

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 07, 2011
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday February 07, 2011 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: Councilmembers, Jerry Patterson, Joe Thallemer, Diane Quance, Kyle Babcock, Jeff Grose, Charles Smith and George Clemens. Mayor Ernest Wiggins, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Michael Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, and Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky, Attorney Richard Helm representing Flexaust, Steve Hagan from Flexaust, Mike Diffendal from Borden Waste Away, Jurgen Voss, Grace College Prof. Terry White and journalism students from his class as noted on sign-in sheet, Members of Boy Scout Troop #715 as noted on sign-in sheet, Stacey Page from News with Stacey Page, and Times Union Reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: none noted.

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

MINUTES –

The minutes from the January 18, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Babcock made a motion to accept the minutes with the following amendment to line three of the heading to read as January 18, 2011, seconded by Councilmember Clemens and carried by unanimous vote.

VISITORS –

Mayor Wiggins recognized and welcomed Grace College Journalism Students and their Prof. Terry White. Members of Boy Scout Troop #715 were in attendance as well, working on their citizenship and community merit badge. Mayor Wiggins also welcomed Mike Diffendal from Borden Waste-Away who advised the Council that deliveries of the new recycling containers would continue throughout the month.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATION-

1. E-Mail from Kevin Kendrick complimenting the City on clearing the streets of snow.
2. A List of 2011 Board & Commission Members.
3. Fire Territory 2010 Activity Report.
4. Clerk-Treasurer Christiansen presented the January 2011 Investment Report. (copies attached)

NEW BUSINESS –

ORDINANCE/CHAPTER 18 CITY CODE/ITINERANT MERCHANTS-

Ordinance 2010-12-02 revising Chapter 18, Article II Itinerant Merchants and Peddlers, Sec. 18-31 (b) and adding (d, e, f, g, h, i, j, & k) of the Code of Laws of the City of Warsaw and more specifically set forth in the ordinance was presented for its second and final reading. City Attorney Mike Valentine questioned amended item b-5, Proof of Liability insurance coverage, and shared his concerns with that section of the ordinance. After discussion, motion made by Mr. Babcock to table the matter, seconded by Mr. Thallemer, carried by unanimous vote.

TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION/FLEXHAUST COMPANY, INC.-

Attorney Richard Helm spoke on the behalf of his client, Steve Hagan (dba) Flexaust Company Inc., seeking a 10-year tax abatement on property located at 602 Leiter Drive. Flexaust is planning to purchase the property at 602 Leiter Dr., plus new manufacturing equipment, to expand their operations. They anticipate the addition of twenty-five (25) new jobs. Motion made by Mr. Smith to go forward with a resolution for the abatement, seconded by Mr. Patterson, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy of form attached).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS –

The following “Conflict of Interest Statements” were filed before the Council.

1. Dave Vercauteren
2. Mark Howard
3. Aaron Bolinger
4. George Clemens

The conflict of interest statements were duly noted as being filed. Motion made by Mr. Patterson to acknowledge receipt of the statements, seconded by Ms. Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS-

REDUCED WASTEWATER FEES-

Councilmember Smith mentioned the request for reduced wastewater fees from Guardian Management President Thomas Deitche on January 18, 2011. The consensus from the Council is that the reduced fees are to be considered for homeowners and not tenants of leased housing.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION-

Councilmember Babcock advised the Council that the Traffic Commission would be meeting on Wednesday February 9, 2011 at 10:30 to discuss the Meijer traffic proposal.

JOINT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION & COUNCIL MEETING-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner wishes to schedule a joint executive Council and Redevelopment Commission meeting on Monday February 14, 2011 at 5:30 to discuss Tax Increment Financing incentives for Winona PVD. Mayor Wiggins asked Jennifer Peryam from the Times Union to place the proper notice in the paper. Mayor Wiggins also advised that he is not independent regarding the project so he would not be entering into the discussion.

ADJOURNED -

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

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer