

COMMON COUNCIL – September 10, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met in Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Building, Huntington, Indiana, on the 10th day of September 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in regular meeting and in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Council Member Strick gave the invocation.

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

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Charles Chapman, Dave Funk, Seth Marshall, Paul Pike, Jack Slusser, and Richard Strick. Absent: Joe Blomeke.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Slusser moved to approve Council's August 13, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS:

Community Development and Redevelopment Director Bryn Keplinger presented information and nominations for Council's appointment to the Plan Commission. Two City employees are interested: Cindy Hyde: Water Billing and Ben Spurgeon: Police Department. Council indicated its appreciation for having City employees willing to serve. Council Member Slusser made a motion to appoint Ben Spurgeon to the Plan Commission, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Citizen Jason Jackson and his son Trenton Jackson were present and addressed Council about the City Code Sections prohibiting riding bicycles on sidewalks. He would like to be able to ride north on Jefferson Street through the downtown in the later evenings when businesses are typically closed. He proposed the City Ordinance state specific times when you can't ride on the sidewalks. With distracted drivers, he feels safer riding on sidewalks at night for he and his family. Council President Chapman will take the request under advisement and check with Police Chief Hacker and follow up with Mr. Jackson.

Community Development and Redevelopment Director Bryn Keplinger presented a petition for 100% voluntary annexation of approximately 181.35 acres of real estate contiguous to the City's boundary, located west of the City's existing Riverfork Industrial Park, and bound by CR 200, SR 9, and the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The petition was appropriately signed by all owners. Director Keplinger requested that Council set the public hearing for this annexation petition for September 24, 2019 at 6:45 a.m. Council Member Strick moved to set the public hearing as requested, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

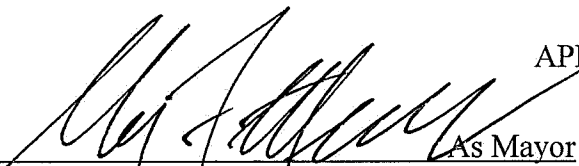
The City of Huntington 2020 budget was presented to Council for review and discussion. Department heads were available for questions. The proposed budget for each department and City fund was presented in detail and discussed. Council’s questions were asked and answered. The public hearing for the 2020 budget will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:45 a.m.

Clerk-Treasurer McElhaneey presented the August 2019 financials.


ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Strick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 6-0.

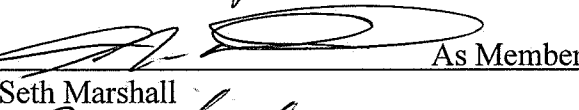
APPROVED:



Brooks L. Fetters As Mayor



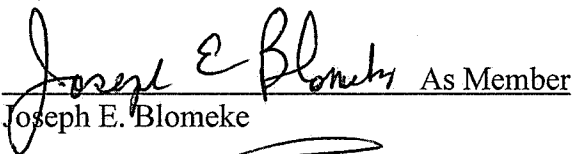
Charles Chapman As Council President




Seth Marshall As Member



Jack Slusser As Member

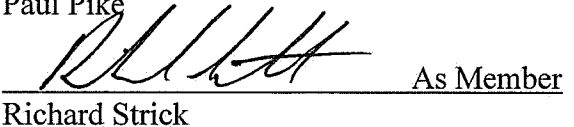


Joseph E. Blomeke As Member




Dave Funk As Member

Absent As Member
Paul Pike



Richard Strick As Member

Attest:



Christi A. McElhaneey Clerk-Treasurer