

**COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CIVIL CITY OF UNION CITY, INDIANA  
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Bryan Conklin presiding. Mayor Conklin welcomed all of those in attendance. The meeting was not recorded by K.I.S.S.-TV.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and prayer was led by Mayor Conklin.

**ROLL CALL**

Those in attendance were: Greg Harshman, Jim Hufford, Tim Heuss, Ron Holt, Jr. and Chad Spence.

Also attending were: City Manager Monte Poling, Clerk-Treasurer Anita Amspaugh, Board of Works members Susan Pyle and Bob Gentry, City Attorney Ryan Prinkey.

Visitors were: Spring Schaupp, Linda Wilcox, Jeannie Collins, Mike Collins, Amanda McFerrin of The News-Gazette.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- Minutes
- Claims

Chad Spence moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented and Ron Holt seconded. All ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mayor Conklin reiterated his efforts to publish a City-wide newsletter by the end of January. He asked Council members to submit anything they would like to include in the newsletter as soon as possible.

Mayor Conklin announced that there will be a swearing in ceremony on Sunday, January 1, at 2:00 p.m. for all newly elected officers.

Mayor Conklin reported that his meeting Indiana Economic Development went well.

Mayor Conklin thanked Bob Gentry for his services as a Board of Works member during the last four years and announced that Philip Brewer will be replacing him on the Board effective January 1.

Clerk-Treasurer Anita Amspaugh announced her holiday office scheduled closings.

City Manager Monte Poling reported that there will be a stakeholder meeting for the Communities for a Lifetime grant opportunity on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and discussed what the grant could include for the City.

**VISITOR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Linda Wilcox, 526 West Division Street, the newly elected City Judge, announced that she will be changing the court times. She announced that ordinance infractions will be on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and misdemeanors will be Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. until finished. She asked everyone in attendance to help spread the word about the time and date changes.

Jeannie Collins of 336 South Columbia Street asked for a progress report on her complaints related to the properties to the south of her home. Discussion. Ms. Collins suggested that any newsletter sent out to the citizens be translated into Spanish for the non-English speaking citizens in the City.

#### PRESENTERS ON AGENDA

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2011-14-Ordinance to Fix Annual Compensation for Elected Officers– Clerk-Treasurer Anita Amspaugh explained that this ordinance gives the position of mayor and position of clerk-treasurer a \$750.00 raise for 2012 which is the same raise given to the employees and department heads. Chad Spence moved to approve Ordinance 2011-14 on the second reading by title only and Jim Hufford seconded. Council members were polled and all ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

Review of Harter Park Survey – Discussed earlier at public meeting. Bob Gentry asked that it be added to the minutes that Harter Park depends largely on donations and thanked all organizations that have made the park what is now.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2011-R-09-Transferring Funds within Budget Classifications for Increase/Decrease Purposes – Chad Spence moved at approve Resolution 2011-R-09 and Tim Heuss seconded. Council members were polled and all ayes were received (5-0), motion carried.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Chad Spence announced that Councilor Ron Holt will be leaving for Haiti next week and asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Conklin announced that the next regular council meeting will be on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, Chad Spence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Hufford seconded the motion. All ayes, (5-0), motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.