Westfield City Council March 11, 2013

The Westfield City Council met Monday March 11, 2013 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present John Dippel, Jim Ake, Bob Horkay, Steve Hoover, Bob Smith, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger from Kreig DeVault.

President Ake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was determined.

Approval of Minutes:

Cindy Spoljaric made a motion to approve February 11, 2013 minutes as amended. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Guest:

None

Claims:

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation

Westfield Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Update:

Eric Lohe gave the quarterly update and introduced Teresa Skelton as the Chambers newest staff member.

Updated Goals and Mission Statement

Deputy Mayor Todd Burtron gave short presentation titled Destination Recreation, Our Grand Future which was a brief summary of the City's mission and goals.

Sarah Reed presented this item explaining the needed amendments to the Bridgewater PUD.

Jon Dobosiewicz from Nelson and Frankenberger, here on behalf of Throgmartin-Henke Development explained the concerns on the buffering to the north. The amended buffering will include a masonry wall, preservation of an existing tree line and new tree plantings.

Steve Hoover made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-06 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 12-28: Fireworks Use
Introduction – September 10, 2012
Second Reading – March 11, 2013
Adoption Consideration – March 11, 2013

Councilman John Dippel and Bob Smith presented this item explaining that fireworks will only be allowed to be set off without a permit during set hours around the holidays.

Steve Hoover and Cindy Spoljaric commented on the restrictions and necessity of the ordinance.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 12-28 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-1 (C. Spoljaric). Motion carries.

New Business:

Ordinance 03-12: Additional Appropriation – General Fund
Introduction –March 11, 2013
Public Hearing – March 25, 2012
Adoption Consideration – April 8, 2013

Brian Zaiger presented this item explaining the need for this appropriation to maintain fiscal integrity. Brian stated this was just an introduction and will come back to the Council at our April meeting for adoption consideration.

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Brian Zaiger presented this item stating the need for this transfer to maintain fiscal integrity. Brian stated this was just an introduction and will come back to the Council at our March 25th meeting for adoption consideration.

Ordinance 13-14: Bond Ordinance for SIB-156th & US 31
Introduction – March 11, 2013
Adoption Consideration – March 25, 2013

Jim Crawford presented this item authorizing a Bond through INDOT to pay for 156th St. bridgework. The amount of the Bond will be set at $4,264,000. This item also will come back to the Council on March 25th.

Resolution 13-106: Resolution for Personal Property Tax Abatement for Weas Engineering in the Custom Concrete Commerce Park
Introduction – March 11, 2013
Adoption Consideration – March 11, 2013

Ryan Clark introduced both Resolutions 13-106 and 13-107 asking for Tax Abatement for Weas Engineering's new facility located in Custom Concrete Commerce Park and existing Personal Property such as IT equipment in the total amount of $341,000.

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve Resolution 13-106 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Resolution 13-107: Resolution for Real Property Tax Abatement for Hadah 11 in the Custom Concrete Commerce Park
Introduction – March 11, 2013
Adoption Consideration – March 11, 2013

Ryan Clark introduced this item along with the above Resolution 13-106.

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve resolution 13-107 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7. No-0. Motion carries.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

MAYOR COMMENTS:

The Mayor introduced both, the new Public Works Director, Ken Alexander and the new Fire Chief, Jason Lemons.

Steve Hoover made a motion to adjourn. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

President