

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 20, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday June 20, 2022 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, Josh Finch, Jerry Frush and Diane Quance. Also present, Mayor Joseph M. Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Scott Reust, students, instructors and families from the Warsaw Community Schools STEM summer school class, Community and Economic Director Jeremy Skinner, Street Superintendent Dustin Dillon, Rob Parker from Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce, Sherry Searles from LaunchPad, and Times-Union reporter David Slone. The meeting was also presented live through the City's website at <https://www.warsaw.in.gov>.

ABSENT: Councilmember Mike Klondaris.

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the June 6, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Mayor Thallemer asked that under "Other Matters" the word "soon" be removed from his discussion on the railroad crossings. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the minutes as presented and amended, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by a unanimous vote.

VISITORS-

Warsaw Community Schools summer STEM students presented design ideas for a flag for the City.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

-May 2022 Fund Report.

NEW BUSINESS-

LAUNCHPAD MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)/KOSCIUSKO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION-

An MOU between the City and Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce was presented for review. The MOU is for collaboration for funding for LaunchPad to aid in an increase of childcare seats within the City. Matching grants will be offered through the American Rescue Plan Act funding that the City has received. The Council asked for several items in the MOU be amended before it is sent to the Board of Works for approval. After discussion, Councilor Finch made a motion to approve the project, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION #2022-06-02/JEFF & MAUREEN SMITH ANNEXATION FISCAL PLAN-

Community Development Director Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution #2022-06-02 accepting the Fiscal Plan for annexation of Jeff and Maureen Smith property located at 2199 E. Old Road 30 which is located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 32 North, Range 6 East in Wayne Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana, containing one (1) acre more or less, and more particularly described within the document. Mr. Skinner reported that the Fiscal Plan lists any capital costs associated for street and wastewater improvements as well as non-capital costs. Councilor Grose made a motion to approve the Resolution/Fiscal Plan, seconded by Councilor Wilhite carried by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE/JEFF & MAUREEN SMITH PROPERTY-

Ordinance #2022-06-02 was presented for first reading. The Ordinance annexes 2199 E. Old Road 30 which is located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 32 North, Range 6 East in Wayne Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana, containing one (1) acre more or less, and more particularly described within the document. This is the advertised Public Hearing and Mayor Thallemer opened the meeting for public comment. No comments were made for or against the annexation and Mayor Thallemer closed the public hearing. After discussion Councilor Quance made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-06-02 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote. Second reading of the Ordinance will be held during the July 1, 2022 meeting.

TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE FORMS-

The following company has submitted their CF-1 Real (SF 51766) "Compliance with Statement of Benefits" form for Tax Abatement. It is recommended to continue the requested Tax Abatement, finding the company to be in compliance.

1. 802 Center LP, one (1) Real Property, 802 E. Center St., no representative present.

Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the abatement as presented, seconded by Councilor Finch, carried by unanimous vote.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION/STREET DEPARTMENT-

Resolution #2022-06-01 was presented for approval. The Resolution transfers \$150,000.00 within the Street Departments budget for the rising costs of fuel and supplies. Motion made by Councilor Dobbins to approve Resolution #2022-06-01, seconded by Councilor Wilhite, and carried by a unanimous vote.

DOWNTOWN DECORATIVE LIGHT POLES/STREET DEPARTMENT-

Street Department Superintendent Dustin Dillon requested funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to be used for the purchase and installation of 68 new decorative light poles and accessories for the downtown area. Cost of the purchase is \$390,364.00 with an anticipated cost of \$150,000.00 for installation. The poles need to be replaced due to deterioration of the interior of the light poles. After discussion Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer