

FEBRUARY 3, 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, Economic Development and Planning Director Vivian Likes, Deputy AP Clerk Ryan Herbert, City Engineer Amanda Cope, Downtown Services Coordinator Maria Davis, and Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams.

Also present were Ashlee Hoos of *The Herald Republican*, Colin Meadowcroft of WLKI, Flynn Catey, John Mowry, Khelley Adams, Pat Schlosser, June Julien, Isaac Lee, Matt Crouch, Lance Williamson, Jack Beakas, Derek Miller, Jackie Swihart, Andrea Kern, Abby Chapman, and Josh Alsip.

REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Hickman introduced Andrea Kern, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Northeast Region Community Liaison. Kern then introduced OCRA Deputy Director Matt Crouch, OCRA Program Manager Main Street Jackie Swihart, OCRA Program Manager Main Street Abby Chapman, and Visit Indiana Project Manager Josh Alsip. Crouch began the Best in Indiana presentation by stating one of OCRA's missions is promoting and revitalizing downtowns. Angola is one of 135 Main Streets in Indiana. Indiana has the most Main Streets in the nation. The Main Street program is about investing in the place we live like Angola did with the Brokaw Movie House renovation and projects like Imagine Alley and Sculptures on the Square. Alsip then spoke of 2019 Best of Indiana Main Streets with Angola placing third. Angola is at the top of the list because of things like Soldiers Monument on Public Square. Mayor Hickman thanked OCRA and Visit Indiana as Angola considers both organizations partners. Mayor Hickman then thanked Steuben County Tourism Bureau Executive Director June Julien and the Downtown Angola Coalition. Downtown Services Coordinator Davis is on Indiana's Main Street Council. In conclusion, Mayor Hickman thanked *The Herald Republican* and WLKI for promoting downtown events through their media outlets. Alsip then presented the Best in Indiana Main Street certificate.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Olson moved to approve the January 20, 2020 minutes. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Ordinance No. 1625-2020, 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 third and final reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve subject to amendment. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. Council Member Martin then moved to amend the ordinance by removing the strikethrough on the 'Deputy Accounts Payable Clerk' text. Council Member Olson seconded the amending motion. The vote to amend the ordinance carried 5-0. On call of the vote to approve Ordinance No. 1625-2020 on third and final reading, the motion carried 5-0. (add Payroll Clerk)

On a matter tabled January 6 by the Common Council, Mayor Hickman representing the Traffic Commission (City Engineer Cope, Chief of Police Hamblen, Street Commissioner Anderson, and Council Member McDermid) reported Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 516 North Williams Street was contacted about restricted parking on Williams Street. The City is awaiting a reply from Northern Lakes about purchasing City property adjacent to their property in order to provide additional parking for the Center. Discussion followed. Council Member McDermid shared concerns from Little League parents about parking along Williams Street next to Firemen's Park if the parking on the west side is restricted. The matter was again tabled until the City is contacted by Northern Lakes.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2020-768, A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPUTY CLERK CERTAIN POWERS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (effective March 1, 2020)

Resolution No. 2020-769, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA, APPROVING APPROPRIATION ENCUMBRANCES FOR 2020, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (\$521,786.74)

Resolution No. 2020-770, 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 approval. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (Police)

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Steuben County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) Executive Director Isaac Lee then presented 2019 Year in Review. The SCEDC has four major objectives: 1) business retention and expansion; 2) attraction of new businesses; 3) workforce development; and 3) public/private partnerships. Lee then elaborated on each objective. Among retention objectives is tax compliance by monitoring the CF-1 Statement of Benefits (tax abatement). There are 65 active abatements in the county. On workforce development, there are 700 open positions in Steuben County. Consequently, the SCEDC is paying attention to the workforce funnel by working with K through 12 students and schools in the county. Sixty-five percent of Steuben County jobs do not need a degree, only a GED. In 2019, SCEDC hired Mike Landram as workforce development director. Landram has created a talent dashboard that includes attraction, development, and connection. Another 2019 project was developing a housing strategy for workforce affordable housing. This project was funded with private sector investment. Mayor Hickman commented that not anyone can do Lee's job and has great respect for the SCEDC accomplishments. Lee is very well respected around the state and considered one of the best. Economic Development and Planning Director Likes stated Lee has brought the technology aspect to the organization and is very appreciative of the work.

CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Economic Development and Planning Director Likes reported Three Rivers Federal Credit Union will go before the Plan Commission for plat approval. Also, the City is working with the Census Bureau to get an accurate count for the 2020 Census.

City Engineer Cope reported Shambaugh & Son has been contracted to install a solar-powered pedestrian crossing on Williams Street at the YMCA.

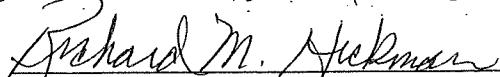
Chief of Police Hamblen announced the Angola Police Citizen's Academy begins September 3. There are 10 open spots. The program is once a week for 10 weeks. Council Member Martin highly recommended the program.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Council Member Martin moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers 44468 through 44621 totaling \$592,385.92. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Twitchell", written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Twitchell, Clerk-Treasurer