

WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, January 12, 2009

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday January 12, 2009 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Bob Smith, Bob Horkay, Tom Smith, Rob Stokes, John Dippel, Steve Hoover and Ken Kingshill. Also present were Deputy Mayor, Bruce Hauk, Mayor, Andy Cook, Clerk Treasurer, Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. Mayor Andy Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Election of City Council Officers:**

John Dippel nominated our current President Ken Kingshill to return for 2009 as President. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

President Ken Kingshill appointed our current Vice President Bob Horkay to return for 2009 as Vice President.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Bob Smith made a motion to approve December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes and December 29, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

**Guests:**

None

**Council Responses to Guest Comments:**

**Claims:**

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

**Miscellaneous Business/Special Recognition:**

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**Introduction of Westfield Chamber of Commerce President, Randy Graham**

Randy Graham introduced himself and stated he was looking forward to working with the City Council and the citizens of Westfield.

**Special Recognition:**

**Presentation of Award Winner and Unveiling of the Westfield READY Logo**

Fire Chief Todd Burtron gave brief presentation of Westfield Ready. Police Chief Jowitt and Chief Burtron unveiled the new Westfield Ready logo.

Chief Burtron named Bill Smith as the winner of designing our Westfield Ready Logo.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

**Appointments to Advisory Plan Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals**

Ken Kingshill explained there would be 2 Council members nominated to serve on the APC for a one year term.

Rob Stokes nominated Bob Smith to serve on the APC for 2009. Bob Smith accepted.

John Dippel nominated Bob Horkay to serve on the APC for 2009. Bob Horkay accepted.

John Dippel made a motion to nominate Bob Smith and Bob Horkay to serve on the APC for a one year term. Tom Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

President Kingshill explained that Mayor Cook will also make an appointment to the APC.

Mayor Cook stated he would like to appoint Randy Graham to the APC for a one year term. Randy Graham accepted the appointment.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

**Approval of 2009 Schedule of Council Meetings**

Ken Kingshill explained the Council meeting schedule for the New Year.

Consensus of the Council to approve the meeting schedule for 2009.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 08-50: Amendment to Ordinance 07-18 (Traffic Regulation Code)**  
**First Reading – November 10, 2008**  
**Second Reading – January 12, 2009**  
**Adoption Consideration – January 12, 2009**

Kurt Wanninger explained the amendments contained in Ordinance 08-50. Kurt explained this Ordinance contains various aspects of transportation within the City. Kurt stated that this would allow our Police Department to better enforce our rules and regulations.

Councilman Horkay stated there needed to be a slight change regarding restricted parking hours on Greyhound Pass at the Monon.

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-50 specifying new restricted parking zones on Greyhound Pass are from sunrise to sunset. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 09-01      Amendment of Fee Schedule**  
**First Reading – January 12, 2009**  
**Second Reading – February 9, 2009**  
**Adoption Consideration – February 9, 2009**

Kurt Wanninger presented this item explaining some of the amendments.

There was lengthy discussion among the Council.

President Kingshill stated this Ordinance will be back to our next regular meeting in February.

**City Council Comments:**

Tom Smith explained that the Chamber, Christ United Methodist Church and the City are working as a group to possibly open a free clinic here in Westfield.

Tom Smith also stated there will be another WeCan Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

John Dippel stated there was an article in the Indianapolis Star regarding the ACLU suing the City of Lebanon and Danville on the sign Ordinances. John stated our sign Ordinances contain a lot of the same languages that the ACLU is challenging. John would like to go on record that the City Council and our Legal Counsel are examining our Sign Ordinances.

Steve Hoover stated the Grand Junction Task Force will be making a presentation January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Mayor Comments:**

1. Sycamore and Birch drainage project completed
2. 151<sup>st</sup> Carey opened in late December as planned
3. Western Way project began last week
4. Trash program began last week and is coming along very well
5. Finances of the City for 2009 and we are working with DLGF
6. February Chamber meeting would like to discuss how the City will prepare and adjust our budget for 2009
7. Grand Junction Task Force Group made their initial presentation of revamping our Downtown area in December at our Chamber Meeting
8. Our Police Department held a ceremony honoring a fellow officer "Officer David Brown". David Brown lost his life 40 years in 1969 in the line of duty

President Kingshill stated there will be a Continuing Education program after the meeting and invited the public.

**Adjourn:**

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

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President