

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 18, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Joseph M. Thallemer presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Council members Cindy Dobbins, Jack Wilhite, Jeff Grose, Ron Shoemaker, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Scott Reust, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Professor, Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker, Terry White and his journalism class from Grace College, others as noted on attached attendance sheet, InkFree News reporter Liz Shepherd, and Times-Union reporter David Slone.

ABSENT: None noted.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thallemer followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES-

The minutes from the November 4, 2019 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Klondaris and carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-

Mayor Thallemer welcomed those in attendance especially noting the attendance of Professor Terry White and his journalism class from Grace College.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

1. October 2019 Fund Report
2. Comcast third quarter 2019 Franchise Fee report, \$12,668.39
3. Mayor Thallemer congratulated Coach Bart Curtis and the Warsaw Tiger Football Team on their first ever Sectional Championship.
4. Mayor Thallemer expressed his appreciation to all of those who supported him and his family with kind words and actions over the loss of his father.

NEW BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE AMENDING EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK-

Ordinance #2019-11-01 was presented for approval. The Ordinance amends the Employee Personnel Policy Handbook Appendix 2 which is the vacation allotment schedules, notice requirements, and minimum usage increments. After discussion Councilor Klondaris made a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREAS-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution #2019-11-02. The Resolution approves a resolution from the Plan Commission approving a resolution from the Redevelopment Commission, designating and declaring a North Residential Economic Development Area and a South Residential Economic Development Area. Maps and legal descriptions are included with the Resolution. After discussion, Councilor Wilhite made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-11-02, seconded by Councilor Grose, with Councilors Klondaris, Frush, and Quance voting aye, and Councilors Dobbins and Shoemaker voting nay.

1782 NOTICE/BUDGET YEAR 2020-

The City received the 1782 Notice earlier today. The tax rate on the notice was listed at 1.182, a .0975 reduction from the 2019 tax rate for the City. Councilor Klondaris requested more time to review the notice so a special meeting was set for November 25, 2019 at 4:30. Councilor Frush proposed that \$3,500.00 budgeted for the Police Department to lease a motorcycle be cut from their budget. Councilor Klondaris seconded the proposal, with Councilors Shoemaker and Dobbins in favor and Councilors Quance, Grose, and Wilhite not in favor. A resolution will be presented at the November 25th meeting for the reduction.

OTHER MATTERS-

Council President Diane Quance gave an update on the issue of a Council Attorney. She asked City Attorney Scott Reust to review his findings with the Council. He referred to I.C. 36-4-6-24 and discussion was mainly over the Code.

ADJOURNED-

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer