

AUGUST 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Angola Training Center, 306 West Mill Street 1B, 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.

Among those present were Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, City Engineer Amanda Cope, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, and Deputy Clerk Ryan Herbert.

Also, among those present were Ashlee Hoos of *The Herald Republican*, Colin Meadowcroft of WLKI, John Julien of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, and Scott Crites and Bryan Hood of American Structurepoint.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Olson moved to approve the August 3, 2020 minutes. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of the July 6, 2020 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting were provided for Council information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1645-2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANGOLA MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 2 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, CHAPTER 2.05 COMMON COUNCIL, was read by title and presented to Council on third and final reading. Council Member Olson moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion to approve on third and final reading carried 5-0. (Meetings – Times)

Ordinance No. 1646-2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANGOLA MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 3 REVENUE AND FINANCE, CHAPTER 3.10 FUNDS BY ADDING A FIRE OPERATING FUND, was read by title and presented to Council on third and final reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion to approve on third and final reading carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 1647-2020, AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2021, was read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion to approve on second reading carried 5-0. (Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer 2% increase)

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Council was asked to consider the tabled bids for the I69/US 20 Bridge Enhancement project. Bids were opened July 20. HWC Engineering recommended the bid be awarded to Primco Inc. The base bid is \$352,933.25 with an alternate for the painting of the MSE retaining walls of \$139,296.25. Mayor Hickman recommended that Council not consider the alternate bid option. Council Member Martin then moved to reject any and all bids for the I69/US 20 Bridge Enhancements. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Council consensus was this is not the right time to move forward. More discussion followed. On call of the vote, the motion to reject any and all bids for the project was carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1648-2020, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANGOLA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10 VEHICLES AND TRAFIC, CHAPTER 10.25 PARKING, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion to approve on first reading carried 5-0. (No parking Monument Plaza parking lot)

Resolution No. 2020-782, 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 Crum seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 5-0. (Fire Department)

The State Road 127 (North Wayne Street) Water Main Replacement and Corridor Enhancements Study was presented by John Crites and Bryan Hood with American Structurepoint. The Study identified and provided options for replacing and removing the existing water main within paved areas along North Wayne Street from Northeastern Railroad to Woodhull Drive by relocating the main outside of the proposed future roadway improvements by INDOT scheduled in 2025 or 2026. The water main is old and in need of repair. Corridor enhancements would include pedestrian crossings, additional sidewalks, and storm sewer improvements. The current travel lanes are wider than INDOT requires. To gain the needed right-of-way for these improvements, the lane size would be reduced, and the curb line shifted four to five feet to gain a new curb line with the needed right-of-way for the sidewalk and water main. There would be an eight-foot sidewalk with a five-foot grass strip. The water main would be constructed under the sidewalk or grass strip. The Water Utility would bear the cost of the water main estimated at \$3,226,000. For the corridor improvements estimated at \$3,175,000, the City could seek an 80/20 federal grant. Discussion followed. The ultimate goal is to move the water main out of the roadway and into a manageable right-of-way. No action was taken by Council.

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John Julien with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors reviewed the 2019 Financial Management Reports for the Water Utility and Wastewater Utility. Julien stated the Water Utility is doing pretty well and has a nice reserve and then reviewed revenues and expenses and the budget versus actual. A minor rate adjustment is recommended. If the City proceeds with the North Wayne Street water main project discussed this evening, Julien recommended a bond issue and adjust rates accordingly. Julien then stated the Wastewater Utility is in pretty good shape. Revenues are as anticipated, and operating costs were below budget by \$140,000. However, the Wastewater Utility is relying on its cash position for planned capital improvements and unless something is done with rates that cash position will erode. Julien recommended a sewer rate adjustment in measurable phases to keep it manageable for ratepayers. Julien then revisited the Cost of Service Study for both utilities. These studies look at rates to determine if those rates are in the right class of customer paying the right amount of money. For the Water Utility Cost of Service Study, Baker Tilly also looked at the amount of public hydrant rental paid from the General Fund and converting that into a user fee paid for by water customers. Right now, the Water Utility is under collecting for fire protection and the residential class is paying above the cost of service. The Study suggests the need to increase fire protection, lower residential rates, and increase the high-volume rates. A holistic review of the Wastewater Utility suggests the cost of service for residential is under what it should be and high-volume users are over. Overall, the water rate reduction is greater than the sewer rate increase. Rates for Trine University would remain even. Rates for Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and MSD Schools would remain about the same. If Council approves moving the cost of public fire protection (hydrants) from the General Fund to the residential water customer, the cost increase would be \$2 to \$3 per month to the residential user. There would be no impact to large users. For the Wastewater Utility with the growing capital improvement needs and the need to eliminate negative cash flows, Julien recommended bundling the small projects for a bond issue which would result in minimum rate impact. Discussion followed. Council consensus was to proceed with the cost of service study recommendations. Julien plans to present to Council updated information in September. Julien then announced his plan to retire at the end of the year. Julien stated Angola holds a special place in his heart and then quipped that he will miss Council Member Martin's financial quizzing. Mayor Hickman thanked Julien for his decades of service to the City and then stated Julien has served the City well.

The Clerk-Treasurers Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for the month ending July 2020 was presented for Council information.

CLERK-TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Engineer Cope reported the Traffic Commission looked at the intersection at Apple Hill Way and Westview Drive and recommends no change. If the proposed development in the area proceeds as planned, the Commission will revisit the matter.

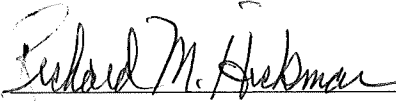
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APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Council Member Armstrong moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers 47260 through 47558 totaling \$766,391.89 which includes interfund transfers of \$105,644.43. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

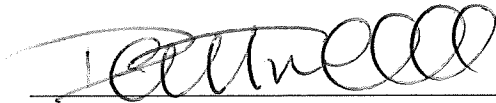
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:



Debra A. Twitchell, Clerk-Treasurer