Westfield City Council November 5, 2012

The Westfield City Council met in special session Monday November 5, 2012 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present Jim Ake, John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Bob Smith, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and City Attorney Brian Zaiger from Krieg DeVault, LLP.

President Horkay called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Rob Stokes moved to approve the October 29, 2012 minutes as presented and this was seconded by Steve Hoover. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance 12-32: Disposition of the Water & Wastewater Utility
Introduction – October 8, 2012
Public Hearing – October 29, 2012
Adoption Consideration – November 5, 2012

Chief of Staff Todd Burtron was available for any further questions the Council might have.

Cindy Spoljaric thanked all participants for their dedication through this process. Both the Finance Committee and members of the public worked very hard. She also stated she would be voting "no" on this Ordinance for a number of concerns. She complimented Citizen's on their efforts and believed them to be a solid company but she still feels that this sale is premature.

Bob Smith explained that he was very much against this in the beginning. He viewed our Utilities as a "cash cow" when needed. After much research and conversation with new information Councilor Smith will be voting "yes" for positive affect on taxes and other fiscal responsibilities.

Steve Hoover explained he would be voting "yes" to this sale tonight. He is in favor of the sale. This will positively affect the City's taxes and new infrastructure.

John Dippel acknowledges the people in attendance from Citizen's. He also complimented Chief of Staff Todd Burtron and the legal team. He also wanted to compliment both Bruce Hauk and Kurt Wanninger (both past Directors of Public Works) on their due diligence in positioning the City for the Utility Sale.

Jim Ake complimented all involved. Citizen's capabilities will far exceed what the City could provide the citizens of Westfield from a managerial stand point.

Rob Stokes stated the complexity of this transaction. He feels that it is a "net positive" decision.

Bob Horkey feels that this is a positive decision for the future of the City.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Cook commended the Council on their diligence and hard work through the Citizen's sale. This is a positive decision for the future of Westfield and will take the City to the next level. He complimented the Finance Committee and all of the Council, the Legal Team and Todd Burtron.

Rob Stokes moved to adjourn and this was seconded by John Dippel. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

President