

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 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, Accounts Payable Clerk Ryan Herbert, Fire Chief Mike Meek, Assistant Chief of Police Ken Whitmire, Park Superintendent Matt Hanna, Building Commission Scott Lehman, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, Economic Development and Planning Director Vivian Likes, Street Commissioner Doug Anderson, and Systems Administrator Nathan Armstrong.

The 2020 Budget was reviewed department by department. A correction was made to the Municipal Building (Public Safety Building) budget to include a budget for electric and gas utility services. Discussion was had. A public hearing will be held October 7 and adoption is scheduled for October 21.

On another matter, there was discussion regarding the Steuben County Courthouse Renovation Project. Information was submitted by the Steuben County Commissioners dated August 30, 2019. The Commissioners plan to attend the October 7 Council meeting. The project calls for a new addition to the courthouse on the south side of the current courthouse and be built into Gale Street. Discussion followed. Although the Commissioners letter did not make a specific request vacating Gale Street, Economic Development and Planning Director Likes stated and City Attorney Shoup concurred that the matter at hand is whether or not Council will vacate the street. If Council agrees to vacate, then the matter will go before the Historic Preservation Commission because the courthouse is in the designated historic district; then to the Board of Zoning Appeals for variances; and then to the Plan Commission for review and approval of the development plan. More discussion followed. No action was taken by Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Richard M. Hickman, Mayor  
Presiding Officer

Attest:



Debra A. Twitchell, Clerk-Treasurer