

## **Westfield City Council September 26, 2011**

The Westfield city Council met in regular session Monday September 26, 2011 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Ken Kingshill, Bob Smith, Tom Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger with Krieg DeVault LLP.

Mayor Cook recognized the number of Scouts attending this evening and extended a welcome.

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve the September 12, 2011 minutes as amended. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Guests:**

Ed Poynter addressed the Council on the stoplight at 161<sup>st</sup> Street and U.S. 31. He and members of his family feel that the light change is too short for the east and west traffic at 161<sup>st</sup> Street and requested the City to explore options to change this timing.

### **Claims:**

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

### **Old Business:**

*Budget 2012*

*Introduction-September 12, 2011*

*Public Hearing-September 26, 2011*

*Second Reading-September 26, 2011*

*Adoption Consideration-October 10, 2011*

A public hearing was opened at 7:11 P.M. Hearing no one the public hearing was closed at 7:12 P.M.

Chief of Staff Todd Burtron was available to answer any questions that the Council may have.

*Ordinance 11-25: Salary Ordinance 2012*

*Introduction – September 12, 2011*

*Second Reading – September 26, 2011*

*Ordinance 11-24: COIT Bond Ordinance*  
*Introduction-September 26, 2011*  
*Second Reading-October 10, 2011*  
*Adoption Consideration-October 10, 2011*

Attorney Jim Crawford described this Bond Ordinance to the Council. He also explained that the term is not to exceed 25 years.

Urged by the Council Mayor Cook gave a brief explanation that this is an Economic Development initiative tool for what will become Grand Park.

*Resolution 11-20: Appealing Maximum Levy*  
*Adoption Consideration-September 26, 2011*

Todd Burtron explained that this is driven by the Department of Local Government Finance. This resolution allows a conversation for requesting the maximum funds allowed for income. Without the receiving of these funds services could be eliminated or reduced.

Ken Kingshill made the motion to approve Resolution 11-20 as presented. Bob Smith seconded.  
Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

*Ordinance 11-26: Amendments to Sign Ordinance*  
*Introduction-September 26, 2011*  
*APC Public Hearing-October 17, 2011*  
*APC Recommendation-November 7, 2011*  
*Adoption Consideration-November 14, 2011*

Senior Planner Kevin Todd described the proposed Ordinance to the Council. This is an effort to clarify definitions and add some new specifications for temporary signage. This is a redline copy which shows the changes and additions that are being proposed.

Steve Hoover gave a brief description of the changes and how this was discussed at committee level. This will give us a range reducing special exceptions. This will move forward to Advisory Plan Commission for a public hearing.

**City Council Comments:**

Steve Hoover announced that he toured the new Public Safety Training Facility. He was impressed and got an even greater appreciation of our Public Safety staff serving the greater public safety for our Community.