Westfield City Council October 28 2013

The Westfield City Council met Monday October 28 2013 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were, Bob Horkay, Bob Smith, Steve Hoover, Cindy Spoljaric and, Chuck Lehman. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and representing Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

Vice President Horkay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Rob Stokes advised he would be 10 minutes late to tonight's meeting.

The mayor introduced Chuck Lehman as the new Councilmen replacing John Dippel. Mr. Lehman was sworn in by Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

Approval of Minutes:

Cindy Spoljaric made a motion to approve October 14, 2013 and October 15, 2013 minutes as amended. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carries.

Guest:

Sharon Williams discussed her well water issues.

Claims:

Cindy Spoljaric asked Melody about the DLZ Monon claims. Melody explained this was payment for phase 6 & 7 going toward the cost of plans & designs. This was our 20% portion with the other 80% being submitted to our INDOT transportation grant.

Bob Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation:

None

Old Business:

Ordinance 13-26: 2014 Budget
Council Introduction-September 9, 2013
Public Hearing-October 14, 2013
Adoption Consideration- October 28, 2013

Todd Burtron presented this item giving a brief outline and explained the need to remove the Series 4 bond portion of the Ordinance, which will be paid off in January of the coming year.

Rob Stokes made the motion to adopt the 2014 budget with the exception of the Series 4 bond. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 13-29: Additional Appropriation-186th Street
Council Introduction – October 28, 2013
Public Hearing- November 11, 2013
Adoption Consideration – November 11, 2013

Todd Burtron presented this item asking for additional appropriations for the completion of 186th street around the area of Grand Park.

Cindy Spoljaric questioned if the repayment of these funds would come from the Utility Sales, and if the sale for some reason did not go through, where would these funds come from. Todd explained that yes, the repayment was coming from the sale and if, sale did not happen further Council discussion would be needed.

Ordinance 13-30: Salary Ordinance
Council Introduction – October 14, 2013
Adoption Consideration – October 28, 2013

Todd Burtron presented this item stating that there will be no salary increases in 2014.

Bob Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 13-30. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

Ordinance 13-31: Elected Officials Salary Ordinance
Council Introduction – October 14, 2013
Adoption Consideration – October 28, 2013

Ordinance gives increase in salary to the Clerk Treasurer only. Discussion was had amending the Ordinance, removing the $75 allotted to each Council member for additional Council meetings.

Cindy Spoljaric made motion to amend and approve Ordinance 13-31. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

New Business:

181th Street PUD by Hall & House
Council Introduction – October 28 2013
APC Public Hearing – November 4, 2013
APC Recommendation – November 18, 2013
Adoption Consideration – December 9, 2013

Kevin Todd presented this. Request is for a change in zoning of approximately 26 acres along US 31 corridors. Petitioner Larry House was on hand to answer any questions.
Council commented they would like to see some revisions and have an aerial plan of the area before it goes to the Planning Commission. Questions were asked about the overlay standards and why they were not being followed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Cindy Spoljaric asked that Judy Stuck with Westfield Preservation Alliance report on an evergreen tree that the organization raised funds to move and preserve. The tree was moved from West Main St. to the Union Bible College.

Cindy Spoljaric requested that she would like to see more discussions had on the non-property tax uses in the Tif districts.

Steve Hoover reported on the APC and the addition of Randy Graham to the group. Mr. Hoover also reported the approval of a 21st Amendment at 146th street and Carey Rd.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

None

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

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Cindy Gossard
Clerk-Treasurer

President