

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

**Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations @ 6:30 pm.
Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.**

Mayor Byrum called the meeting to order. Clerk-Treasurer Haney stated various funds are seeking to appropriate additional funding than was appropriated in the 2017 budget. Those funds include the LLECE, LOIT, Beeson Park, Ambulance Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, Fire Pension Fund, DUI Grant Fund, Substance Abuse Grant, Fire Infrastructure Grant, Union Street Project, New K-9 Fund, and Operation Pull over Grant and the original K-9 Fund. No one spoke for or against the additional appropriations.

Mayor Byrum closed the public hearing at 6:32 pm.

Regular meeting @ 6:33 p.m.
Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

Pledge – Mayor Byrum
Moment of Silence – Mayor Byrum

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

The Clerk-Treasurer's roll call showed three City Council Members present.

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| District 1 | Councilor Larry Lennington | absent |
| District 2 | Councilor Tom Sells | |
| District 3 | Councilor Dave Furby | absent |
| District 4 | Councilor Leesa Friend | |
| At Large | Councilor Missy Williams | |

Additional Officials Present:

Tom Cockerill, City Attorney; Rich Tucker, Police Chief; Gary Moore, Fire Chief; and Shean Bosworth, Street and Park Department Superintendent

Media Present:

Bill Richmond (Star 98.3)

Citizens Present:

Dustin Pitman, John Brutchen, Robert Cantrell, Joan Ashley, Jim Wallace, Bridget Ashley, Casandra Tooley, Kathy Monroe, Jakob Bilbrey, Kristopher H. Bilbrey, Joni Bilbrey, Lynn Humphry, Bryn Albertson, Joseck Albertson, Kody Starks, Eldon Solomon, Murry Schemmer, Beverly Schemmer, Bob McCoy, Jim Nunez Jr.,

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilor Friend moved to approve the meeting minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting. Councilor Williams seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Concerns:

Dustin Pitman, owner of the property located at 418 N. West Street, stated he would like to have this property rezoned from Manufacturing to Residential Multi-Use. Mr. Pitman is open to ideas about what can be done with the building to benefit the community. A map of the zoning for that area was presented. The building needs more work and development, but the rezoning will allow Mr. Pitman to proceed with his plans. Mr. Pitman does not expect an answer tonight; he just wanted to present the information for the Council's consideration.

Joan Bilbrey, 318 S. Meridian Street, prepared a statement that was read to the Council. She asked for the Council Members to put their selves in her position living close the proposed rehabilitation center. This is currently a quite neighborhood and this is going to change with the rehabilitation center. She is being striped of feeling safe and secure in her own home and she is being forced into a position where she feels she has not choice in the matter.

Beverly Schemmer, 1614 S. Old Highway 27, stated it is her understanding that the people who would be housed in this facility would be those in need of care. People who are less fortunate need to be considered. Mrs. Schemmer is thankful she does not live in that type of position; she wants to help those who need help. The people who would be housed there are in the community already. This facility would give them treatment and care. She was taught to help these types of people and she believes this will help.

Fountain Park Cemetery

Mr. Jim Nunez stated the year end items are being finished and projects are being completed. Some of the equipment needed to be repaired. Mr. Nunez thanked the Street Department for their helping with the equipment. Mr. Nunez appreciates the City working with the Cemetery to help when it is needed. A holiday calendar will be available for the Cemetery for 2018. The bylaws will be amended to state the Council appointee does not have to own a lot to be on the cemetery board.

Bicentennial Committee Report

Mr. Jim Nunez Jr., member of the Randolph County and City Bicentennial Committee. Several citizens have come together to develop a bicentennial plaza. It will be located on the Southside of the courthouse. The County has approved this plan. Donations will be accepted for the plaza to the courthouse square. This project would be under construction from April to August. Two Indiana State Governors have resided in Randolph County. A Bicentennial Gala Event will be held on January 6, 2017.

Digital Information Sign

Mayor Byrum stated the City has been approached by an individual who is interested in the digital sign that was located at City Hall. The sign could be bid out if the Council wishes. The minimum bid amount would need to be set. The sign needed to be repaired however it was cheaper to replace the sign than to repair it. A non-digital sign was purchased and placed at City Hall. Council agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting.

Special Meeting

Mayor Byrum stated Council Sells would like to propose an oversite committee for the Winchester House Project. A special meeting could be scheduled to discuss the Winchester House Project.

Councilor Sells suggested a special meeting on November 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Winchester House Project. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution No. 2017-10

Resolution No. 2017-10 was presented by Clerk-Treasurer Haney and was entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION FOR VARIOUS FUNDS."

Councilor Sells moved to have the reading of Resolution No. 2017-10 by title only. Councilor Williams seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Reading complete. Councilor Sells moved to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2017-10. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2017-10.

Ordinance No. 2017-18

Ordinance No. 2017-18 was presented by Mayor Byrum and was entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF WINCHESTER AMENDING CHAPTER 75 SCHEDULE 4 SUBSECTION B, ROADS."

Councilor Sells moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-18 by title only. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 3-0. First reading complete. Councilor Sells moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-18. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Parking Restriction on Union Street

Councilor Sells moved to table the second reading until the next meeting. Council Williams seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Accounts Payable Vouchers

The end of October accounts payable vouchers (APV) totaled Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Ten Cents (\$69,232.10).

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| General Fund | \$1,489.33 |
| DUI Task Force Grant Fund | \$4,178.46 |
| Ambulance Non Reverting Fund | \$7.06 |
| Employee Welfare Benefit Plan | \$30,000.00 |
| Firemen's Pension Fund | \$1,245.28 |
| Union Street Reconstruction Fund | \$688.00 |

The November 1 thru November 15 accounts payable vouchers totaled Four Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$429,519.71). This total includes the payment for the sanitation truck.

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| General Fund | \$29,259.18 |
| Motor Vehicle Highway Fund | \$8,887.73 |
| Light Fund | \$4,956.47 |
| LLE Continuing Education Fund | \$110.00 |
| City Court User Fee Fund | \$1,251.00 |
| Fire Dept. Donation Wal-Mart | \$50.12 |
| Fire Dept. Non Reverting Training Fund | \$787.50 |
| Fireman's Pension Fund | \$5,130.01 |
| Ambulance Non Reverting Fund | \$15,911.83 |
| CEDIT Fund | \$3,284.99 |

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| Employee Welfare Benefit Fund | \$53,877.76 |
| Police Dept. Professional Development Fund | \$90.00 |
| Sidewalk Rehabilitation Fund | \$766.80 |
| Union street Reconstruction Fund | \$25,356.43 |
| Fire Dept. Prof Development Fund | \$16.55 |
| Court Cash Due County Fee | \$949.00 |

The Payroll accounts payable vouchers totaled One Hundred Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Forty Cents (\$142,117.40). The total of all accounts payable vouchers is Six Hundred Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$641,266.40). Councilor Williams asked about the claim from Briggs Construction. Mayor Byrum explained the Fire Department was awarded a grant from District 6 Training Center; it is a reimbursable grant and the City will be reimbursed. Mayor Byrum stated the Board of Public Works and Safety approved to replace the WIFI system that connects the City Buildings with the other City owned buildings. Public WIFI could be offered at the Beeson Community Building and in Goodrich Park. Councilor Williams moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor's Report

Welcome Home for Christmas Community Event will be held in downtown Winchester, November 30, 2017. The Street Department will begin hanging Christmas lights in the downtown area.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Williams moved to adjourn. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The November 20, 2017 meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST: _____
Vicki Haney, Clerk-Treasurer