

## **Westfield City Council January 23, 2012**

The Westfield City council met in regular session Monday January 23, 2012 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Jim Ake, John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard, Mayor Andy Cook and Legal Counsel Matthew Strzynski with Krieg DeVault, Law Firm, LLP.

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. before turning the meeting over to President Bob Horkay.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

John Dippel made the motion to approve the January 9, 2012 minutes as corrected. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Guests:**

Judith Stanley Shuck spoke in support of preserving the history of Westfield. She noted that there are five Nationally Registered buildings in Westfield. There was some discussion on the Carnegie Library and why it is not a building on the National Registry.

### **Claims:**

Jim Ake made the motion to approve the Claims as submitted. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

*Ordinance 11-34: Amendment to Parks Fees, Rules of Operation & Special Event Policy  
Council Introduction-December 12, 2011  
Second reading-January 23, 2012  
Adoption Consideration-January 23, 2012*

Todd Burtron was speaking on behalf of the Parks Director Melody Jones who is in training.

There was some discussion on the purchase/rental of farm land. This is a tool to generate revenue until the park is ready to develop.

John Dippel had questions on the rental fees and if the wording of those fees should be included in the ordinance. It was determined to keep the wording as is.

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve Ordinance 11-34 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0; Abstain-1 (John Dippel). Motion carried.

**New Business:**

*Valley View at Viking Meadow PUD Amendment*

*Council Introduction-January 23, 2012*

*APC Public Hearing-February 6, 2012*

*APC Recommendation-February 21, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration-March 12, 2012*

Planner Ryan Clark introduced The PUD Amendment to the Council. He explained that this amendment primarily has to do with the roof pitch of the homes. David Compton, Vice President of Pulte Homes, was available for questions.

There was some discussion on the requirements and staff's determination. It was the Council's consensus to forward this amendment on to the APC meeting for a public hearing next month before coming back to council for consideration.

*CrossRoads Church PUD*

*Council Introduction-January 23, 2012*

*APC Public Hearing-February 6, 2012*

*APC Recommendation-February 21, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration-March 12, 2012*

Planner Kevin Todd introduced John Dobosiewicz with Nelson and Frankenberger Law Firm, representing the petitioner.

Mr. Dobosiewicz introduced Pastor Eric Lohe and other members representing CrossRoads Church. He also introduced Attorney Jim Shinever with Nelson and Frankenberger Law Firm.

He described the standards that had been added to the original plan.

Director of Economic Community Development Matt Skelton and the Public Works Director Kurt Wanninger requested a traffic study be submitted. Mr. Dobosiewicz presented the plan, based on the traffic study, to the Council.

After some discussion the Council's consensus was to forward this to the APC before coming back to the Council for consideration.

*Zoning Ordinance Amendments (multiple sections)*

*Council Introduction-January 23, 2012*

*APC Public Hearing-February 6, 2012*

*APC Recommendation-February 21, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration-March 12, 2012*

Planner Kevin Todd introduced these Zoning Ordinance Amendments to the Council. Steve Hoover commented on the subcommittee support of this proposal.

The Council's concensus is that this Ordinance will be sent on to the APC for a Public Hearing before coming back to this Council for consideration.

**Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:**

*Presentation: Water/Sewer rate Adjustment*

Public Works Director Kurt Wanninger presented the proposed rates adjustment. He described the formulas, usage comparisons, availability and the distribution system.

CPA Partner with Krohn and Associates, Jim Treat, gave an overview and is looking for input from this Council.

He showed comparisons of central Indiana communities in Water and Wastewater.

After much discussion it was determined to use the Finance Committee to work on details.

The Finance Committee consists of Rob Horkay, John Dippel and Jim Ake.

**City Council Comments:**

Cindy Spoljaric recognized John Dippel for attending a Planning meeting in Carmel.

Rob Stokes welcomed Cindy Spoljaric and Jim Ake to the City Council.

**Mayor Comments:**

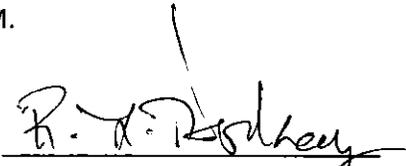
Mayor Cook announced that there is a group of students from Westfield High School that are interested in being a part of serving the City. They would like to be involved with City events and planning. They also would like to be a part of the Legislative process and perhaps form a leadership academy.

Mayor Cook also announced sadly that Jerry Throgmartin had passed of Meningitis in Colorado. He was part of the H.H. Gregg family and a valuable member of our community.

Steve Hoover made the motion to adjourn and this motion was seconded by Cindy Spoljaric. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

  
President