

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013

Public Hearing @ 6:30 p.m. for Additional Appropriations for Various Funds

Clerk-Treasurer Haney stated several of the various funds have adequate revenue to support the request for additional appropriations of the various funds. There were no citizens present to speak for or against the additional appropriations for various funds.

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Croyle

Prayer – Mayor Croyle

Regular meeting @ 6:33 p.m.

Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

Mayor Croyle called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney, recorded the minutes.

The Clerk's roll call showed five City Council Members present.

Precinct 1	Councilor Larry Preston
Precinct 2	Councilor Tom Sells
Precinct 3	Councilor Santiago (Jim) Nunez Jr.
Precinct 4	Councilor Leesa Friend
At Large	Councilor Todd Schroeder

Additional Officials Present:

Gary Girton, Randolph County Commissioner; Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney and Mike Burk, Police Chief

Media Present:

Bill Richmond (News Gazette)

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2013-13

Ordinance No. 2013-13 was presented by Mayor Croyle for a second reading and was entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA." Mayor Croyle explained that this ordinance proclaims all elected officials will receive a salary increase in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) beginning January 1, 2014. Councilor Schroeder moved to have the second reading of Ordinance No. 2013-13 by title only. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilor Nunez casting the negative vote. Second reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2013-13. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilor Nunez casting the negative vote.

Councilor Schroder moved to suspend the rules and have the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2013-13 by title only. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilor Nunez casting the negative vote. Third and final reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2013-13. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilor Nunez casting the negative vote. Thus it becomes Ordinance No. 2013-13.

Union Street Project

Mayor Croyle reported the City is in the process of transferring this project from being a Federally funded project to a State funded project. This is the best way to fund the project. A Memorandum of Understanding will have to be signed between the City and the State. The project was supposed to be let to bid in 2014, this is unlikely. A contract was presented that allowed the bid schedule to be extended until 2015.

Gateway Project

Mayor Croyle explained bids received for the Gateway Project came in well above the engineers estimates. The bids were excessive. The two remaining options are: 1) let the State fill the gap, or 2) re-submit the entire bid for new estimates. The State will provide an Eighty Percent (80%) match on the project so it can proceed. Mayor Croyle requested the City Council, Winchester Redevelopment Commission, and the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) Plan be modified for additional commitment of funds for this project in the future. The construction will begin as soon as weather permits.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2013-7

Resolution No. 2013-7 was presented by Clerk-Treasurer Haney and was entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR VARIOUS CITY FUNDS." Additional Appropriations are being sought for eleven funds: Willow Ridge TIF Fund, Vision Park TIF Fund, East US 27 TIF Fund, Beeson Farm Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, Sidewalk Rehabilitation Fund, Police Department Professional Development Fund, Animal Control Fund, Animal Control Donation Fund, Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund, and Operation Pullover Fund. The procedure for securing the additional appropriations requires a public hearing, scheduled for December 2, and the adoption of the resolution by the City Council. Upon passage of the resolution the additional appropriations will be in effect for the "Reporting Only" Funds to the Department of Local Government and Finance (DLGF).

Councilor Schroeder moved to have the reading of Resolution No. 2013-7 by title only. Councilor Nunez seconded. Reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2013-7. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2013-7.

Aging in Place Grant

Mayor Croyle reported The Board of Public Works and Safety will meet on December 3, 2013 to consider approving six applications from residents for the Aging in Place Grant (Homeowner Repair and Improvement Grant Program). Councilor Schroeder asked about the Aging in Place Program. ARA (Administrative Resources Association) appraises the property for accessibility needs of the owners and makes recommendations to the City about which needs should be addressed.

Additional Projects

INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) will be reconstructing a section of State Highway 32 East from State Highway 27 to County Road 200 East.

The Redevelopment Commission will be reconstructing Greenville Avenue from Highway 27 to the entrance of Wal-Mart.

Leaf Pick-Up

The Street Department is continuing leaf pick up. The last day for leaf pickup is December 6, 2013.

Amanda Drive

Mayor Croyle explained, Mrs. Sonda Hawley would like to dedicate Amanda Drive to the City as a City Street. The street has been paved and repaired. A survey was completed of the area and a legal description of the street also needs to be completed. The expense for the legal description would be approximately Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).

Councilor Schroeder moved to have the legal description of Amanda Drive completed. Councilor Nunez seconded. Councilor Nunez asked where the street ends. Mayor Croyle stated it ends at the last trailer, where the pavement stops. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Croyle will meet with Superintendent Martin and the City Engineers to discuss several potential projects for the City and improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Croyle will be attending the Mayor's Institute on December 4 and December 5, 2013.

Announcements

The Board of Public Works and Safety will meet December 3, 2013, at 8:00 am in the Council Chambers. The Board will be considering approving 6 applicants for the Homeowner Repair Program.

The Work Ready Communities Board will meet December 6, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the goal of obtaining a Work Ready Community status.

Winchester Main Street will host the fifth Breakfast with Santa will be on Friday, December 7, 2013 at 8:30 am at the Towne Square Cinema.

The Dickens' Christmas Festival will be held on December 7, 2013 in beautiful downtown Winchester. The parade is at 3:00 pm and the lighting of the Christmas tree will be at 6:00 pm.

The Winchester Redevelopment Commission will meet December 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

The City Council meeting scheduled for January 6, 2014 is cancelled.

The City Council will meet on January 20, 2014 at 6:30 pm., when they will conduct an organizational meeting and a regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Schroeder moved to adjourn. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The December 2, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Mayor, Steve Croyle

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney