

July 19, 2021

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. Council Members Gary L. Crum, Kathleen G. Armstrong, and Jerold D. McDermid answered roll call. Council Members David A. Olson, and David B. Martin were absent. Clerk-Treasurer Ryan P. Herbert recorded the minutes.

Among those present were Fire Chief T.R. Hagerty, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, City Engineer Amanda Cope, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Chief of Police Ken Whitmire, and Human Resources Administrator Sue Essman.

Also, among those present were Jeff Rowe with Baker Tilly, Flynn Catey, and Hailee Lepley of *The Herald Republican*.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member McDermid moved to approve the July 6, 2021 minutes. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1681-2021, AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2022, was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Council Member Armstrong moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 3-0.

Jeff Rowe with Baker Tilly presented the Financial Management Reports for calendar year ending December 31, 2020 for the Municipal Water and Wastewater Utilities. Rowe walked through the highlights of the reports for each utility. Rowe stated that the Water Utility had a collective cash balance of \$3,237,019 at year end. This amounts to a \$2,028,230 variance over required cash reserves of \$1,208,789. The Wastewater Utility closed the year with a collective cash balance of \$3,071,677 amounting to a \$1,051,308 variance over the required reserves of \$2,020,369. Rowe explained that both utilities were in a good long-term financial position, and current user rates are adequate. They both however need to look at budgeting practices as trends show operating budgets being overinflated over the past five-year period.

Council Member McDermid moved to approve the lien and utility bad debt report totaling \$8,825.63 for 12 months ending December 31, 2020. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer's Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for month ending June 2021 was presented for Council information.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Hagerty reported that the department would be conducting mass casualty training tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. with the Police Department and Steuben County EMS. Also, the department has loaned a set of Jaws of Life to the Laotto Fire Department. Their set had failed while in use the night before.

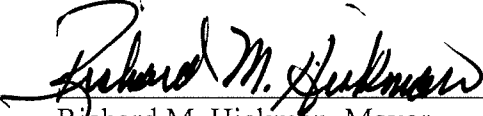
City Engineer Cope reported that INDOT would be closing the mound during work hours beginning Thursday for repaving. The work should be completed in about a week. Council Member McDermid asked Cope to look into an unmarked construction zone in the street in front of the new Eastland Crossing subdivision on SR 827.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Council Member McDermid moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers 52424 through 52628 totaling \$621,321.32 which includes interfund transfers totaling \$74,711.75. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Richard M. Hickman, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:


Ryan P. Herbert, Clerk-Treasurer