

Westfield City Council September 24, 2012

The Westfield City Council met in special session Monday September 24, 2012 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Jim Ake, John Dippel, Bob Horkay, Steve Hoover, Bob Smith, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Attorney Brian Zaiger with Krieg DeVault, LLP.

President Horkay called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Steve Hoover moved to approve the September 10, 2012 minutes as presented and this was seconded by John Dippel. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Claims:

Jim Ake moved to approve the claims as presented and this was seconded by Rob Stokes. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:

Proclamation: Walk to School Day

Mayor Cook proclaimed September 3, 2012 as "Walk to School Day" in Westfield. Accepting this award was Robin Lynch, Principal of Oak Trace Elementary.

Special Presentation: Bike Loops

Parks Director Melody Jones explained that the signs will identify the loops. The City logo will be printed on the sign and this program is fully funded. There is an approval process and Ms. Jones is hopeful that the signs will be ready to install by year end.

Miscellaneous Business: School Tax Rate Discussion

Mayor Cook introduced Dr. Mark Keen, Superintendent of Westfield Washington Township Schools. Dr. Keen described the taxable assessed value of the school tax rate. He also explained that many of the schools will be paid off between three and seven years.

He encouraged the City Council to assist in the endeavor with T.I.F money after the initial bonds are paid off to reduce tax rate.

There was open dialogue between Dr. Keen and the Council on what can happen to reduce tax rate and the school's referendum rate.

Westfield Washington Library Activity Update:

Representing the Westfield Library and also the City's Library Appointee, Dan Pitcock, updated the Council on the Library renovation and addition. The target date for completion is midsummer of 2013.

Old Business:

Ordinance 12-28: Fireworks Use
Council Introduction – September 10, 2012
Second Reading – November 12, 2012
Adoption Consideration – November 12, 2012

President Horkay announced that this would be discussed at the "We Can" meeting and possibly back before the Council in November.

Ordinance 12-30: 2013 Budget
Council Introduction – September 10, 2012
Public Hearing – September 24, 2012
Adoption Consideration – October 8, 2012

Chief of Staff Todd Burtron explained that this is the public hearing part of the Budget process for Ordinance 12-30...

A public hearing was opened at 8:09 P.M. Hearing no one the public hearing was closed at 8:10 P.M.

New Business:

Interlocal Agreement – Youth Assistance Program
Council Introduction – September 24, 2011

Mayor Cook described the Interlocal agreement. This is reimbursement for a Prevention Officer. This agreement is with the County, School and City.

Bob Smith moved to accept the Interlocal Agreement to fund the Youth Assistance Program as presented and this was seconded by John Dippel. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 12-29: Salary Ordinance
Council Introduction – September 24, 2012
Adoption Consideration – October 8, 2012

Todd Burtron introduced Ordinance 12-29.

Resolution 12-111: Water & Wastewater Utilities Appraisal Acceptance
Council Introduction – September 24, 2012

City Attorney Brian Zaiger introduced Resolution 12-111. He also explained that the public hearing will be held October 29, 2012 for Resolution 12-111...

Todd Burtron explained that Resolution 12-111 is before the Council this evening for consideration of the Utility Appraisal Acceptance.

John Dippel moved to approve Resolution 12-111 Water & Wastewater Appraisal Acceptance as presented and this was seconded by Jim Ake. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Jim Ake announced that the "Grand Junction Funktion" will be held this Saturday September 29, 2012.
- Bob Smith announced that he and Rob Stokes met with some of the homeowners in Beechwood subdivision. This was a follow-up from comments made from a homeowner the last Council meeting.
- John Dippel and Cindy Spoljaric encouraged people to attend the next "We Can" meeting. There will be some interesting topics discussed and a guest speaker.
- Jim Ake announced that there will be a meeting at Shamrock Springs Elementary for 146th Street.
- Steve Hoover gave an update from APC. With all of the petitions and growth they will be anticipating full agendas and additional meetings.

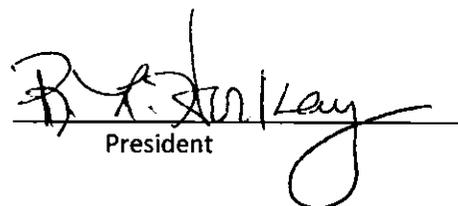
MAYOR COMMENTS:

- Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Lantern Awards held last Saturday night.
- November 3, 2012 is "Community Day" at Grand Park.

Steve Hoover moved to adjourn and this was seconded by Jim Ake. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.


Deputy Clerk-Treasurer


President