

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Croyle
Prayer – Mayor Croyle

Regular meeting @ 6:41 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 all 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

Additional Officials Present:

Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney; Mike Burk, Police Chief; and Bill Yost, Fire Chief

Citizens Present:

Jim Higgins (London Witte Group), Jeff Shonkwiler (Tax Director, Ardagh Glass Inc.), Gary Jarrett (General Manager, Ardagh Glass Inc. Winchester, Indiana), Bruce Hosier (Executive Director, Randolph Economic Development Corporation), Deb Henning and Bob McCoy

Media Present:

Darrel Radford, News Gazette

Approval of the Minutes:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Court

Councilor Lennington stated Greg Beumer, State Representative for District 33, should attend a Council Meeting so the courts could be discussed again. The City should be getting more money for processing tickets. State Representative Beumer could present this idea during the legislative sessions. Mayor Croyle stated IACT (Indiana Association of Cities and Towns) also sponsors a legislative agenda each year to present to the state legislators. It could be discussed for this agenda as well. This is worth exploration.

Fountain Park Cemetery Board

Councilor Nunez stated the Fountain Park Cemetery Board meet on January 13, 2015. Money had to be allocated for the projects that were completed last year. Larry Preston will present the financial report at the next Council Meeting. All the advertising is completed though local services. The newspaper works with the Cemetery on advertising. John Slocum spoke to the Board at the last meeting about the excavation work he performs for the cemetery. Royce Myers will be the speaker at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ardagh Glass Inc.

Mayor Croyle explained representatives from Ardagh Group are present to discuss a reinvestment into Ardagh Plant #17 located at 603 E. North Street, Winchester, Indiana (formally Anchor Glass Container). Mr. Jim Higgins presented a financial statement for Ardagh Plant #17. Mr. Jeff Shonkwiler, Tax Director for Ardagh Glass Inc., gave a presentation about the company and the plant in Winchester. A history of the company was discussed. The financial aspects of renovating the plant in Winchester were presented. The Ardagh representatives have met with many county and city officials to discuss this project and tax assessments so Ardaugh can make this project viable. The total investment by Ardagh will be Seventy One Million Dollars (\$71,000,000.00). In the event where renovations are not completed, the plant will shut down. Mr. Shonkwiler presented a presentation (attached to the minutes) titled "A Global Leader In Packing Solutions". Over half of the glass plants in the United States have closed since 1980. Ardagh is completely committed to containers (they have no other industries). Ardagh employs over 20,000 people throughout the world. Gary Jarrett explained, the Winchester Plant has been through major changes in the past to get to this point. Canning jars are made in Winchester. The plant operations were explained. Councilor Friend asked when construction should be complete on this project. Mr. Garrett stated mid October 2015. Once the renovations are completed an open house will be hosted. Mr. Bruce Hosier, reported the State of Indiana, through IEDC (Indiana Economic Development Corporation), has committed to invest training dollars to aid with training employees on the new equipment. Five new machines will be purchased and one machine will be refurbished. Mr. Hosier is excited about this opportunity for Winchester and the surrounding areas. The County discussed a Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) investment into this project for labor and training. The most important component of this project is the employees and the jobs that will be maintained in Winchester. Councilor Nunez stated this is an opportunity to invest in the community.

Resolution No. 2015-1

Resolution No. 2015-1 was presented by Mayor Croyle and was entitled, " PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVING PERSONAL PROERTY TAX ABATEMENT."

Councilor Schroeder moved to have the reading of Resolution No. 2015-1 by title only. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2015-1 by title only. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2015-1.

Public Hearing For Ardagh Group

A public hearing will be held upon the Application for Determination of Economic Revitalization Area, filed by Ardagh Group on February 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the public hearing. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2015-1

Ordinance No. 2015-1 was presented by Mayor Croyle and was entitled, "AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 2010-7 OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING THE USE OF CERTAIN MOTORIZED VEHICLES." The City Code needs to be amended because the State has assumed the licensing of mopeds.

Councilor Schroeder moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-1 by title only. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 5-0. First reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-1. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilor Schroeder moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-1 by title only. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Second reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2015-1. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilor Schroeder moved to suspend the rules and have the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2015-1 by title only. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Third and final reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2015-1. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Thus it becomes Ordinance No. 2015-1.

Resolution No. 2015-2

Resolution No. 2015-2 was presented by Clerk-Treasurer Haney and was entitled, "RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS OF DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS OF VARIOUS FUNDS CITY OF WINCHESTER."

Councilor Schroeder moved to have the reading of Resolution No. 2015-2 by title only. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 4-0 (Councilor Sells stepped out). Reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2015-2. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Committee Formation

Councilor Friend would like to form a committee to determine if any money could be saved in various departments. Services could be merged. The committee meetings would need to be advertised as a public meeting if the committee is composed of a majority of the Councilmembers. Councilor Friend and Councilor Lennington agreed to be on the committee.

Department Reports

Frank Lowrance, Street Department Superintendent –no report submitted.

Mike Burk, Police Chief – submitted a written report.

Kathy Bond, Parks Department Superintendent – no report was submitted.

Bill Yost, Fire Chief –submitted a written report.

Chris Martin, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent – no report submitted.

Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the department reports. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Accounts Payable Vouchers

The end of December accounts payable vouchers (APV) totaled Two Hundred Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$202,754.56).

General Fund

\$2,198.88

Local Road and Street	\$23,811.00
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$3,082.94
Fire Dept. Non Reverting Training Fund	\$11.37
Operation Pull Over Grant	\$4,188.91
Aging in Place	\$49,412.00
Weed Assessment Fund	\$44,163.08

The January 1 thru January 14 accounts payable vouchers totaled Two Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$291,557.11).

General Fund	\$43,082.76
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$13,264.35
Light Fund	\$4,752.65
Court Cash Due County Fund	\$966.00
LLE Continuing Ed. Fund	\$3,243.17
City Court User Fee Fund	\$700.00
Cumulative Capital Improvement	\$4,237.05
Beeson Estate Farm Fund	\$517.19
Fire Pension Fund	\$3,184.05
Operation Pull Over	\$126.85
K-9 Donation	\$140.98
Police Department Donation Fund Walmart	\$11.25
Ambulance Non Reverting Fund	\$3,875.28
CEDIT	\$53,500.00
Winchester Police Professional Development	\$175.00
Fire Department Professional Development	\$96.16
Employee Welfare Benefit Plan	\$7,094.31

Weed Assessment	\$1,410.00
Sidewalk Rehabilitation Fund	\$419.30
Animal Control Fund	\$1,041.07

The Payroll accounts payable vouchers totaled One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and Forty Three Cents (\$131,767.43). The total of all accounts payable vouchers Six Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Seventy Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$626,079.10). Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk-Treasurer’s Report

Clerk-Treasurer Haney stated the City has accomplished a balanced budget for 2014. The profit and loss reports reflect this information. The Profit and Loss Reports also provide supporting figures for funds (General, MVH, Park, Lights and CCD) primarily supported from property tax revenues. The total cash balance of all city funds is Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Seventy Four Cents (\$4,872,532.74). Revenues Received from Certified Shares were distributed into the following funds:

MVH Fund - \$175,000.00	(estimated \$110,000.00)
Lights Fund - \$23,500.00	(estimated \$15,000.00)
Park Fund - \$74,000.00	(estimated \$40,000.00)

A temporary transfer out of the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$22,152.71 and a temporary transfer into the Gateway Improvements (Signage) Fund in the amount of \$22,152.71 was completed at year end. The Gateway Fund will be reimbursed once pending claims are approved from INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation).

Cancelation of Warrants

Clerk-Treasurer Haney presented the Cancelation of Warrants for 2015. The amount of the cancelation of warrants is Seventy One Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$71.46). Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the cancelation of warrants. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

State Road 32 Project

Bob McCoy, 196 S Tamarac, asked for an update of the State Road 32 Project. Mayor Croyle explained the project is at several different levels. All of the utilities have been relocated and the water lines need to be tested. Once these test results are complete the laterals will be tied into the new line. The storm lines have not been relocated. The road expansion and sidewalks will begin once the utilities are approved. The project is expected to continue through 2015.

OMCO Machining Concepts

Mayor Croyle reported he recently met with Nick Hess and Rick Fotoa, union representatives for OMCO Machining Concepts which is now Ross International, a parent company. The reason for their meeting

was the local facility will be closing by, April 30, 2015. OMCO currently employees ten full time employees. The City of Winchester proposed tax abatement to Ross International for the purpose of encouraging the plant to remain open; however it was refused. Mayor Croyle traveled to the corporate offices headquarters in Washington, PA to discuss issues. Mayor Croyle stated most of their operations are going to South America and Hungary.

Capital Improvement Plan EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) Amendment

Mayor Croyle announced two businesses could be added to the EDIT plan and funding may be offered as an incentive package for coming to Winchester. The total of both projects will not exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). Sandifar Automotive could receive Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and Bicron LLC could receive Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Mayor's Report

Mayor Croyle will attend a Mayor's Roundtable on January 29, 2015 in Indianapolis and a legislative committee meeting on January 30, 2015 in Indianapolis.

Mayor Croyle will be out of the office from January 21, 2015 to January 23, 2015.

Mayor Croyle recognized Martin Luther King Day and talked about the day Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Mayor Croyle stated we should honor the dream Dr. King had.

Announcements

The Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting will be held on January 20, 2015 at 8:00 am in the Council Chambers.

The Randolph County Economic Development Board Meeting will be held on January 20, 2015.

Winchester Area Chamber of Commerce will perform a ribbon cutting at Bella Blue, 108 W. Washington Street, on January 22, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

A Randolph Ready Meeting will be held on January 28, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Schroeder moved to adjourn. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The January 19, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Mayor, Steve Croyle

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney

