

MAY 20, 2019

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 Joseph M. Hysong answered roll call. No Councilmember was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Present were Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, City Attorney Kim Shoup, City Engineer Amanda Cope, Economic Development and Planning Director Vivian Likes, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Park Superintendent Matt Hanna, Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti, and Human Resources Administrator Sue Essman,

Also present were Colin Meadowcroft of WLKI, Robert Dahmon, Isaac Lee, Brandi Dawson, Kevin Bruns, Kevin McDermit, John Julien, and Charles Dowe.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Hickman announced Angola placed third for Best Historic Small Town in USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice 2019. Mayor Hickman thanked all who voted. People take pride in this community and it shows with the number of votes Angola received.

Mayor Hickman thanked the Angola Garden Club, Meijer, Angola Parks and Recreation Department, and Lawnscape for making the mound look so nice.

Mayor Hickman congratulated Parks Department Events and Marketing Coordinator Nina Onofrietti and Pat Schlosser with the Downtown Action Coalition for receiving grants from the Steuben County Community Foundation. The park grant will be used for the Summer Recreation Program. The Arts Foundation grant that Schlosser applied for will be used for the Pain the Town project.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilmember Hysong moved to approve the May 6, 2019 minutes. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

~~Ordinance No. 1608-2019, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA BY CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE CERTAIN AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG) DISTRICT AND TO REZONE TO MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R2) DISTRICT; HIGH DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R3) DISTRICT; MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R4); AND, LOW DENSITY~~

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SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R1) DISTRICT, was read by title and presented to Council for second reading. Councilmember Hysong moved to approve. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 1608-2019 was then read by title and presented to Council for third and final reading. Councilmember Crum moved to approve. Councilmember Hysong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (along North State Road 827)

Ordinance No. 1609-2019, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK BY ADDING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY, was read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Councilmember Olson moved to approve. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed tax abatement agreements. Attorney Kevin Bruns and Steuben County Economic and Development Director Isaac Lee were present to answer questions about the process. Lee described the agreements as another tool in the toolbox for economic development. Discussion followed. Council consensus was in favor of the voluntary economic development fee and the claw back provision.

NEW BUSINESS

City Engineer Cope opened and read aloud bids for the Community Crossing Project #1901 estimated at \$304,068.

API Construction Corporation	\$297,945.00
Brooks Construction Co., Inc.	\$366,689.00
E & B Paving, Inc.	\$378,240.35

Councilmember Martin moved to award the bid to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder. Councilmember Hysong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Cope opened and read aloud bids for the Community Crossing Project #1905 estimated at \$240,862.

API Construction Corporation	\$234,400.00
Brooks Construction Co., Inc.	\$262,568.00
E & B Paving, Inc.	\$256,084.00

Councilmember Martin moved to award the bid to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder. Councilmember Hysong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 1610-2019, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANGOLA MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 12 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, CHAPTER 12.25 PUBLIC PARKS, was as read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Hysong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (add Commons Hall)

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Ordinance No. 1611-2019, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, PAYROLL STANDARDS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2019-757, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ANGOLA FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND FORWARDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR ACTION AND PASSAGE PURSUANT TO IC 6-1.1-18.6, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Councilmember Martin moved to approve. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (Office of Economic and Development and Planning)

Presented to Council was a request to review and determine if Feddema Industries, Inc. located at 1305 Wohlert Street is or is not in substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits for Personal Property. Councilmember Martin moved to find in substantial compliance. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (Resolution No. 2011-594; 10 years)

Council was asked to review and determine if Town Center Development located at 190 and 200 North Public Square is or is not in substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits for Real Estate Improvements. Councilmember Martin moved to find in substantial compliance. Councilmember Hysong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (Resolution No. 2014-656; five years)

Council was asked to review and determine if Angola Brokaw Theatre, LLC located at 190 and 200 North Public Square is or is not in substantial compliance with the Statement of Benefits for Personal Property. Councilmember Martin moved to find in substantial compliance. Councilmember Hysong seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (Resolution No. 2014-656; five years)

John Julien with Baker Tilly (formerly Umbaugh) presented the Financial Management Reports for calendar year ending December 31, 2018 for the Municipal Water Utility and Sewage Works. Julien walked Council through the highlights stating sewer had a collective cash balance of \$2.5 million at year end. Angola is in good financial position with strategic planning and good operations. The way you get these results is through the day to day operations and expenses. Williams said in the last five years the Wastewater Department staff has saved the utility approximately \$350,000 to \$600,000 in hard cost by efficiency of operations. The current staff are extraordinarily talented. Julien then walked Council through the highlights of the Water Utility. The year end the cash balance was \$3 million. Julien is wrapping up the cost of service study for the Water Utility and will attend another meeting next month with recommendations. Julien continued by stating Angola does a tremendous job managing operations. However, there is a need to watch allocation of revenues and continue to operate in prudent fashion. Mayor Hickman commended

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Water Superintendent Selman and Wastewater Superintendent Williams along with their staffs who do a great job for the City. Discussion followed. No action was taken by Council.

Presented to Council for review were the Clerk-Treasurer's Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for month ending April 2019.

CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell reported outstanding receivable TRECS collections through the Indiana Department of Revenue total to date \$7,387.85. The City's 2019 fuel contract with Ceres Solutions has saved about \$851 in gasoline costs and \$250 in diesel. The last project for the 2015 Water Utility bond will be completed this year. Excess bond proceeds are estimated at \$175,000. John Julien with Baker Tilly advised a proper paper trail in accordance with federal tax law would be to transfer the balance to the Water Sinking Fund Bond and Interest Account with subsequent monthly transfers reduced so the Bond and Interest Account is not overfunded. This frees up net revenue from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Improvement Fund. In conclusion, Clerk-Treasurer Twitchell reported that annually the State Budget Agency certifies supplemental local income tax distributions. If the Steuben County trust account held by the state exceeds 15%, a distribution is made to local units. Steuben County has such an excess of \$1.48 million. The City's share is \$297,000 which will be receipted to the General Fund, LIT – Public Safety Fund, and LIT – Economic Development Fund.

Wastewater Superintendent Williams said compost is for sale at \$10 a cubic yard. Williams reported attending the Indiana Water Environment Association Annual Wastewater Challenge in Nappanee with employees. The day long competition included written exams and hands on events that cover Operations and Maintenance, Residuals and Biosolids, Laboratory, Collection Systems and Safety. Fourteen teams from across the state participated. Three employees from Angola joined two teams. One team placed second in Residuals and Biosolids and a second team placed first in Residuals and Biosolids, second in Operations and Maintenance and Collection Systems, and placed third overall.

Chief of Police Hamblen reported finally seeing utility savings at the Public Safety Building since the HVAC project was installed.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

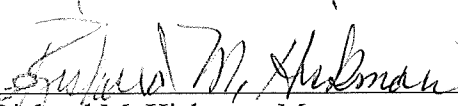
Councilmember Martin moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable vouchers 40455 through 40698 totaling \$707,474.06 which includes interfund transfers of \$149,286.70. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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Councilmember Martin moved to appoint Charles Dowe, 315 West Pleasant Street, to the Angola Redevelopment Commission as the Common Council appointment. Councilmember Crum seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 8:21 p.m.


Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:


Debra A. Twitchell, Clerk-Treasurer

