

JANUARY 6, 2020

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, Council Chambers, 210 North Public Square, with Mayor Richard M. Hickman presiding. Council Members Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, Kathleen G. Armstrong, David B. Martin, and Jerold D. McDermid answered roll call. No Council Member was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Present were Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Deputy AP Clerk Ryan Herbert, City Engineer Amanda Cope, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Park Superintendent Matt Hanna, Human Resources Administrator Sue Essman, Street Commissioner Doug Anderson, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, Fire Captain Bill Harter, PT Firefighter Lee Greenamy, PT Firefighter Michael Heastan, Fire Captain Pete Decker IV, Firefighter Paul Thiel, Firefighter Hillary Cope, Fire Captain Jason Meek, and Fire Lieutenant Erich Kaiser.

Also present were Ashlee Hoos of *The Herald Republican*, Colin Meadowcroft of WLKI, Lou Ann Homan, Hope Wilson, Carolyn Powers, Kathleen Vaughn, Linda Mowry, Cathy French, Jeff Rowe, and Joshua Odom.

REMARKS BY MAYOR HICKMAN

Mayor Hickman congratulated and welcomed new Council Member McDermid.

Mayor Hickman then read a proclamation commemorating the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which secured for women the right to vote and proclaiming January 16, 2020 as "Women's Suffrage Day". Various celebratory events are planned throughout the year.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Olson moved to approve the December 16, 2019 minutes. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hickman opened the floor for Mayor Pro Tem nominations. Council Member Olson nominated if willing Council Member Martin. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 1625-2019, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS, DEPUTIES, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AND OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2020, was read by title and presented to Council for first

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reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (add Payroll Clerk)

Jeff Rowe with Baker Tilly presented the Wastewater Cost of Service Study. Rowe stated a traditional rate study looks at rates across the board without taking into account the cost of service for various rate classes. The study looks at two scenarios...rate per 1,000 gallons with a minimum bill based on meter size and a base and flow rate structure. Nowadays, the second scenario is the more common rate structure. This structure looks at different cost structures and allocates a base charge or flow charge. The more usage the more flow charge. The intent is for the base charge to recover fixed costs in the collection system. The next affect is a 2" meter and smaller will see increases and 3" and larger will see decreases. The rate shift is from large users to residential. Discussion followed. No action was taken by Council.

Council then considered Mayor Hickman's request to waive the requirement to appoint a fire chief from active personnel of the Angola Fire Department. Council Member Martin moved to approve the request. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mayor Hickman stated the intent is to interview those firefighters on staff who have expressed an interest in the position and also solicit resumes from other fire departments. Discussed ensued. The plan is to have a new fire chief hired by April 1. More discussion followed. Council Member Martin called the question. On call of the vote, the motion carried 3-2. Council Members Olson and Armstrong dissented.

City Engineer Cope, representing the Traffic Commission (Mayor Hickman, Chief of Police Hamblen, Street Commissioner Anderson, and Council Member McDermid), recommended no parking on the west side of Williams Street from Mill Street to Stocker Street. Presently, there is no parking 200' north of Mill Street on the west side. There is a pedestrian hazard for those crossing from the west side to Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 516 North Williams Street. The intent is to minimize the pedestrian crossings. Discussion followed. Several times, Northern Lakes expressed interest in purchasing the City's lot south of the facility for additional parking but then backed out. Discussion followed. Park Superintendent expressed concern that Northern Lakes employees and others will use the Firemen's Park parking lot which in the summer time would be an issue. More discussion followed. Mayor Hickman will contact Northern Lakes about the City's intent to restrict parking. Council Member Crum moved to table the matter one month. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Martin moved to appoint Council Member McDermid to the Angola Plan Commission as the Common Council appointee. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 5-0. (Four-year term ending December 31, 2023)

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Mayoral department head appointments for 2020 were noted for the record.

Economic Development and Planning Director	Vivian J. Likes
Systems Administrator	Nathaniel A. Armstrong
City Attorney	Kim E. Shoup
City Engineer	Amanda R. Cope
Building Commissioner	Scott L. Lehman
Fire Chief	(vacant)
Chief of Police	Stuart W. Hamblen
Street Commissioner	Douglas E. Anderson
Park Superintendent	Matthew J. Hanna
Water Superintendent	Thomas H. Selman
Wastewater Superintendent	Craig A. Williams

CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Wastewater Superintendent Williams announced the IDEM Environmental Rules Board will hold a hearing to review the citizen's petition asking that water quality standards align with the intents and purposes of the 2012 EPA Recreational Water Quality Criteria on Wednesday, January 8. The hearing is procedural. Williams plans to attend.

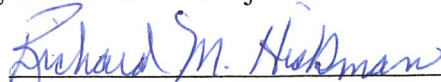
City Engineer Cope reported the City has expressed its concern to INDOT several times about the pavement markings on North Wayne Street. During rain, the markings are difficult or impossible to see. The Fort Wayne District of INDOT responded to the City's concerns stating the markings are not rated for wet weather, wet weather pavements markings are expensive, and INDOT has no plans to change those markings.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Council Member Olson moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers 43996 through 44211 totaling \$1,121,240.19. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

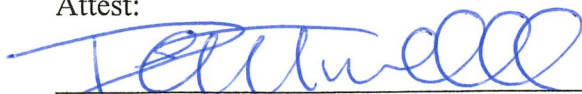
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:



Debra A. Twitchell, Clerk-Treasurer