

**JANUARY 4, 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, 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 Economic Development and Planning Director Julie Cole, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, City Engineer Bill Boyer, Human Resource Administrator Sue Essman, Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Wastewater Operator Scott Stevens, and Executive Secretary Suzy Adams.

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

#### REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Hickman read from a prepared statement beginning with wishing the Common Council a happy new year. The year 2009 presented many challenges and together Mayor Hickman believes the City met all of those challenges. The City was able with Council's hard work and City employee sacrifices to produce a balanced budget. With the help of many, the City was able to come to an equitable agreement on the old Dana site problem. These of course were just a couple of last year's challenges.

The year 2010 and beyond will bring more difficult challenges as the State Legislature seems determined to tie the City's hands to provide services to citizens and the tools needed to create economic development opportunities. However, Mayor Hickman believes after driving through other small towns and after reading what drastic measures other communities have taken to cut budgets that Angola's proactive approach creating a small cash surplus and the sacrifices City employees have made has put the City in a better financial position than many Indiana cities and towns. These preparations will help the City tackle tomorrow's problems and challenges.

The City would not be in this position today without Council's hard work, the hard work and sacrifices employees have made, and without the hard work and expertise of Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell and her excellent staff.

It is no secret that Council consists of two Democrats and three Republicans. Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell is a Republican. Mayor Hickman is a Democrat. Nevertheless, not once in the last two years has there been any sign that there are two political parties involved in the decision-making in this council room. Any disagreements were strictly Council's own personal views about how to solve a particular problem. No one has done any political posturing as is happening in some cities. As we know, there is no political

way to fix potholes or plow snow. It has always been what is best for our citizens and our employees. Angola should be the poster child for political bipartisanship. Our elected officials in Indianapolis and Washington should be envious of how we go about doing the peoples business.

These remarks were strictly out of the respect Mayor Hickman has for Council, Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell, and City employees. Mayor Hickman thanked everyone in the room and City employees on behalf of himself and citizens for a job well done the past year. Mayor Hickman concluded his remarks looking forward to meeting tomorrow's challenges.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Crum moved to approve the Common Council minutes of December 21 and December 29, 2009. Councilmember Nagle seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1337-2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA, FROM OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA, was read by title and presented to Council for third and final reading. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 1338-2009, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA AND BECOMING A PART OF THE STEUBEN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, was read by title and presented to Council for second reading. Mayor Hickman stated although the information Council had requested was not available at this time, the information would be presented before third reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 1339-2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA BY CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CERTAIN AREAS DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG) TO LOW INTENSITY INDUSTRIAL (I1), was read by title and presented to Council for second reading. Councilmember Olson moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (James Hale, 1265 North State Road 827)

Ordinance No. 1340-2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2, ARTICLE 5, ARTICLE 9 AND ARTICLE 11 OF THE ANGOLA UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Mayor

Hickman recommended that the ordinance be tabled in order to obtain some additional information. Councilmember Martin moved to table. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion, which carried 5-0. (Wind turbine systems)

Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell reported 187,300 shares of Dana stock had been sold December 22 as requested by Council. The purpose of the sale is to relieve or eliminate the Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) pledge for the sewage works. The proceeds from the sale were \$39.45 short of the \$1.975 million Council had approved to sell because of commissions and fees. There are 74,912 shares remaining. At the close of business today, the value of the remaining shares would be over \$800,000. The stock proceeds will be used to refund some of the 1997 and 2000 sewage works bonds. John Julien of Umbaugh will coordinate with Pattie Zelmer of Ice Miller to prepare the 30-day notice of redemption to the paying agent. Julien will mail a letter to the City of the exact pay-off amount. The bond refunding could be completed by mid-February.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1341-2010, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BY REPEAL THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL SECTION V EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, 5.14 CITY DAY, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Martin moved to table. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Nagle moved to approve the December 2009 Utility Collection List of \$1,530.91. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### CLERK-TREASURER DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Wastewater Superintendent Williams informed Council collection system contractors would return January 11 to work on Maumee Street.

Economic Development and Planning Director Cole announced a public open house would be held Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Cahoots Coffee House. Cole said updates on the 2010 Public Square/Maumee Streetscape Improvements Projects would be presented. There will be a question and answer session as well.

#### APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Councilmember Martin moved to approve accounts payable vouchers 2904 through 2933 for \$6,072,635.94 and one through 79 for \$562,517.86 totaling \$6,635,153.80 (CDs \$5,743,813.00). Councilmember Nagle seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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The Umbaugh Agreement to Provide Accounting Support Services to create a fire territory was presented to Council for approval. The amount of the agreement is \$20,000. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Richard M. Hickman, Mayor  
Presiding Officer

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