

WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, April 28, 2008

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday, April 28, 2008 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Bob Smith, Bob Horkay, John Dippel, Melody Sweat, Tom Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer, Bruce Hauk, Clerk Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Ken Kingshill was absent from this meeting.

Guests:

Denise Tull representing United Way thanked Westfield for their continued support.

Lisa Wilken representing Department of Veteran Affairs Association discussed Veteran issues and the need for changes.

Claims:

Bob Smith made a motion to approve claims as presented. Tom Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Proclamation: Jeff Drozda Day – May 8, 2008

Mayor Andy Cook asking Council consideration to declare May 8th as Jeff Drozda Day in honor of his years of service.

Council consensus to declare May 8, 2008 as Jeff Drozda Day.

Old Business:

Ordinance 08-08 Bond Ordinance
First Reading – April 14, 2008
Public Hearing –
Second Reading –

Andy Cook presented this item stating this is the actual Bond Ordinance required to borrow funds.

Lucy Emison from Ice Miller explained the only change to the Bond Ordinance would give the City the option of a variable rate.

Jim Treat stated the variable rate is under 3% on an annualized basis.

Public Hearing opened 7:27 p.m.

None

Public Hearing closed 7:28 p.m.

Melody Sweat made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-09 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 08-09 Additional Appropriation
First Reading
Public Hearing –
Second Reading -

Andy Cook presented this item stating is the approval required from the Council to appropriate these funds.

Public Hearing opened 7:30 p.m.

None

Public Hearing closed 7:31 p.m.

Melody Sweat made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-09 as presented. Tom Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

New Business:

**Ordinance 08-12 Additional Appropriation
First Reading**

Brian Zaiger presented this item explaining this is a short term loan needed for cash flows for the City to operate until the Bond is completed.

Bob Smith made a motion to suspend the rules to approve Ordinance 08-12 as presented. Melody Sweat seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Melody Sweat made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-12 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

Annual Tax Abatement Review:

Joe Plankis presented this item explaining the process in which these are done.

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve the Annual Tax Abatement review and to allow the Vice President to sign the document. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

City Council Comments:

Bob Horkay spoke regarding the 161st Street and Springmill Special Study.

Melody Sweat and Tom Smith also spoke in favor of no additional study needed. Melody also spoke in favor of adopting a Resolution to accept study.

Bob Smith commented on the fact that this area is non conforming.

Melody Sweat spoke regarding the Speeding issue and the e-mail that was received regarding the fees collected.

Mayor Comments:

1. Update regarding the weekend fire at the Valley Farms Apartments
2. Saturday Westfield Historical Society had their grand opening
3. Taste of Westfield at Viking Meadows was a great success.

Adjourn:

Bob Smith made a motion to adjourn. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0.
Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President