

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Additional Appropriations

Mayor Byrum opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Additional Appropriations for L.O.I.T. Fund in the amount of \$171,810.00

C.C. D Fund in the amount of \$75,000.00

Ambulance Fund in the amount of \$45,000.

There being no one to speak for or against the public hearing, Mayor Byrum closed the floor at 6:31 p.m.

2020 Budget

Mayor Byrum opened the floor of the public hearing concerning the 2020 Budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Haney stated the 2020 Budget provides for appropriations totaling eight million two hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,284,570.00).

There being no one to speak for or against the public hearing. Mayor Byrum closed the floor at 6:32 p.m.

Council Chamber/City Hall/113 E. Washington Street
Meeting @ 6:33 p.m.

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 four City Council Members present.

District 1	Councilor Larry Lennington	
District 2	Councilor Tom Sells	
District 3	Councilor Ron Loyd	ABSENT
District 4	Councilor Leesa Friend	
At Large	Councilor Jason Allen	

Additional Officials Present:

James Fry, City Court Judge; Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney; Chris Martin, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent; Dwayne Wiggins, Fire Chief; Shean Bosworth, Streets and Parks Superintendent and Jon Reed, Police Chief

Citizens Present

Roger Miller, Robert Moore, Rick Sanders, Mark Burton, Lynn Humphrey, Kristopher Bilbrey, Linda Rittenhouse, Jim Nunez, Jr., Karen Wilkins, Bob McCoy and Deb Henning

Media Present:

Bill Richmond (Star 98.3 Radio)
Kate Thornburg (News-Gazette Newspaper)

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilor Friend moved to approve the meeting minutes for the August 15, 2019 meeting.
Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Issues and Concerns

Councilor Allen updated attendees on the wind turbine located at Vision Park. He spoke to Siemens Gamesa, who is planning to be here tomorrow to meet with Indiana Michigan Power Utility Company. There's a problem with the transformer and the line that feeds to the turbine. They have to identify the specific issue and hopefully that won't be too big of a cost. One problem is that the contract with Siemens Gamesa is specifically for the turbine, not the power feeding the turbine. Indiana-Michigan Power is responsible for that.

There being no further council concerns, the floor was closed.

Public Concerns

Mayor Byrum opened the floor for public concerns.

Jim Nunez brought the Fountain Park Cemetery written report; as well as a verbal report to the Council. They've been holding steady this month. They've been working on remodeling the house, which hasn't been updated in twenty-something years. The board decided to fix the water lines because of the water leaks. The month finished with a loss of eight thousand eight hundred fourteen dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$8,814.57), which was because people were paid in advance to do the foundations. Now, they're a month ahead. They're only about one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) "in the hole," but that will be paid with no penalties. They've additionally saved a lot of money on fuel. This coming Saturday, Wicks Pies will be celebrating being in business for Seventy-Five (75) years. WCCPC (Winchester Community Cultural Preservation Committee) Mardi Gras will be happening soon, there are a lot of surprises for that. One such surprise will be to honor the police, fire, and EMS teams.

There being no further public concerns, the floor was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Demolition Bids

As known by the Council, the Mayor had rejected all the bids and there was a rebidding process which closed by September 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Two (2) bids have been submitted. Culy Contracting demolition for 843 North Meridian, 213 E Short, 518 North West, and 534 South West, for a total of twenty-five thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$25,285.00). The second bidder, Burton Excavating & Trucking, bid on the same properties for a total of nineteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$19,400) unless they dropped the 534 South West property, in which case it would cost fourteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$14,950.00). In addition, there was an offer from Kathy Cox, to purchase 843 N Meridian St, for one hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Her intent is to clean up and maintain the property.

Councilor Allen moved to accept Burton Excavating's bid and request that they demolish 843 N Meridian last so they could find out if Ms. Cox plans to demolish the property. If they don't hear from her by September 30, they'll give Burton Excavating the go-ahead to demolish the property. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Salary Ordinance No. 2019-9

Salary Ordinance No. 2019-9 was presented entitled "AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY, 2020".

Clerk-Treasurer Haney recommended that the Council consider having the first and second reading of the ordinance this evening and final reading to adopt the ordinance for the salary along with the budget on October 21. Mayor Byrum commented they had decided to give all full-time employees a well-deserved Fifty Cent (0.50) raise.

Councilor Friend moved to have Ordinance No. 2019-9 read by title only. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The ordinance was read by title only.

Councilor Sells moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-9. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Friend moved to suspend the rules and do the second reading of Ordinance 2019-9 by title only. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The ordinance was read for the second time by title only.

Councilor Sells moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-9. Councilor Lennington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-10

Ordinance No. 2019-10 was presented entitled "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA". The ordinance includes a Three Thousand Dollar (\$3,000) increase in salary for the Mayor's position. Councilor Allen moved to read Ordinance No. 2019-10 by title only for the first

reading. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The ordinance was read for the first time by title only.

Councilor Sells moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-10. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Allen moved to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-10 by title only. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The ordinance was read for the second time by title only.

Councilor Sells moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-10. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 2019-11

Ordinance No. 2019-11 was presented entitled "ORDINANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES". This ordinance allows approving budgets for the 2020 budget year.

Councilor Sells moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-11 by title only. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The ordinance was read by title only.

Councilor Allen moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-11. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Sells moved to have the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-11. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The ordinance was read by title only.

Councilor Sells moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-11. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 2019-20

Clerk-Treasurer Haney presented Resolution No. 2019-20 entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA, ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR VARIOUS FUNDS".

Councilor Sells moved to read Resolution No. 2019-20 done by title only. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilor Sells moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-20. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2019-20.

Resolution No. 2019-21

Attorney Cockerill presented Resolution No. 2019-21 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FROM THE RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA". This is to obtain the deed for 214 W South St. Councilor Sells moved to read Resolution No. 2019-21 by title only. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Resolution No. 2019-21 was read by title only.

Councilor Sells moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-21. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2019-21.

Accounts Payable Vouchers (APV)

Clerk-Treasurer Haney presented APV for the end of the month equaled fifty-seven thousand nine hundred twenty-eight dollars and sixty-one cents (\$57,928.61).

General	\$2,234.76
Motor Vehicle Highway	\$187.05
Ambulance Non Reverting	\$192.06
Employee Welfare Benefit Plan	\$55,314.74

The September 1-11 General APV totaled forty-nine thousand one hundred eighty-three Dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49,183.99).

General Fund	\$21,265.76
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$539.68
Light Fund	\$5,311.87
Court Cash Due County	\$770.00
City Court User Fee	\$158.00
Fireman's Pension Fund	\$3,548.50
Ambulance Non-Reverting Fund	\$2,102.18
Vision Park TIF	\$450.00
Sidewalk Rehabilitation	\$5,925.00
Tomasco TIF	\$7,613.00
East US 27 TIF	\$1,500.00

Payroll equaled twenty-nine thousand three hundred eighty-two dollars and eighty-six cents (\$29,382.86) Total APV equaled one hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred eighty-five dollars and forty-six cents (\$131,495.46).

Councilor Allen requested the Pizza Hut claim would be expensed from the Mayor Promotional fund.

Councilor Sells moved to approve the claims with the amendment to disburse the Pizza Hut claim from the Mayor's promotional fund. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Additional Appropriation Request

Clerk-Treasurer Haney brought to the council the consideration to appropriate an additional thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) to L.O.I.T. (Local Option Income Tax) for wages for the remainder of the year. In addition, she asked them to consider an additional appropriation of two hundred and fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the Vision Park TIF Fund.

Councilor Allen moved to approve the public hearing for the additional appropriation for LOIT in the amount of thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) and Vision Park in the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be considered on October 21, 2019. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Economic Development

Mayor Byrum asked Council what they would like to do with Economic Development.

Councilor Friend said there seems to be only one quote for each job Sanders Service is requesting and wondered if the council had asked for more. Sanders Service is requesting a fifty percent (50%) reimbursement of approximately one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of renovation and repairs at 201 North Main and 210 North Main including the fence recently installed on 119 N. Martin Street. They're not trying to borrow the money. They would hope to have these renovations done over the next three (3) to six (6) months. They have eight (8) full-time employees. They see no reason they wouldn't continue to serve the City of Winchester and if in the next five (5) years they don't continue in Winchester they would pay the loan in full and they would sell properties to cover that if necessary. Essentially, they are asking the City for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). A barrier is that it wasn't in the budget. Councilor Sells said he's been on the Council for twelve (12) years and he's never seen this amount of money given. Mayor Byrum clarified that in 2016 the previous administration made an economic agreement for fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). This was solely funded by the redevelopment commission. (Per Clerk-Treasurer disbursement was made from E.D.I.T. Fund, approved by City Council in January, 2016). There was also an agreement with Indiana Landmarks of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) a year. Mr. Sanders said the fence cost about nine thousand three hundred dollars (\$9,300). Fifty percent (50%) of that is four thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$4,650). Councilor Allen said that since this idea was proposed, he has received many phone calls of citizens who do not support this funding. Other businesses are in compliance with the ordinance and it seems unfair to them. Richard Waters said they would like to be a service to the community, or they can leave cars sitting on the side of the road. They don't want to be an eyesore but they need to get the money together. Councilor Allen is curious if this is worth the investment. Mr. Waters would like an explanation as to why he wouldn't get economic development funds when others do. Councilor Friend said there is a conflict because someone at a previous meeting was willing to purchase land but the Mayor said that was for the next administration. Why didn't this wait for the next administration? Mayor Byrum asked if there was any movement on the council for an additional appropriation. There was not. Mayor Byrum said he can't help without the funding. He thanked Sanders Service for seventeen (17) years in the community.

Adjournment

There being no further information to discuss, Councilor Friend motioned to adjourn. Councilor Allen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The September 16, 2019 meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor, Shon Byrum

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney