Westfield City Council April 8, 2013

The Westfield City Council met Monday April 8, 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.

Mayor Cook introduced Evan Cummings a 2nd grader from Carey Ridge. He will be sitting in as the City's new Mayor tonight. At the end of the meeting Evan will propose, to the Council, extra recess for his class to entertain in Ordinance form.

President Ake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve March 25, 2013 minutes as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Guest:

None

Claims:

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

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation

Month of the Military Child Proclamation:

Mayor Cook introduced proclaiming the month of April 2013 as Month of the Military Child.

Arbor Day Proclamation:

Mayor Cook presented Parks Director Melody Jones with a Proclamation proclaiming the 27th day of April 2013 as Arbor Day.

Bike to School & Work Day Proclamation:

Mayor Cook presented this Proclamation proclaiming the 8th day of May 2013 as Bike to School Day and the 27th day of May 2013 as Bike to Work Day.

Westfield Parks Recreational Programming:

Stephanie Baumann presented this item explaining the Westfield Parks & Recreation Program Launch.

Westfield Schools Executive Committee Update:

Mark Ewing, Teacher Sponsor presented this item giving a brief update on the completion of their student project, the Volunteer Network.

Students Shannon Webb, Nathan Ressler and Lauren Huser gave a presentation explaining how The Volunteer Network runs. This is a way to match volunteers to businesses and companies, both non-profit and for profit, through a website. They will utilize both student and adult volunteers in the community.

Old Business:

Resolution 13-108: Modification of Commitments regarding Walnut Ridge Estates:
Introduction – February 11, 2013
APC Public Hearing – March 4, 2013
APC Recommendation – March 18, 2013
Adoption Consideration – April 8, 2013

Matt Skelton presented this item explaining the modifications of commitments to the Walnut Ridge Estates.

Cindy Spoljaric made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-108 as presented. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 13-12: Additional Appropriation- General Fund
Introduction – March 11, 2013
Public Hearing – March 25, 2013
Adoption Consideration – April 8, 2013

Brian Zaiger presented this item explaining the need for this additional appropriation asking Council for approval.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-12 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 13-09: Bond Ordinance-Grand Park
Introduction – March 25, 2013
Adoption Consideration – April 8, 2013

Brian Zaiger presented this item explaining this was to authorize the issuance of bonds for the purpose of payment of certain capital projects of the City.

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-09 as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 13-10: Additional Appropriations – Grand Park
Introduction – March 25, 2013
Public Hearing – April 8, 2013
Adoption Consideration – April 22, 2013

Brian Zaiger presented this item explaining the need for the additional appropriations for the Grand Park project.

Public Hearing open: 7:35

None

Public Hearing closed: 7:36

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve Ordinance 13-10 as presented. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

New Business:

Resolution 13-109: Annual Tax Abatement Review
Adoption Consideration – April 8, 2013

Andrew Murray presented this item explaining the annual review for all the existing tax abatements in Westfield.

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve Resolution 13-109 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bob Smith and Cindy Spoljaric both commended the Fire Department for their handling of the situations of the past week.

Steve Hoover gave a brief update of the Plan Commission meetings.

John Dippel stated we need to notify INDOT as what the City's needs are by May 1, 2013.

The Council decided to move on the City's "newest" Mayor's proposal for extra recess for his school.

Cindy Spoljaric made the motion to approve additional recess every day. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carries.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Matt Skelton gave an update of Community Developments Quarterly Report

Mayor's Ball will be June 8th this year. The proceeds will go to Youth Assistance.

The Mayor talked about his meeting with School officials from St. Maria Goretti about using student groups to clean up the community and parks by raking leaves and picking up trash, etc.

He also went over some Legislative bills that are actively progressing including the Wheel Tax.

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

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Cindy Gassard

Clerk-Treasurer

President