

WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, May 12, 2008

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Bob Smith, Bob Horkay, John Dippel, Melody Sweat, Tom Smith, Ken Kingshill and Rob Stokes. Also present were Chief Administrative Officer, Bruce Hauk, Clerk Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Kingshill stated there will be one change to the Agenda as the Proclamation for National Trails Day will be carried to the June meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve April 14, 2008 and April 28, 2008 minutes as amended. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Guests:

None

Claims:

Bob Smith made a motion to approve claims as presented. Melody Sweat seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Recognition of Agencies & Organizations in Regards to Valley Farms Fire:

Fire Chief Todd Burtron recognized Union Bible College, Red Cross, various City Departments and Jack Hart for all their help.

IRWA Water Taste Contest Winner – City of Westfield

Executive Director of IRWA Odetta Cross Caldwell presented this award to Kurt Wanninger accepting on behalf of the City.

NUMA Festival

Teresa Otis Skelton gave a brief presentation announcing Westfield's inaugural art festival "NUMA" which will be held September 13 and 14th 2008.

Proclamation: Municipal Government Week – May 19 -23, 2008

Ken Kingshill presented this item stating Governor Mitch Daniels has proclaimed May 19th – 23rd as Municipal Government Week and encouraged Municipalities to do likewise.

Proclamation: National Trails Day – June 7, 2008

Will be proclaimed by Mayor Cook on June 7, 2008 at undetermined location.

US 31 Design Update:

Jennifer Dzwonal of Borshoff, Johnson, Matthews Inc. presented this item giving a brief update of the purpose and need of this US 31 design.

Steve Fleming of R.W. Armstrong spoke regarding the Westfield section of this corridor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Resolution 08-12 Adopting Recommendations of the Spring Mill 161st Street Study

Ken Kingshill stated the Council had been presented with the results of the study and proposed a resolution to consider adopting the recommendation. Ken also explained that Citizens of the area had sent a letter requesting to continue this item for 60 days to the July meeting.

Ken opened the floor to guest's comments:

Herb Feldmann stated he wanted to request more time to review the study in depth.

Fred Boyer presented the Council with a petition in support of the rezoning.

Lisa Forman spoke the concern for children in the area and also asked for an extension to review the study further.

Brian Tuohy who represented Peacock Properties asked the Council for additional time to analyze the report and contact neighbors who were most impacted.

John Dippel commented on behalf of 22 residents who asked that the area remain residential. He does not believe that the expansion of additional businesses in the area is necessary.

Tom Smith and Melody Sweat were in favor of the area remaining residential.

Bob Horkay and Rob Stokes spoke against delaying the resolution further.

John Dippel made a motion to approve Resolution 08-12 as presented. Tom Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-1 (B. Smith). Motion carried.

Presentation for the Amendment of Chapter 16 & 17 of the City Code:

Greg Anderson presented this item explaining that the zoning ordinance will be put into Chapter 16 and the original Chapter 16 will be changed to Chapter 17. The second reading for this item will be in 30 days with request for adoption at that time.

Consideration for Modification to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance

Greg Anderson presented this item explaining some of the modifications to the Comprehensive Plan making it easier to change sections or subsections in the future.

Ordinance 08-10 Amendment to Salary Ordinance

Police Chief Kevin Jowitt presented this item stating this Ordinance seeks to amend the Police Departments longevity schedule.

Resolution 08-13 Allocating Budgeted Funds:

Ken Kingshill presented this Resolution to allocate funds to the Clerk Treasurer's office for a temporary employee position.

Melody Sweat made a motion to approve Resolution 08-13 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Wage Rate Appointments:

Ken Kingshill presented this item explaining when a City is contemplating a Capital Improvement Project there must be 2 appointments made to the Common Construction Wage Committee.

Ken stated Councilman Tom Smith has volunteered for one appointment and one other appointment will be made at a later date.

John Dippel made a motion to appoint Tom Smith to the Common Construction Wage Committee. Melody Sweat seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

City Council Comments:

Ken Kingshill stated he would like to come up with a policy regarding appointments made and the communication with appointees or committees.

Melody Sweat spoke asking if any Council members were going to the Municipal Management Seminar regarding Property Tax Impact and if they would please report back to the Council any information.

Adjourn:

Bob Smith made a motion to adjourn. Ken Kingshill seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President