postage costs. In conclusion, Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell updated Council on the sewer bond refunding stating the Indiana Finance Authority verbally approved the State Revolving Fund bond refunding. The Dana stock proceeds would be used for the refunding as Council had previously directed. Umbaugh is currently working on the revised amortization schedule for the called bonds and Ice Miller will draft notices to the bond registrar. Once the bonds are redeemed, Council will amend the current rate ordinance to eliminate the LOIT pledge. Ratepayers will pay the same rates but the City will no longer be obligated to make the LOIT payment to the sewage works utility.

Chief of Police Hamblen informed Council that a meeting on the Safe Routes to School grant would be held Monday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room on the second floor of City Hall. Hamblen also reported August 3 would be National Night Out.

City Engineer Boyer asked Council to sign a signature sheet that would go on eight sets of plans for eight resurfacing projects that Council had previously approved for the Jobs Bill. Ken Herceg & Associates, Inc. has submitted the plans to INDOT. Boyer then asked Council to resign the agreement with A & Z for the Safe Routes to School grant. Boyer stated that on August 17, 2009 Council had approved the agreement with A & Z Engineering, LLC who is doing the plans for the SRTS route but the City did not get notice to proceed until Tuesday, April 6 and in the meantime, INDOT updated the required contract. In conclusion, Boyer reported the INDOT Wohlert Street bids had been received with Brooks Construction Co., Inc. being the lowest bidder at \$995,000. The City awarded the project to Brooks through INDOT.

Systems Administrator Armstrong updated Council on a few IT Department projects. The department is attempting to migrate City cell phone services to one carrier. In addition, Armstrong is trying to eliminate redundancies of the city phone system by eliminating one PRI circuit hosted by Verizon saving approximately \$10,000 per year. Finally, Armstrong is investigating contracting with Google or Microsoft to host the City email accounts, which would save approximately \$10,000 every three years. Councilmember Nagle thanked Armstrong for correcting the inability to receive City email. Mayor Hickman informed Council that when the City needed a part for a server that crashed last week, Armstrong traded a personal Xbox game for the part.

Economic Development and Planning Director Cole reported the downtown revitalization project was going well and on schedule.

City Attorney Shoup reported the City would be going back to court on the Burrell property located at 875 East 200 North. Shoup stated with the help of Wastewater Superintendant Williams trying to work out the outstanding issues with SCADATA. Councilmember Olson had asked Shoup for an update on the abandoned BP gas station located at 2995 West Maumee Street. Shoup said Building Commissioner Dean Twitchell had requested IDEM investigate the underground tanks at the site. Shoup said

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IDEM would hunt down the actual owner and investigate what was really in the underground storage tanks.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Councilmember Nagle moved to approve accounts payable vouchers 827 through 933 for \$824,318.24. Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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