

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 06, 2020

Regular meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

Pledge – Mayor McCoy
Moment of Silence – Mayor McCoy

Mayor McCoy called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer, Kerry Sayre, recorded the minutes.

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

District 1	Councilor John R. Boyd
District 2	Councilor Terry Alfrey
District 3	Councilor Jim Nunez Jr.
District 4	Councilor Leesa Friend/Teale
At Large	Councilor Tom Sells

Additional Officials Present:

Meeks Cockerill, Attorney; Dwayne Wiggins, Fire Chief, and John Reed, Police Chief

Citizens Present:

Vickie Nunez, James Smith, Wesley Smith, Debbie Hennings, Joan Ashley, Stephen Teale, Linda Rittenhouse, Mike Wickersham, Jim Michael, Shelley McCoy, Leann Haviza, Peter Haviza, Gary Girton, Dalton Brown, and Shawn Patterson

Media Present:

Bill Richmond, Star 98.3 WZZY Radio Station
Kate Thornburg, News Gazette
Jeff Ward, News Gazette

Council Appointments

Council President – Leesa Friend-Teale
Solid Waste District – Leesa Friend-Teale
Area Planning Commission – Terry Alfrey
Fountain Park Cemetery Board Citizen Position – Janet Winbigler
Fountain Park Cemetery Board Council Position – Jim Nunez Jr.
Redevelopment Commission – Tom Sells and John R Boyd
Councilor Nunez motioned to approve the positions appointed by the council. Councilor Sells seconded.
Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Appointments

Goodrich Park Board – Drew Lavern, Terry Alfrey, Tom Armstrong, Al Williams
Board of Public Works and Safety – Ron Loyd and Jim Michael
Redevelopment Commission – Jim Nunez Jr., Joe Batt, Connan Wallace

Board of Zoning and Appeals – Jason Hawley, Bill Davis, Elijah Jones
Area Planning – Bryn Albertson
Tourism – Suzanne Simon and Kathy Wallace
Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission – Bob McCoy
Alcoholic Beverage Board – Mark Stevick
Wastewater Superintendent – Chris Martin
Street and Park Superintendent – Shean Bosworth
Fire Chief – Dwayne Wiggins
Police Chief – Jon Reed
City Attorney – Meeks Cockerill

Common Council Meeting Days for 2020

Council agreed to have the council meetings on the first and third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Nunez made a motion to hold the City council meetings on the first and third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Friend-Teale seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

E-Gov Strategies, LLC

The E-Gov claim (APV) that was presented to Council at the December 16, 2019 meeting will be paid. Kirstin Wallace, the administrative assistant, will be maintaining the website. E-Gov and Angela Newman have both said that they would help provide training for the City's website. She will be making the website look more appealing. Councilor Friend-Teale said that she spoke with E-Gov a couple years ago and they had told her then that there is training available, and that each individual department could control their portion of the website. Councilor Friend-Teale then asked if we could get the current copy of the contract to look over and review.

Karen Wilkins, 638 N. Residence, Winchester

Mrs. Wilkins' property is along the border of the park near hole 14 of the disk golf course. There is a drive that the Wilkins' have been using for many years now, but the driveway is the City's property. Mrs. Wilkins is willing to survey the property and put a fence up. Attorney Cockerill said that the property was already surveyed and that there is a line, but he is unsure if there is a legal description or not. Councilor Friend-Teale asked if there would need to be an appraisal for the property; Attorney Cockerill responded by saying it depends on what the council decides to do with the property. If the property is going to be sold to Mrs. Wilkins, then yes it would need to be appraised. Councilor Friend-Teale believes that Mrs. Wilkins is willing to pay for whatever it costs to get the inspection done, the piece of property, and to put a natural barrier up. The lot that they are wanting was given to the City from a previous owner. Councilor Friend-Teale asked if there would be any issues with selling the property, if the Council so chooses. Attorney Cockerill stated that we would need to review the Goodrich Park Trust documents to know whether the City could sell the property.

IT/CDO

CDO Technologies handles the City's server, network, and IT issues. Angela Newman, who works for CDO Technologies, is on call at an hourly rate. Councilor Friend-Teale stated that she believes that Angela's hourly rate is sixty dollars per hour (\$60.00). The City has a contract with CDO and could call them any

time for help, but it would be a lot costlier for the City and they wouldn't be able to respond as quickly as what Angela can. Councilor Friend-Teale reached out to Angela to see about her being the sole contact for any technical issues that the City might have. Angela responded by saying that it is a good idea to have more than one contact that can access the network, and that she suggests that there be two.

EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) Plan

The EDIT Plan must go before the EDIT Board on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor is required by state code to make an EDIT Plan to put 75% of their EDIT funds towards projects. Mayor McCoy stated that his goal is to take care of sidewalks and blighted properties and cleaning up the City. The Mayor would like to get a blight committee back together. Councilor Friend-Teale asked if the Mayor was allotting any money for blighted property removal. Mr. McCoy stated that it doesn't say that the money will be going specifically to blighted property removal, but it could be considered under economic development. He also stated that if they wanted to change it and have it specifically allocated for blighted property removal, then they could do that at another meeting. Councilor Friend-Teale asked if the Council needed to do anything for Apex so they can get their money, and Attorney Cockerill said that once the EDIT plan is submitted and the documents are signed, then the City can issue a check.

Council Concerns

Councilor Nunez would like the Neighborhood Watch Program to give an update at the third Monday of the month meeting. Councilor Friend-Teale asked that the department heads attend the third Monday meeting of the month to help with explaining the claims if there are any questions because of the new council members and clerk-treasurer. Councilor Friend-Teale also asked if Councilor Alfrey could give a report on what happens at the park board meeting, so they can be aware of what is going on. Councilor Nunez then stated that since there will be people from each board attending the meetings we should just have each board give a brief report of what's going on.

Adjournment

There being nothing further to discuss, Councilor Sells moved to adjourn the January 06, 2020 Council meeting. Councilor Friend-Teale seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor, Bob McCoy

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer, Kerry Sayre