

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
October 17, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, October 17, 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: Councilmember's Charles Smith, Jeff Grose, Joe Thallemer, Diane Quance, Jerry Patterson and Kyle Babcock. Also present, Mayor Ernest Wiggins, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Police Chief Scott Whitaker, Street Superintendent Lacy Francis, Park Director Jon Garber, WWTU Manager Brian Davison, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy, Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory Chief Mike Rice, WCDC Director Cindy Dobbins, WCDC President Mary Ellen Rudisel-Jordan, Bill Holder from the Kosciusko County Historical Society/County GIS, Randy Rompola from Baker & Daniels and Times-Union Reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT: Councilmember George Clemens, 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 3, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilmember Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Babcock and carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

- (1) OrthoWorx letter welcoming the City to its membership.
- (2) Umbaugh & Associates Information on Special Taxing District Bonds, Series 2011
- (3) Purdue Extension: Online Workshop Oct. 24 RE: Property Tax Caps
- (4) Community Meth Workshop: November 1, 6:30-8:30 at Center Lake Pavilion
- (5) WWTU Online Payments information (starting November 3rd)
- (6) September Financial Report
(Documentation attached to minutes).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS/WWTU-

Randy Rompola, attorney from Baker and Daniels, reviewed Ordinance #2011-10-03. The ordinance lays out the details of the financing for the sewage works project described. A share of the financing will come from funds already held by the Wastewater Treatment Utility, with the remaining funds coming from the sale of bonds. No rate adjustment is anticipated for the project. After discussion Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance on second and final reading, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, carried by unanimous vote.

2012 BUDGET AND TAX RATE ADOPTION –

This is the advertised "Adoption Hearing" for the 2012 budgets. Ordinance #2011-10-02, an ordinance approving the 2012 budgets, appropriation, and tax rates was presented for final approval. Motion made by Mr. Thallemer to pass on second and final reading, seconded by Ms. Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS-

DEMONSTRATION OF BEACON GIS/OAKWOOD CEMETERY-

Bill Holder, Kosciusko County GIS Director presented a demonstration of the Beacon GIS and the Kosciusko County Historical Cemetery Preservation Digital Photo/Data Project. The Historical Society started the project in 2008 and eventually photos and available information from every gravestone in Kosciusko County cemeteries will be accessible through the Beacon online data base accessible from Kosciusko County's Website. As of October 2011 over 42,000 photos have been taken and nearly 29,000 photos and related text have been loaded in the data base. (Information attached to minutes).

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented Resolution #2011-10-02 which adopts the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility guidelines for standards for accessible design and guidelines for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of way. ADA was enacted by the Federal Government in 1990 and Title II requires municipalities to provide accessibility for disabled citizens. The United States Department of Justice recently modified the ADA for accessible Design in 2010 and 2011. The City is committed to eliminate barriers in public facilities. Motion made by Councilmember Babcock to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Quance, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ADA/ADA COORDINATOR AND PROCEDURES-

Mr. Skinner presented Resolution #2011-10-03 adopting an ADA Coordinator and procedures. The City Planner shall be designated as the ADA Coordinator for the City. The resolution also adopts the grievance procedure for addressing complaints that may allege discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs or benefits by the City. Motion made by Councilmember Babcock to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Patterson, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

ORDINANCE/TRANSFERRING FUNDS/REDEVELOPMENT-

Mr. Skinner presented Ordinance #2011-10-04, transferring \$60,000.00 within the Redevelopment Northern TIF fund from land classification to professional services classification and more specifically listed on the ordinance. Motion made by Councilmember Smith to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilmember Grose, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy of ordinance attached).

OTHER MATTERS-

*Councilmember Babcock remarked about a historical plaque that had been mounted on the renovated "Lake City University" building. The plaque had been removed during renovation and because of its historical nature he would like to see it displayed on the building again.

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