

COMMON COUNCIL – December 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 December 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in regular meeting and in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Mayor Brooks Fetters, gave the invocation.

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

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Pike moved to approve Council's November 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS: None.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mark Wickersham, Executive Director of Huntington County United Economic Development Corporation, presented HCUED's 2019 Report. Mr. Wickersham also presented the 2020 service contract showing a one percent increase over this year. The contract will be presented to the Board of Public Works and Safety on December 16, 2019 for consideration and approval.

The Mayor presented an appreciation award to Council Member Strick for his service on Council.

The Mayor also presented Council Member Slusser an appreciation award for serving on Council from 1996 to 2019. Councilman Slusser has served six consecutive terms as an "At Large" member of the Common Council.

Council President Chapman presented the Mayor with a framed City medallion for serving the City as Mayor from 2012-2019. He expressed appreciation for all of the projects and improvements around the City that Mayor Fetters had a part in completing.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Marshall made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 16-C-19: "An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers of the City of Huntington, Indiana, From and After December 15, 2019, Through the Pay Period Ending December 19, 2020; and Hourly Employees of the City of Huntington, Indiana, From and After December 15, 2019, Through the Pay Period Ending December 12, 2020"**, seconded by Council Member Strick. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and approve on second reading, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Pike made a motion to approve on second and final reading **Ordinance 16-C-19**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 10-R-19: “A Transfer Resolution and Blanket Transfer Resolution Authorization”**, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

Council Member Slusser made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 11-R-19: “An Encumbrance Resolution 2019 for 2020”**, seconded by Council Member Strick. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

MISCELLANEOUS:


Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the November 2019 financials.

Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney reminded the Council of the January 1, 2020 swearing in ceremony, and of the organizational meeting to be held on January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The list of Council Appointments was presented for review and will be voted on at the first Council meeting on January 6, 2020. City Attorney Hartburg corrected the mistaken belief that the Common Council President automatically serves on the Board of Public Works and Safety. He said that City Code Section 30.11(B) states that “The members of the Board of Public Works and Safety are the Mayor and either two or four voters of the city appointed by, and serving at the pleasure of, the Mayor. If a member or members of the Common Council are appointed to the Board, said member(s) shall not receive compensation as a member of that Board, but only as a member of Council.”

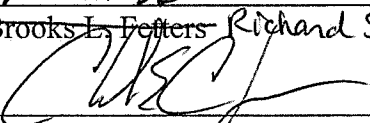
ADJOURNMENT:

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

APPROVED:



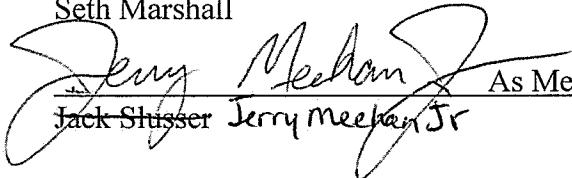
Brooks L. Fetters As Mayor



Charles Chapman As Council President



Seth Marshall As Member



Jack Slusser Jerry Meekhan Jr As Member

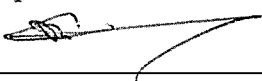
Attest:




Christi A. McElhaney Clerk-Treasurer



Joseph E. Blomeke As Member



Dave Funk As Member



Paul Pike As Member



Richard Strick  Felton As Member