Westfield City Council November 28, 2011

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday November 28, 2011 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were John Dippel, Bob Horkay, Steve Hoover, Ken Kingshill, Bob Smith, Tom Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Teresa Skelton, and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger with Krieg DeVault LLP.

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Horkay made the motion to approve the November 14, 2011 minutes as submitted. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Claims:

John Dippel made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. Ken Kingshill seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Resolution 11-23: Amendment of Policies and Procedures Manual
Introduction – November 14, 2011
Adoption Consideration – November 28, 2011

Chief of Operations Todd Burtron explained that this is an annual update to the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve Resolution 11-23 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 11-30: Amendment to Traffic regulations
Introduction-November 14, 2011
Second reading-November 28, 2011
Adoption Consideration-November 28, 2011

Director of Public Works Kurt Wanninger explained that this is an update to the Traffic Regulations. There was some clarification that this is occasionally updated more than annually if needed.

Bob Smith made the motion to approve Ordinance 11-30 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-21: Purchasing Card Policy & Procedure Manual
Introduction-November 14, 2011
Adoption Consideration-November 28, 2011

Attorney Brian Zaiger presented Resolution 11-21 for the Council's consideration.

After a brief explanation Ken Kingshill made the motion to approve Resolution 11-21 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 11-28: Mainstreet Bond Ordinance
Introduction-November 14, 2011
Second Reading-November 28, 2011
Adoption Consideration-November 28, 2011

Attorney Jim Crawford with Krieg DeVault LLP, described Ordinance 11-28 and was available to answer any questions the Council might have.

President Smith and Bob Smith visited a similar facility operated by Mainstreet in Marion, Indiana. Both were impressed with the facility. John Dippel visited a Mainstreet facility in Noblesville, Indiana and spoke in favor of this proposed Ordinance. He also mentioned that this operation could potentially bring 140 jobs to the Westfield area.

Rob Stokes made the motion to approve Ordinance 11-28 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

New Business:
Ordinance 11-23: Elected Officials Salary Ordinance
Introduction-November 28, 2011
Second Reading-December 12, 2011
Adoption Consideration-December 12, 2011

Attorney Brian Zaiger explained this as an annual Council action.

Steve Hoover asked if someone from the Finance Committee could give a brief explanation for the benefit of the public as well as Council members.

John Dippel serving on the Finance Committee explained that the committee had reviewed this ordinance in an effort to align the elected salaries with other municipality's salaries in Hamilton County. This brings the elected salaries closer in range with other comparisons. This proposed ordinance states that these wages will not be increased for three more years (2015).

Brian Zaiger added that there would be no action at this time and would come back to this Council for consideration December 12, 2011.

Ordinance 11-31: Additional Appropriation
Introduction-November 28, 2011
Public Hearing-December 12, 2011
Adoption Consideration-December 12, 2011

Todd Burtron explained that there is no action to be taken at this time and will come back to the Council December 12, 2011 for consideration.

Ordinance 11-32: Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance-Trail Overlay Zone
Introduction-November 28, 2011
APC Public Hearing-December 5, 2011
APC Recommendation-December 19, 2011
Adoption Consideration-January 9, 2012

Representing Community Development Planner Andrew Murray presented Ordinance 11-32. After a brief description he made himself available for any questions the Council might have.

Steve Hoover gave a report from the City Council Committee on Ordinance Revisions. He explained that this was patterned to the 32 Overlay and although some aspects are similar there are some differences.

President Smith announced that this would be sent to Advisory Plan Commission for a Public Hearing before coming back to the Council for consideration.

Council Comments:

Bob Smith announced that the Façade committee has been approached by a business to operate out of 201 Walnut Street.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Cook announced:

- Informatics department has worked with the Public Works Department to display Utility Bill comparisons of surrounding rates for the citizens of Westfield to view.
- Westfield in Lights will take place this Friday December 2nd. This will be a nice family friendly event.

- Grand Park ground breaking ceremony just took place last week and there were over 200 in attendance. He thanked the Public Safety, Public Works and all of the staff involved in the event.

Steve Hoover made the motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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