

COMMON COUNCIL – February 14, 2012

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met in Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Building, Huntington, Indiana, on the 14th day of February 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in regular session in accordance with all applicable requirements.

INVOCATION – Mayor Brooks Fetters gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING - Mayor Fetters opened the public hearing for the alley vacation near Hiner Transport. Clerk-Treasurer Scher explained that the utilities have all signed off and do not require a utility easement. With no one further wishing to speak, Mayor Fetters closed the public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER -

Mayor Brooks Fetters called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

ROLL CALL -

Common Council Members present: Joe Blomeke, Charles Chapman, Greg Davis, James Long, Paul Pike, Wayne Powell, and Jack Slusser.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -

Council Member Slusser made a motion to approve the minutes from Council's January 31, 2012 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Long. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS – None.

PETITION OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS –

Jane Schurz, 1555 William Street, commented on using an **outside consultant at the WPC because the Waste Water Superintendent doesn't have the necessary licenses**. Mayor Fetters explained he has certain people in charge and they are obtaining the necessary licensing. The use of the outside consultant is temporary in order for the new administration to move forward.

She also commented on her perceived delay in **snow removal**, by both the City and County. She has noticed when she leaves at 6:00 a.m. the streets aren't plowed. She was **wondering when they start, because it has been hazardous and we haven't had much snow this year yet**. Mayor Fetters will check on this with the Street Superintendent and let her know.

OLD BUSINESS –

Council Member Chapman made a motion to adopt on **First and Final Reading Resolution 4-R-12 "A Resolution to Adopt the Huntington County Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan,"** seconded by Council Member Slusser. Brian Topp, Emergency Management, was present to answer any Council questions. After some discussion about the plans proposals for possible projects, motion passed 5-2. Ayes: Blomeke, Chapman, Pike, Powell, and Slusser. Nays: Davis and Long. Resolution signed. Huntington County Emergency Management Agency is thereby

authorized to submit, on the City's behalf, the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to both the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for final review and approval of each.

Council Member Powell made a motion to **adopt on first reading Ordinance 1-C-12, revised Amended Salary Ordinance for 2012, seconded by Council Member Long. Motion failed 4-3.** Nays: Blomeke, Chapman, Pike and Slusser. Ayes: Davis, Long and Powell.

NEW BUSINESS –

Council Member Slusser made a motion to adopt on **First Reading Ordinance 3-C-12 “An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Two Undeveloped Rights of Ways Located between Jefferson Street and Garfield Street, with one Right of Way to the North of Harley Street, and one Right of Way to the South of Harley Street, all Located within the City of Huntington, Indiana,”** seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 7-0.

Art Ehinger, Director of City Engineering Services, introduced himself and briefly reviewed for Council the Long Term Control Plan of the City (LTCP). In accordance with the Agreed Judgment entered into between the City and the State of Indiana, the LTCP imposes certain progress benchmarks which the City is obligated to meet. In 2011, expenses for the second phase of the LTCP, the Frederick Street Project, were inadvertently paid out of the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) of the first phase, the Wastewater Plant Improvements. In order to pay off the BAN, those amounts must be repaid to the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF). One additional bill needs to be paid and in order to meet the LTCP benchmarks for the Frederick Street project, more expenses will need to be incurred. The City's CEDIT Plan has a line item for the LTCP which when the Plan was initially drafted, was for such expenses. **Mr. Ehinger requested that the amounts for the BAN repayment, the additional bill and for ongoing expenses related to the Frederick Street Project be paid out of the CEDIT LTCP line item.** Council Member Slusser made a motion to allow the expenditures from the CEDIT Long Term Control Plan line item, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0.


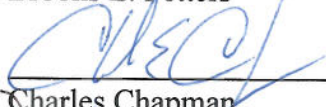

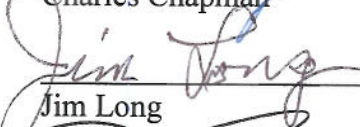


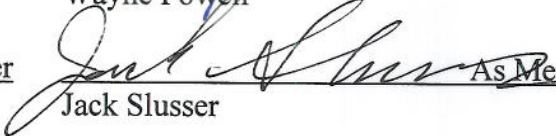
MISCELLANEOUS –

Clerk-Treasurer, Christi Scher, presented the City's January 2012 financials to the Council.


ADJOURNMENT -

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

APPROVED:

 Brooks L. Fetters	As Mayor	<i>Absent</i>	As Council President
 Charles Chapman	As Member	 Greg Davis	As Member
 Jim Long	As Member	 Wayne Powell	As Member
 Paul Pike	As Member	 Jack Slusser	As Member

Attest:


Christi A. Scher

As Clerk-Treasurer