

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

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in Regular Session on Monday, March 07, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Ernest Wiggins presided and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Jeff Grose, Kyle Babcock, George Clemens, Joe Thallemer, Jerry Patterson and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Wiggins, City Attorney Mike Valentine, and Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Assistant City Planner Tim Dombrosky, and Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker. Redevelopment Commission members Rick Snodgrass and Jeff Johnson. Jamie Visker, and Fred Fribley from Winona PVD Coatings. Allison McSherry from U.S. Representative Marlin Stutzmans local office. Steve Hagen, and Attorney Richard Helm representing Flexhaust, as well as others from Flexhaust as noted on the attendance sheet. George Robertson, Kim Nance, and Dan Brown from KEDCO. Todd Samuelson from Umbaugh, Mike Diffendal from Borden Waste-Away, local citizens Juergen Voss, and Shaylynn Marley. Jennifer Peryam with the Times Union, and Stacey Page, reporter with News with Stacey Page.com.

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 February 22, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilmember Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Clemens and carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS –

The following reports and communications were presented:

- (1) Clerk-Treasurer Christiansen presented the February Investment Reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/-

Mayor Wiggins inquired about the status of Ordinance 2010-12-02, revising Chapter 18, Article II, Itinerant Merchants and Peddlers, and was advised from City Attorney Mike Valentine and City Planner Jeremy Skinner that they were still in the process of revising the ordinance per the latest request from the February 22, 2011 Council Session, and would be presenting it again soon.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION/TAX ABATEMENT/FLEXHAUST-

Resolution 2011-03-01 was presented by Attorney Richard Helm on behalf of Flexhaust Company, Inc. The Resolution is for a Tax Abatement on property located at 602 Leiter Drive that is located within an Economic Revitalization Area. The proposed rehabilitation of real property and personal property expenditures are eligible for a 10-year tax abatement under the City of Warsaw Tax Abatement Guidelines. A copy of the SB-1/Real Property and SB-1/Personal Property statements were included in the information submitted. Mayor Wiggins asked those in attendance, who were in favor of the abatement to speak. George Robertson, President of KEDCO, came forward and expressed whole-hearted support of the project citing that the number one priority for economic development is business retention and expansion. No other person came forward to speak in favor of the request. Mayor Wiggins asked those in opposition to come forward and speak and no one did, thus closing the public portion of the discussion. Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution/Abatement, seconded by Mr. Thallemer, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached)

FIRE TERRITORY/TEMPORARY LOAN –

Ordinance #2011-03-01, an ordinance making a temporary loan to the Warsaw Wayne Fire Territory Operating Fund, was presented for approval. The loan would be made on an as needed, (i.e. monthly) basis. Motion made by Councilmember Patterson to approve the loan on an as needed basis, seconded by Councilmember Quance, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE/TRANSFERRING WITHIN COUNCIL BUDGET-

Ordinance 2011-03-02 was presented by Mayor Wiggins. The ordinance transfers fund within the Councils budget from Council Miscellaneous to Communication and Transportation in the amount of \$2,000.00 in support of 2011 Council travel expenses and more specifically set forth within the ordinance. Motion made by Mr. Smith to make the transfer, seconded by Mr. Clemens, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached)

2011 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT –

Human Resource Director Jennifer Whitaker submitted for approval Ordinance #2011-03-03 an amendment to the 2011 Salary Ordinance. The amendment is in support of a revised job description for the Assistant City Planner position which will combine the former Storm Water Coordinator position that was recently vacated. The amendment will show that the position will be compensated out of the General Fund and Wastewater with no pay increase. Motion made by Councilmember Patterson to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilmember Smith, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS –

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

1. Becky Anglin
2. Mary Ellen Jordan

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

TIF FUNDING REQUEST/WINONA PVD-

Jamie Visker from Winona PVD Coatings came before the Council to present information about Winona PVD and their request to receive Tax Increment Financing for expansion. Winona PVD coats casted wheels and parts for various automotive companies. Winona PVD needs to expand their operations to keep up with demand of their product. Mr. Visker brought along several samples of wheels for display. Winona PVD asked for support from the City in the form of a TIF Incentive to support the expansion which will also add approximately 60 new jobs. Winona PVD will forgo the tax abatement they currently have as part of their request. Todd Samuelson from Umbaugh & Associates spoke to the Council and explained several scenarios the City could choose from in regards to bonds to fund the project for Winona PVD from TIF revenue. After discussion, Mr. Thallemer made a motion to go forward with the process for the funding for Winona PVD, after the Redevelopment Commissions consideration, seconded by Mr. Babcock, carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS/QUESTIONS & COMMENTS-

BORDEN WASTE-AWAY UPDATE/-

Mike Diffendal from Borden Waste-Away advised the Council they are still working with the Street Department, delivering new recycling containers and picking up old ones. Borden Waste-Away is also continuing the count of what residents are using the service and expect a complete count will be done in several months after the “snow-birds” return in the spring.

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

