

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Public Hearing @ 6:30 p.m. for Ardagh Group, Upon Application for Determination of Economic Revitalization Area and Adoption of Declaratory Resolution; Proposed Adoption of Confirmatory Resolution

The City Council on January 19, 2015 adopted a Preliminary Declaratory Resolution reaffirming certain real estate located within the city limits of the City of Winchester, Indiana as an Economic Revitalization Area.

Mayor Croyle opened the floor for a public hearing for public comment on the matter.

There being no one requesting to speak, the floor was closed and the public hearing was adjourned.

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Croyle
Prayer – Larry Lennington, Councilor

Regular meeting @ 6:32 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 four City Council Members present.

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

Additional Officials Present:

Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney and Frank Lowrance, Street Department Superintendent

Citizens Present:

Mike and Linda Kennedy (representatives for The Journey Home) and Dwight Albrecht (mayoral candidate for the City of Winchester, Indiana)

Media Present:

Darrell Radford, News Gazette

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilor Lennington moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Court

Councilor Lennington asked if Mayor Croyle had contacted Greg Beumer, State House Representative District 33, about City Court. Mayor Croyle stated legislation has been introduced that will increase the amount the City receives of the fees that are collected. The amount the City currently receives is Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$17.50) per ticket.

Fountain Park Cemetery

Councilor Nunez stated Mr. Larry Preston, treasurer for Fountain Park Cemetery, will be present at the next Council Meeting to present the annual financial report for the Fountain Park Cemetery.

Street Department Dump Trucks

The Street Department recently purchased three new dump trucks. The three dump trucks which have been replaced will be advertised for bids; a reserve bid will be required in the amount of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00).

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda

Mayor Croyle presented a proposed agenda for the Common Council Meetings. This would allow agenda topics to be added or removed. Councilor Sells moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution No. 2015-3

Resolution No. 2015-3 was presented by Ardagh Glass, Inc. and was entitled, "COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA FINAL RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT." Ardagh Glass, Inc. has requested from the City Council a ten-year personal property tax abatement period for a proposed capital improvement project which will include new manufacturing equipment at Ardagh's facility located at 603 E. North Street, Winchester, Indiana, at a gross cost of approximately Seventy Million Eight Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$70,849,276.00).

Councilor Lennington moved to have the reading of Resolution No. 2015-3 by title only. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Reading complete. Councilor Sells moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-3. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2015-3.

Proposed Stop Sign Location - Beeson Drive and Kem Street

Mayor Croyle read an email composed by Shon Byrum, 802 Beeson Drive, requesting a four way stop sign be located at the intersection of Beeson Drive and Kem Street. Several residents who reside on Beeson Drive and who support the four way stop sign were mentioned in the email. Mayor Croyle stated the Council usually assesses the area before discussion. Once the council assesses the area if the proposal for the stop sign has merit, Attorney Cockerill would draft an ordinance for the stop signs.

The Journey Home - American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT)

Michael Kennedy, director of Randolph County Veterans Service, was present to discuss the 40th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. The Vietnam War ended on April 30, 1975. Mr. Kennedy explained Winchester, will be hosting the AVTT (American Veterans Traveling Tribute) wall. The traveling Vietnam

War Memorial will be at Winchester Community High School, from April 30, 2015 to May 3, 2015. There will be a Welcome Home Parade for the 40th Anniversary Vietnam War on May 2, 2015 at 3:00 pm in honor of this event and a "Huey" helicopter will fly into Winchester. A concert will be held in the Goodrich Park at 6:00 pm. A 32 page booklet for this event is being published; all Vietnam Veterans in Randolph County can be part of this booklet. Commemorative coins, stamped by Silvertowne, will be available for purchase. Mayor Croyle will donate One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be expensed from the Mayor's Promotional Fund for the event. The booklet and advertisements were discussed. KISS-TV from Union City and WIPB-PBS from Muncie has been contacted about this event; segments of the event may be televised.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Croyle met with INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) to finalize various projects within the City.

The Winchester Redevelopment Commission's (WRC) Façade Committee met to discuss protocols and procedures. The WRC will consider applications for Façade renovation at the regular meeting on February 12, 2015.

The Randolph Economic Development Corporation will contribute funding for the Work Keys Test for high school students through the Randolph Ready Project. The state provides funding for the testing of adults, but not for students. Each test cost is Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). Randolph Central School Corporation has agreed to test every senior. The test scores provide employers those applicants which have the necessary skills to learn the job positions that need to be filled.

Mayor Croyle will meet with a prospect on February 6, 2015.

Mayor Croyle will be hosting a meeting with Jeff Raatz, Senator for Indiana Senate District 27 on February 13, 2015. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current issues pending with the legislators.

City of Winchester EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) Plan Executive Order No.2015-1

Mayor Croyle submitted a capital improvement plan; the purpose is to specify the uses of the revenues to be received by the City from EDIT.

The amendments to the plan include:

- Brycon Industries, LLC, Repairs on Real Estate and Infrastructure Upgrades in the amount of \$25,000.00
- Sandifar & Luzader Automotive Group, LLC doing business as (DBA) Sandifar Automotive Group, LLC, Facility Upgrades and Improvements in Lieu of Tax Abatement in the sum of \$15,000.00

Announcements

The Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting met earlier today.

An Emergency Management meeting which will include the Randolph Commissioners and the Randolph Ready Commission will be held on February 4, 2015.

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee will meet on February 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

Sandifar Automotive Group, LLC, 302 N Main Street, will host an open house on February 7, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Sells moved to adjourn. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The February 3, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor, Steve Croyle

ATTEST: _____

Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney