

## **Westfield City Council February 13, 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 and Cindy Spoljaric. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Teresa Skelton and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger with Krieg DeVault, Law Firm, LLP.

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Steve Hoover made the motion to approve the January 23, 2012 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Claims:**

Jim Ake made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. Cindy Spoljaric seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:**

*Introduction of Westfield Chamber of Commerce President, Eric Lohe*

Eric Lohe introduced the Chamber's staff and members present. He shared the Chamber's interest in being involved through networking and sharing of information as an economic development resource for Westfield.

The Chamber is looking at opportunities to work with the City on business guidance and land options.

### *Appointment of Board of Zoning Appeals*

John Dippel nominated Ron Rothrock as the Board of Zoning Appeals appointment. Jim Ake seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### *Appointment of Library Board*

Steve Hoover nominated Dan Pitcock as the Library Board appointment. John Dippel seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **New Business:**

Ordinance 12-01: Water Rate Adjustment

Ordinance 12-02: Wastewater Rate Adjustment

Council Introduction-February 13, 2012

Public Hearing-February 27, 2012

Second Reading-February 27, 2012

Adoption Consideration-March 12, 2012

Director of Public Works Kurt Wanninger introduced Ordinance 12-01 and Ordinance 12-02.

Mr. Wanninger announced that he had worked closely with the Financial Committee to phase these increases in the ordinance. He explained that historically the rates of water and wastewater had been based on usage.

A description of some of the capital improvements, reserves and debt coverage with wastewater was presented.

On the Water side Mr. Wanninger explained the usage average and the demands.

Jim Treat, CPA Partner of O. W. Krohn and Associates was introduced. He showed rate comparisons and cost factors and that there are no increases on the trash fees.

Many of the improvements on the Water side are "going green".

President Horkay was supportive and worked as part of the finance committee on writing these two ordinances.

Cindy Spoljaric had questions on the average usage passed on to some residents. There was some discussion on meter sizes and the charges applied.

Jim Ake spoke as part of the financial committee. He explained that this is a normal rate structure and that the customer could have the option to change meter size as a possible rate reduction.

He went on to explain that the small system piping could add to a possible capacity issue. There must be a good supply of water so that infrastructure and debt obligations could be met. Each City has a different structure compared to what each community has to work with and obligations.

Possible benefits could be a result of a future restructuring of rates.

Steve Hoover had questions on replacement costs for meters. He questioned if it would be possible for a customer to request a replacement and pay the cost of the replacement. Such as an upfront cost for a future pay off.

This will come back for a public hearing February 27, 2012.

Resolution 12-100: Fund Creation for Surplus Equipment

Adoption Consideration-February 13, 2012

City Attorney Brian Zaiger explained that the Clerk-Treasurer's office is requesting this housekeeping resolution. This has to do with inventory that needs to be cleared or added to and that there needs to be a non-reverting fund set up.

Steve Hoover noticed that the fund number was not included and would like to see this number included before considering.

This will be placed on the February 27, 2012 for consideration.

*Bridgewater PUD Amendment*

*Council Introduction-February 13, 2012*

*APC Public Hearing-March 5, 2012*

*APC Recommendation-March 19, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration-April 9, 2012*

Senior Planner Kevin Todd introduced the Bridgewater PUD amendment. He summarized the packet information.

The consensus of the Council is to forward this the APC for the public hearing March 5, 2012.

*Rezone of Northeast Corner of SR 32 and Wheeler Road from E1 to GB*

*Council Introduction-February 13, 2012*

*APC Public Hearing-February 21, 2012*

*APC Recommendation-March 5, 2012*

*Adoption Consideration-March 12, 2012*

Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development, Jennifer Miller introduced the rezone to the Council.

It was the Council's consensus to forward this to the APC for a public hearing February 21, 2012.

**City Council Comments:**

- Cindy Spoljaric would like to see the meetings recorded for the public.
- John Dippel gave an update on the "We Can" committee

**Mayor Comments:**

- Update on Grand Park
- Update on U.S. 31

Jim Ake made the motion to adjourn. Steve Hoover seconded. This motion carried

unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

  
President