

Westfield City Council January 27, 2014

The Westfield City Council met Monday January 27, 2014 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Jim Ake, Bob Horkay, Chuck Lehman, Steve Hoover, Cindy Spoljaric, and Rob Stokes. Also present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bev Rawlings and representing Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Cindy Spoljaric made a motion to approve January 13, 2014 minutes as amended. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

Guest:

None

Claims:

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Old Business:

Ordinance 14-01: Vacation of Public Right-of-Way within the SR 32 at US 31 Henke Center
Council Introduction –January 13, 2014
Public Hearing –January 13, 2014
Adoption Consideration-January 27, 2014

Andrew Murray presented the proposal to vacate property along Wheeler Road. There was no discussion.

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve Ordinance 14-01 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 14-03: 181st Street PUD by Hall & House

Council Introduction- October 28, 2013
APC Public Hearing- November 4, 2013
APC Recommendation-January 21, 2014
Adoption Consideration-January 27, 2014

Andrew Murray presented the proposal for a zoning change of approximately 26 acres along the US 31 corridors. Murray explained that the proposal was to accommodate existing uses but plan for future redevelopment.

Cindy Spoljaric asked about plans and timing of the Sun Park Drive extension.

Director Matthew Skelton explained that the extension will be done by INDOT and the property has been purchased to build the road.

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

New Business:

Ordinance 14-04 Gibson 100% Voluntary Annexation

Council Introduction January 27, 2014
Public Hearing: January 27, 2014
Adoption Consideration – February 10, 2014

Brian Zaiger presented this item stating that the annexation area is located adjacent to the existing corporate limits, north of 159th Street and west of Little Eagle Creek Avenue.

Public Hearing - opened by President Ake at 7:21. Having no questions or comments, hearing was closed at 7:22. Another public hearing will be scheduled in February, prior to adoption consideration.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Jim Ake announced that the WeCan Meeting scheduled for tomorrow night is cancelled. The meeting has been rescheduled for February 4. He also discussed the Hamilton Co Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) has granted the City \$2,000. This money will go to a local neighborhood to provide a vegetable garden for that community. President Ake mentioned he would like future discussion with Council members concerning sidewalk repair and additional redevelopment in the downtown area.

Steve Hoover gave an update on the Plan Commission meeting.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

-Announced that City offices would be open Tuesday and advised employees to be cautious of the extreme temperatures and wind chills.

-Stated that he went before the State Senate today in support of a bill allowing sporting events to capture a portion of the estimated sales tax generated by the event. This would be an incentive to entice more tournaments within the community.

-Thanked the street department for their long hours and hard work.

-Thanked the financial committee for their work and announced that the City would be able to drop the tax rate 4 cents in 2015. Mayor also announced that we were able to add 2 more police officers.

Rob Stokes made a motion to adjourn. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

President