

Westfield City Council January 13, 2014

The Westfield City Council met Monday January 13, 2014 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Jim Ake, Bob Horkay, Chuck Lehman, Steve Hoover, Cindy Spoljaric, Bob Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and representing Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Cindy Spoljaric made a motion to approve December 30, 2013 minutes as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Guest:

Chris Braun spoke thanking the Westfield Police Department for their professionalism in their handling of the tragedy that took place in Westfield a month ago.

Sharon Williams spoke opposing the Chatham Hills and her concern for the wells running dry.

Claims:

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Miscellaneous Business:

Miscellaneous Business: Nomination of President of 2014 City Council

Bob Smith nominated Jim Ake to serve as Council President for 2014, Steve Hoover closed the nominations. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Jim Ake will serve as Council President for 2014

Miscellaneous Business: Nomination of Vice-President of 2014 City Council

President Jim Ake appointed Steve Hoover as his Council Vice President for the year 2014.
President Ake appointed Bob Horkay and Steve Hoover to the APC for 2014.
President Ake appointed Bob Smith to the Drainage Board for 2014.

Miscellaneous Business: Chamber of Commerce Update

Eric Lohe gave a brief update on the Chamber, also dates to remember for 2014

Miscellaneous Business: DWA Quarterly Update

Ken Kingshill gave a brief update of the DWNA for the last 6 months of 2013 and plans for 2014.

Old Business:

Ordinance 13-24: Chatham Hills PUD

Introduction – October 14, 2013

APC Public Hearing – November 4, 2013

APC Recommendation – December 16, 2013

Adoption Consideration – January 13, 2014

Matt Skelton presented this item giving a brief overview and stating that this Ordinance received a unanimous recommendation from the Plan Commission. Steve Hoover stated from the time of Introduction to what is being brought for consideration tonight, there have been many changes due to input and concerns from neighbors, staff etc. Cindy Spoljaric thanked Henke Development for their time and on work on this.

Steve Hoover made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-24 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

New Business:

Ordinance 13-36: 100% Voluntary Annexation of approximately 28 acres on the northwest corner of 199th Street and Tomlinson Road

Introduction – January 13, 2014

Public Hearing: January 13, 2014

Adoption Consideration – February 10, 2014

Matt Skelton presented this item stating that this is the first of at least five parcels that will be annexed. Due to statues and annexation requirements, this must be done in small parcels. All parcels are projected to be annexed by year end.

Public Hearing -- opened 7:36

Sharon Williams stated this annexation will cause the residents wells to run dry

Public Hearing -- closed 7:37

Ordinance 14-01: Vacation of Public Right-of-Way within the SR 32 at Henke Center Plat

Introduction – January 13, 2014

Public Hearing – January 13, 2014

Adoption Consideration – February 10, 2014

Andrew Murray presented this item stating this involves 25ft/0.17 acres approximately at the northeast corner of 32 and Wheeler Rd. This Ordinance is requesting the vacation of public right-of way for this land, as it is no longer necessary as a benefit to the general public.

Public Hearing-- opened 7:40

None

Public Hearing --closed 7:41

Ordinance 14-02: Text Amendment to Bridgewater PUD-Woodland Terrace of Westfield

Introduction – January 13, 2014

APC Public Hearing – February 3, 2014

APC Recommendation – February 17, 2014

Adoption Consideration – March 10, 2014

Sarah Reed presented this item stating this involves the parcel of land at the southwest corner of 151st and Gray Road. A 165 unit senior living community is planned for this 12 acre site.

Jon Dobosiewicz spoke explaining this is a text amendment to amend the provisions applicable to the Real Estate to the proposed Ordinance. This amendment would involve the maximum sq. footage and parcel coverage, setback lines from external streets, tenant or owner occupied space, signage, landscape requirements, and development plan.

Oak Park Rezone from AG-SF1 to SF-2

Introduction – January 13, 2014

Public Hearing – February 3, 2014

APC Recommendation – February 18, 2014

Adoption Consideration- March 10, 2014

Jennifer Miller presented this item stating the Petitioner, Village Capital Corp., is requesting a rezone of approximately 35 acres from AG-SF1 to AG-SF2. The major difference between the two zoning requirements is the minimum lot size.

Brian Stump, representative for the petitioner, stated this would be a 30 lot development with Estridge Homes as the sole custom builder. It was also stated there will be a meeting this Wednesday January 15, at the Bridgewater Club (6:30 pm) with the Oak Park residents to discuss issues and concerns.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Jim Ake spoke commenting that he had received two letters from citizens of Westfield. First letter thanking the city and the street department in the quick and efficient way the snow storm was handled. Second letter was commending the timely manner in the way their issue was addressed by Council. They were particularly impressed that 3 council members responded to their issues over the weekend.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

-Thanked all involved with murder investigation. Commended Joel Rush and his department's quick and efficient way in handling all aspects of the investigation.

-Thanked Ken Alexander and the street department on their handling of the snow removal on the city streets.

-Thanked Erin Verplank for keeping up with the comments and updating the media on conditions of the snow storm.

Bob Smith made a motion to adjourn. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

President