

March 17, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, INDIANA

The Common Council of the City of New Haven, Indiana, met at the City Administration Building on the 17th day of March at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in regular session in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Steve McMichael who presided.

Mayor Steve McMichael asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor McMichael asked for a moment of silence of reflection on the effects COVID-19 virus will have on families and businesses within the community.

On call of the roll, the members of the Common Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Terry Werling, Dave Cheviron, Jeff Turner, Craig Dellinger, Mike Mowery, and Matthew Kennedy

Absent: Floyd Ball

Also Present: Attorney Steve Harants

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting as mailed. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Title VI Statement

The first item on the agenda was a Resolution Authorizing Clerk-Treasurer to Appoint Deputies. Craig Dellinger made a motion to number and read by title only a Resolution Authorizing Clerk-Treasurer to Appoint Deputies. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Dave Cheviron, Terry Werling, Jeff Turner, Mike Mowery, Matthew Kennedy and Craig Dellinger

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Angie Hamrick numbered and read by title only Resolution R-20-02 Resolution Authorizing Clerk-Treasurer to Appoint Deputies.

Presiding Officer Steve McMichael declared the Resolution R-20-02 to have passed.

The second item on the agenda was Introduction of an Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mike Mowery made a motion to number and read by title only an Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Jeff Turner seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Dave Cheviron, Terry Werling, Jeff Turner, Mike Mowery, Matthew Kennedy and Craig Dellinger

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Angie Hamrick numbered and read by title only Ordinance G-20-04 An Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

The third item on the agenda was New Haven City Council Declaratory Resolution for the Designation of Economic Revitalization Area No. NH-95 Application of Cedar Oak Venture, LLC. Councilman Jeff Turner asked to be removed from the conversation since he works for Continental Diamond Tool Corporation. Terry Werling made a motion to number and read by title only New Haven City Council Declaratory Resolution for the Designation of Economic Revitalization Area No. NH-95 Application of Cedar Oak Venture, LLC. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Dave Cheviron, Terry Werling, Mike Mowery, Matthew Kennedy and Craig Dellinger

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Angie Hamrick numbered and read by title only Resolution R-20-03 New Haven City Council Declaratory Resolution for the Designation of Economic Revitalization Area No. NH-95 Application of Cedar Oak Venture, LLC.

Presiding Officer Steve McMichael announced the Resolution R-20-03 to have passed. Steve McMichael stated there will be a Public Hearing at the next Council Meeting to discuss this Resolution and thanked Nick Viggiano for his continued investment in our community.

The fourth item on the agenda was Introduction of An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility. Craig Dellinger made a motion to number and read by title An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility. Jeff Turner seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Dave Cheviron, Terry Werling, Jeff Turner, Mike Mowery, Matthew Kennedy and Craig Dellinger
Nays: None

Under other business, Mayor Steve McMichael talked about the response of the City of New Haven to COVID-19. The #1 and #2 in each department are supposed to try to limit their time in a room together. This goes for Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer; Fire Chief and EMS Chief; Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief. Mayor McMichael did not attend the Board of Works meeting so Clerk-Treasurer Natalie Strock could. Mayor McMichael talked about the changes made to the sick-leave policy for full-time employees to use sick time for children off school or if a family member would become ill with COVID-19. Community Center is closed. Utility window in City Hall is closed. Payments can be made in the dropbox outside or online. Finger printing and background checks are not currently happening. Most actions can be done on the website www.newhaven.in.gov or call 260-748-7000 before coming in. City Hall is open and employees are taking care of business. Public Safety is in the community taking care of business. Mayor McMichael asked the community to support local bars and restaurants by ordering carry-out. City Hall is ordering lunch daily from local New Haven businesses.

Councilman Craig Dellinger asked if there is a way to have a call in for the public hearing on April 7th. Mayor McMichael said currently the order from Governor Holcomb would need to be reviewed and we could have people email in their comments. Attorney Steve Harants echoed the Mayor's statement and added he would look into it when he got back. The executive order from the Governor was just passed this afternoon.

Councilman Dave Cheviron stated everyone should consider working together during this time of need. Councilman Jeff Turner commented on helping local business as they have supported little leagues and charity events in the past. He also wanted to remind people even though it is a "big" business label does not mean that they are not locally owned. For example, Dairy Queen in New Haven is locally owned. Councilman Craig Dellinger commented on the cooperation of the government and how it has been refreshing to see. Councilman Mike Mowery reminded everyone to keep an eye on your neighbors during this time. Councilman Matthew Kennedy reminded us our children and grandchildren will look back and see how we handled ourselves during this difficult time. Councilman Kennedy said if we support local business then hopefully, we will not lose any local business because of this. Councilman Kennedy gave out opportunity to help pass out food in the community if residents are able during this time period. Councilman Terry Werling commented on that everyone should take this illness seriously. Deputy Clerk Jennifer Strock thanked the Mayor for the new sick leave policy to help a mom with young children take care of her family. Mayor McMichael asked Jennifer about if she found information on the 1918 Spanish flu in the archived documents. Jennifer did not find anything in the documents but will be well documented in 2020. Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, Mike Clendenen, said that the Community Center is closed but employees are cleaning and repairing things. He has been able to keep five part-time employees busy with 15 hours a week. Police Chief Jeff McCracken reminded residents the officers might ask someone to step out of the building/house/small room to speak with them. Some calls maybe handled over the phone instead of in person. Police Chief McCracken said he just received word the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy is closed for the next eight weeks so the four rookies are coming back and will be worked into shifts as needed. Mayor McMichael reminded members of the community if they do not feel well stay home, wash your hands, have social distancing, and take care of family members.

Craig Dellinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Steve McMichael
Presiding Officer

Angie Hamrick
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer