

COMMON COUNCIL – DECEMBER 8, 2009

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met in Council Chambers, City Building, Huntington Indiana, on the 8th day of December, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in regular session in accordance with all applicable requirements.

Pastor John Backes, Bethel Assembly of God Church, gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER -

Mayor Steve Updike called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL -

Common Council Members present were: Joe Blomeke, Ervin Ebersole, Keith Eller, Brooks Fetters, Jason Fields, Steve McIntyre, and Jack Slusser.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -

Council Member Ebersole made a motion to approve minutes from the Council meeting held on November 24, 2009, seconded by Council Member McIntyre. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS –

PETITION OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS –

OLD BUSINESS –

Todd Samuelson, Umbaugh could not attend the meeting tonight to answer questions about the **Evaluation Study proposal**. He will be at the December 29, 2009 morning meeting. McIntyre would like to create a taskforce to do the study for no cost. Fields would like City administration to check into another quote for comparison.

Eller made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 20-C-09 “An Ordinance to Eliminate Park Board”** on first reading, seconded by Slusser. After some discussion the Council voted the ordinance down unanimously, 0-7 opposed.

Ebersole made a motion to adopt **Resolution 32-R-09 “Resolution for Fund Transfer” (City Revitalization Grant Fund)** on first and final reading, seconded by Slusser. Nate Schacht, Director of Department of Community Development, explained the City Revitalization Grant and that the intern did not come to help with the NNORC study, so they have that money available to transfer into supplies. They completed the study in-house. They are in compliance with the grant. Motion passed 6-1. McIntyre voted nay. McIntyre and Fields would like Departments to watch the line items closer next year, so as to not transfer after the appropriations is already in the negative.

NEW BUSINESS –

Scher presented the Council with Memorandum's requesting usage of Riverboat Fund, Rainy Day Fund and CEDIT Funds. This money is to help off set the amount that the City is estimating as a 2010 budget shortfall. After some discussion, Fetters made a motion to appropriate \$100,000 from Riverboat Fund and \$43,000 from Rainy Day Fund for 2010, seconded by Ebersole. Motion passed 7-0. Council will hold off changing anything with the CEDIT plan until necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS –

SB-1 Filing fee for 2010 will be tabled until December 29, 2009 morning meeting so the Council can ask Mark Wickersham, HCUED, some questions.


McIntyre made a motion to pay an ISES claim, for the landfill study for Nature's Fuel, out of CEDIT Misc., seconded by Fields. Motion passed 7-0.

Ebersole made a motion to pay every employee their bi-weekly pay for the 27th pay of 2009 as they have been paid all year, seconded by Fields. Motion passed 7-0. Ebersole would like the Police and Fire salary base, plus longevity, to be addressed in the salary ordinance for the future. This question of how their pay is calculated including longevity on a 27 pay year needs to be explained in paragraph form and included on the salary ordinance to be carried forward from now on.

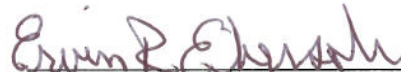
ADJOURNMENT -

Council Member Ebersole made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Fields. Motion passed 7-0.

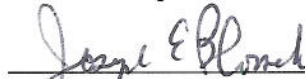
APPROVED:



Steven D Updike As Mayor



Ervin R Ebersole As Council
President



Joseph E. Blomeke As Member



Jason Fields As Member



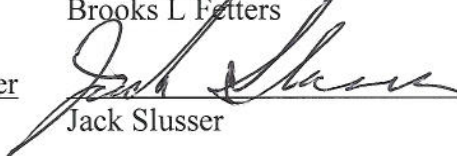
Raymond K. Eller As Member



Brooks L Fetters As Member



Stephen W. McIntyre As Member



Jack Slusser As Member

Attest:



Christi A. Scher As Clerk-Treasurer