

**COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 18, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ernest B. Wiggins presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

**PRESENT:** Councilmen Charles Smith, Jeff Grose, Joe Thallemer, Daniel Hampton, Jerry Patterson and Kyle Babcock. Also present, Mayor Ernest Wiggins, Payroll Clerk Connie Dawson, Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky, Police Chief Scott Whitaker, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy, Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory Chief Mike Rice, and Warsaw Times-Union Reporter Jennifer Peryam.

**ABSENT:** Councilman George Clemens, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, and City Attorney Michael Valentine.

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

**MINUTES –**

The minutes from the October 6, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Patterson and carried by unanimous vote.

**REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –**

- (1) Warsaw - Wayne Fire Territory September 2010 monthly activity report.
- (2) Clerk-Treasurer's office presented the September Financial Report for Council review. (Documentation attached to minutes).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

None presented.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**2011 BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION –**

This is the advertised "Adoption Hearing" on the 2011 budgets. Ordinance #2010-09-01, an ordinance approving the 2011 budgets, appropriation, and tax rates was presented for final approval.

Mayor Wiggins stated with the adoption of the IACT Medical Trust, there will be cuts forthcoming when he and Jennifer get a better feel of their exposure on the dental, AD &D and disability due to the fact that he over budgeted.

Councilman Hampton asked about monies for the non for profits. Mayor Wiggins stated his opinion would be not to fund them to the fullest extent until the council decides what they would like to do and they could revisit it later. Councilman Hampton stated he was perfectly fine with holding the line from last years expenditures at the end of the year.

Councilman Babcock stated he had concerns about some line items in the budget they were getting ready to approve and he was not comfortable with some things in the budget. Councilman Thallemer asked Councilman Babcock if he wanted to go through line by line at this time. Councilman Babcock stated he did. His first concern was the playground equipment for McKinley Park. He felt the City could wait a year to purchase. Councilman Smith stated he liked the condition of our recreational facilities and our parks. He felt that keeping the parks up would attract more people to the City. Councilman Patterson asked if there was a safety issue with the existing equipment. Councilman Hampton stated he serves on the Park Board and McKinley Park did have a high factor of danger assessment and is probably the last one to be updated.

Mayor Wiggins stated this was the wrong time to do line item cuts because the budgets have already been advertised and the public hearing held. If they started changing line items they would have to do alot of advertising and everything has to be done by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Upon further discussion, the council recommended the members should compile a list of concerns regarding the budgets and when the City receives the final numbers from the DLGF, it can be placed on the agenda to revisit the concerns of the council at that time.

Motion made by Councilman Hampton to approve the budgets & tax rates, seconded by Councilman Smith, carried by unanimous vote. Motion made by Councilman Grose to suspend the rules and pass on second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Patterson, carried by unanimous vote.

**TRANSFER ORDINANCE/CEMETERY –**

Ordinance #2010-10-02, an ordinance transferring \$1,500 within the Cemetery Budget, more specifically set forth within the ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Patterson to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Hampton, carried by unanimous vote.

**TRANSFER ORDINANCE/POLICE –**

Ordinance #2010-10-03, an ordinance transferring \$17,700 within the Police Budget, more specifically set forth within the ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Smith to approve this request, seconded by Councilman Thallemer, carried by unanimous vote.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPLOSIVE BREACHING PROGRAM –**

Resolution #2010-10-02, a resolution approving the transfer of personal property from the City of Warsaw to the City of Fort Wayne was presented for approval. Motion made by Councilman Hampton to approve Resolution #2010-10-02, seconded by Councilman Smith, carried by unanimous vote.

**NEW PERSONNEL HANDBOOK –**

Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker presented for approval of adoption a new personnel handbook set forth as attachment to Ordinance #2010-10-04. Discussion followed. Motion made by Councilman Grose to adopt the new personnel handbook as attached to Ordinance #2010-10-04, seconded by Councilman Smith, carried by unanimous vote.

**OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD-**

Tim Dombrosky distributed a draft ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the City Code, more specifically, the Itinerant Merchants and Peddlers section.

Jeff Smith, manager of Serenity House, invited the Mayor and Councilmen to a Meth Awareness Partnership meeting on December 8, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Center Lake Pavilion.

Councilman Babcock spoke on behalf of Mary Ellen Jordan and Cindy Dobbins stating that he would like the council to consider moving the money for Sus Amigos and funding the WCDC.

Councilman Babcock asked what was going on with Dubois Road. The Mayor stated two barriers were being moved and additional signage being put up.

**ADJOURNED –**

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

**Connie Dawson, Payroll Clerk**

