

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – July 29, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 29th day of July 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Pastor Jeff Kippert, The Awakening Church, gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Strick called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, and Andrew Rensberger. Absent: PJ Felton and Paul Pike.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's July 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Rensberger reported on the RDC meeting. It discussed the funding partnership with the City on the fire station, and bids have been awarded for the HK Porter demolition that should occur this fall. No other reports were given.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Heidi Amspaugh and Tim Foster, Baker Tilly, presented the **financial structure of the bond for the Fire Station funding**. After presenting the financials, Heidi presented the timeline for the process. There are several steps to go through before an expected November closing date. Questions from the Council were asked and answered.

Director of Public Works and Engineering Services Adam Cuttriss and Fire Chief Tony Johnson updated Council on the new fire station building. The CMc opened bids for the site work and underground utility work last week. Those bids came in at a combined savings of \$420,000 under engineers' estimates. **Weigand Construction, the CMc** will look to refine the overall project numbers before final numbers are required for the bond. The timeline to break ground is late September.

Mayor Strick updated the **Council on PAGO USA./Flint Creek Redevelopment, LLC Project. The project will be presented to the City's EDC (Economic Development Commission) on August 12 at a special meeting.** After that meeting, the EDC will make a recommendation to Council. Upon receipt of that recommendation, Council may consider and adopt a loan ordinance. Eric Doden, PAGO USA, and Flint Creek Redevelopment, LLC will present a Resolution outlining the procedure for a loan \$2 Million dollars so the project can commence.

NEW BUSINESS: Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on first and final reading **Resolution 2-R-25 “A Resolution of the City of Huntington, Indiana Approving of the Appointment of the Members of the Board for the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority,”** seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Resolution signed.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVED:

Richard Strick As Mayor

Dwight Brautigam As Member

Charles Chapman As Council President

Dave Funk As Member

PJ Felton As Member

Todd Johnson As Member

Andrew Rensberger As Member

Paul Pike As Member

Attest:

Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer