

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 3, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Monday, December 3rd, 2012 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 Charles Smith, Jeff Grose, Elaine Call, Cindy Dobbins, Mike Klondaris, Jeff Grose, and Diane Quance. Also present Mayor Thallemer, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Mike Valentine, City Planner Jeremy Skinner, Cemetery Sexton Hal Heagy, H/R Director Jennifer Whitaker, Mark Dobson from Warsaw-Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce, Ron Shoemaker, Mike Ragen, Jack Wilhite, on-line news reporter Stacey Page, and Times-Union reporter Jennifer Peryam.

ABSENT:

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

MINUTES-

The minutes from the November 19, 2012 Regular Session were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Quance to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS-

The following reports and communications were presented:

1. Clerk-Treasurer's November 2012 Investment Report. (Attached).
2. Tree City USA Ordinance update.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS-

UPDATED FAÇADE GRANT GUIDELINES-

Mark Dobson, Executive Director of the Warsaw Community Development Corporation (WCDC) presented proposed updated guidelines/application for the Façade Grant program. The City grants funds each year that are administered by the WCDC for building façade improvements in the downtown area. Some of the proposed guidelines include new grant cycle dates, sign image enhancement, points awarded, plus other specifications. After discussion, Councilor Call made a motion to approve the new proposed guidelines, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached). Mr. Dobson also gave the Council an update on a recent Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association (NIPRA) meeting held in Lima, Ohio. He stated that several issues were discussed including a business model for passenger rail service being developed with movement forward for a "BOOT" (Build, Own, Operate, Transfer) program, how public and private funds could be used to build the line, and that passenger service to the area could be restored in the next several years.

CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY PARK AGREEMENT-

City Planner Jeremy Skinner presented an agreement with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IDEC) designating approximately 228.52 (two hundred twenty-eight point fifty-two), acres more or less, as Warsaw Certified Technology Park. The designated land is located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 5 East in Prairie Township, and in the North Half of Section 31, Township 33 North, Range 6 East in Plain Township, bordered by US Highway #30 on the South and County Road #300 North on the north side. Indiana Code 36-7-32 provides that a governmental unit may apply to the IDEDC for designation of a territory within the jurisdiction of the unit's Redevelopment Commission as a Certified Technology Park. The Redevelopment Commission approved the agreement on December 3, 2012. After discussion, Councilor Smith made a motion to accept the agreement, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, carried by unanimous vote.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PRE-APPROVED PAYMENT OF CLAIMS-

Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen requested approval of Ordinance #2012-12-01, amending Ordinance #2007-10-03 which sets forth the authorization for the Clerk-Treasurer to make claim payments in advance of the Board of Public Works & Safety Meetings for certain kinds of expenses, more specifically, set forth within the amended ordinance. The Council asked the wording be changed to "License Plate Purchase". Motion made by Councilor Smith to approve Ordinance #2012-12-01, seconded by Councilor Grose, carried by unanimous vote.

2013 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-

Ordinance #2012-12-02, an amendment to the 2013 Salary Ordinance, was presented for approval. The amendment adds, under Police, "ILEA Certified Patrol Officer Bi-Weekly Maximum Salary" and more specifically noted in the amended ordinance. Motion made by Councilor Grose to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Smith, carried by unanimous vote. (Copy attached to minutes).

OTHER MATTERS-

*Mayor Thallemer gave an update on the move to the new City Hall Building. Cabinet installation is still in progress and the move-in date will now take place on December 17th and 18th. Toys for Tots collection was held in the Plaza on December 1st. The December 17th Council meeting will be held in the current location.

* City Planner Jeremy Skinner gave an update on Council districts status and will send out maps to the Council before the next meeting when the Ordinance will be presented.

* Councilor Grose gave an update on the deer reduction efforts and that 68 "hits" have been recorded so far with two months remaining. He also advised the Council that the City of Bloomington, Indiana has been in contact with him about our deer reduction efforts and will use some of that information for urban deer reduction efforts there.

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