

COMMON COUNCIL – March 13, 2012

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met in Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Building, Huntington, Indiana, on the 13th day of March 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in regular session in accordance with all applicable requirements.

INVOCATION – Father Ron Rieder, S.S. Peter and Paul Catholic Church gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

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 Long made a motion to approve the minutes from Council's February 28, 2012 meeting as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS – None.

PETITION OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS – None.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Council Member Slusser made a motion to adopt on **First and Final Reading Resolution 6-R-12 “A Resolution Approving and Ratifying an Amended Executive Order of the Mayor and Adopting an Amended Capital Improvement Plan Pursuant to I.C. 6-3.5-7,”** seconded by Council Member Long. Council asked questions and received answers relating to the proposed projects, amounts estimated for project completion and procedures for use of the funds. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

Art Ehinger, Director of City Engineering Services, briefly reviewed the City's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). In 2011, the City contracted with an engineering consultant to design the Rabbit Run Project. This project has been placed on hold because the LTCP indicates that it is to be started in 2014. However, an invoice for work performed thus far has been submitted. **Mr. Ehinger requests that the amount of that invoice, \$85,864, be paid out of the CEDIT LTCP line item.** Council Member Long made a motion to allow the expenditure from the CEDIT LTCP line item, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0.

Anthony Goodnight, Assistant Director of City Engineering Services **updated Council on the City's Water projects. 1. South Water Plant.** In 2010, the City received a notice of Inspection Summary from IDEM which outlined options for the City to correct deficiencies at its water plant. Within thirty days of IDEM's letter, the City responded with a proposed course of action. In February 2012, it came to the Engineering Department's attention that the project

had not yet been started. The City, working with IDEM, quickly finalized plans for bidding a design-build project and determined an appropriate source of funding from the City's CCD Fund. The project will cost about \$200,000 and bids are to be received at the March 19th Board of Public Works & Safety meeting. **2. North Water Plant.** Construction is progressing; the water mains are about 95% complete. The water tower is up and nearly 100% complete. The plant should be up in May and operational in February 2013.

Art Ehinger, Director of City Engineering Services **updated the Council on the City's Wastewater projects.** 1. The plans for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project are being redesigned due to IDEM's refusal to issue a construction permit for the project as presently designed. Without IDEM's construction permit, the State Revolving Loan Fund will not finance the project. The City has been working closely with both IDEM and SRF and intends to have the project ready in the near future. 2. The Frederick Street Project is being reconsidered in light of the Engineering Department advising the engineering consultants of options not previously considered, it is hoped that the changes will reduce the cost and construction of the project. 3. The Rabbit Run Project is scheduled to start in 2014, however, in order to have the project included on the list of SRF projects, the City is working toward having a PER submitted in the near future.

MISCELLANEOUS –

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

ADJOURNMENT -

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

APPROVED:

 _____ Brooks L. Fetters	As Mayor	 _____ Joseph E. Blomeke	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