Westfield City Council Oct. 15, 2013

The Westfield City Council met Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present included Council President, Jim Ake, Bob Horkay, Steve Hoover, Bob Smith, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Deputy Clerk Bev Rawlings on behalf of Clerk Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

President Ake called the meeting to order at 6:35 a.m.

Old Business:

Ordinance 13-27: Amendment to Ordinance 13-20 (Utility Ordinance)
Introduction – October 14, 2013
Adoption Consideration – October 15, 2013

Todd Burtron explained to the Council that the amendment was needed as a clerical correction for the Utility Ordinance.

Motion to approve the Amendment was made by Steve Hoover, Bob Smith seconded.
Vote: Yes-6; No-0 motion carries.

Ordinance 13-28: Utilities Agreement
Introduction- October 14, 2013
Adoption Consideration – October 15, 2013

Todd Burtron presented the Agreement explaining the purpose for this meeting is to muster a quorum and get the agreement approved and into the hands of the IURC in a timely fashion.

Cindy Spoljaric raised several questions concerning the sale to Citizens Group explaining her need to fully understand the details before signing the agreement. She also voiced her concerns about how the Utility Sale might affect future utility rates. This spurred an in-depth discussion among the Council.

City Attorney, Brian Zaiger and Attorney, Pete Hatton of Faegre, Baker, and Daniels, were also on hand to help answer questions about the Utility Sale.

Motion to approve Ordinance 13-28, the Utilities Agreement was made by Bob Horkay, Bob Smith seconded.
Vote: Yes-5; No-1 Cindy Spoljaric, motion carries.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

The Mayor asked that Cindy Spoljaric explain her vote for the record. She stated that she was still concerned about the unknowns and did not have the comfort level for the future, long term, water needs of the community. She had hoped to fully understand what the document stated and what was

exactly involved prior to signing her name. She thanked the Council and all in attendance for taking the time to listen to and answer all of her questions.

Todd Burtron commented that he appreciated the delegation of authority given him to represent the City of Westfield during the hearings and that it was a challenging and rewarding experience.

Cindy Spoljaric made a motion to adjourn. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Cindy Grossard
Clerk-Treasurer

R. R. Stolkey
President