

April 7, 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 7th day of April at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in a 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.

Title VI Statement

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, Floyd Ball, Jeff Turner, Craig Dellinger, Mike Mowery, and Matthew Kennedy (online)

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Steve Harants

Terry Werling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2020 meeting and the special meeting on March 23, 2020 as mailed. Jeff Turner seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The first item under unfinished business was a Public Hearing to Re-establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mayor Steve McMichael opened the public hearing for any questions. First call with no comments. Second call with no comments. Third and final call with no comments. Mayor Steve McMichael declared the public hearing closed.

The second item under unfinished business was the second reading of Ordinance G-20-04. Dave Cheviron made a motion for the second reading of Ordinance G-20-04 An Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund by title only. Craig Dellinger seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-04 An Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Craig Dellinger made a motion for the third reading of Ordinance G-20-04 An Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund by title only. Floyd Ball seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-04 An Ordinance to Re-Establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Presiding Officer Steve McMichael declared the Ordinance G-20-04 to have passed.

The third item under unfinished business was Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance G-20-05 An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility. Mayor Steve McMichael opened the public hearing for any questions. On first call, Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read an email from Pastor Rick Fletcher of Lifeway Church, of 7722 Moeller Road, stating "Dear New Haven Common Counsel: During these tenuous times and a recession on the horizon I would think it wise to hold off on any rate increase and to even hold off on the meeting until social distancing is past. But my opinion is to hold off on a rate increase for now and revisit it next year in hopes that the economy is stabilized. I know of a number of families that are laid off and out of work

at this time.” Deputy Clerk McSwain read another email from Vanessa Luebke, 920 Keller Drive, stating “Why is the sewage so high? My average water is under \$20 with the excess sewage and additional little fees being \$65-85 sewage being a good 90% of that amount! My household of 3 one adult two children should not have a \$100 dollar water bill when the water portion is \$15. Highway robbery and the roads are still horrible; so it’s not like we are seeing all this extra around the community for improvements. I vote to lower the rates. Sincerely mom following “stay at home” recommendations!”. Bob Nelson, 3613 Thyme Court, said “I’m in in favor of a water rate increase but we have good water. I can turn on the faucet and get good water. But I am not still in favor of the increase.” Second call with no comments. Third and final call with no comments. Mayor Steve McMichael declared the public hearing closed.

The fourth item was the second reading of Ordinance G-20-05 An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility. Craig Dellinger made the motion for the second reading of Ordinance G-20-05 An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility by title only. Mike Mowery seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-05 An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility.

Terry Werling made the motion for the third reading of Ordinance G-20-05 An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility by title only. 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, Floyd Ball, and Craig Dellinger

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-05 An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Wastewater Utility.

Presiding Officer Steve McMichael declared the Ordinance G-20-05 to have passed.

The fifth item under unfinished business was Public Hearing to Consider Amending the Rates of the City of New Haven Water Utility. Mayor Steve McMichael opened the Public Hearing for any questions. First call with no comments. Second call with no comments. Third and final call with no comments. Mayor Steve McMichael declared the Public Hearing closed.

Floyd Ball made a motion for first reading of Ordinance G-20-06 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Section 50 of the New Haven City Code. Craig Dellinger seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain numbered and read by title only Ordinance G-20-06 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Section 50 of the New Haven City Code.

Terry Werling made a motion to suspend the rules for amending the rates of the City of New Haven Water Utility so Council can put the ordinances up for a second & third reading. Mike Mowery seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Craig Dellinger made a motion for second reading of Ordinance G-20-06 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Section 50 of the New Haven City Code. Mike Mowery seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-06 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Section 50 of the New Haven City Code.

Craig Dellinger made a motion for third and final reading of Ordinance G-20-06 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Section 50 of the New Haven City Code. Mike Mowery seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-06 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of Section 50 of the New Haven City Code.

Presiding Officer Steve McMichael declared the Ordinance G-20-06 to have passed.

The first item under new business was Introduction of An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor. Mayor Steve McMichael explained this ordinance would be used only if a health emergency happened to himself such as COVID-19. Currently Council President Craig Dellinger would fill in, except the Mayor's position is a full-time job and Craig runs New Haven Print full-time. Mayor Steve McMichael stated this ordinance would give him the power to appoint a member of the senior staff within the City to fill the position receiving minimum wage while they are filling in. The council was asked to suspend the rules so this would go into effect immediately due to COVID-19. Council can also revoke the Ordinance at any time. Craig Dellinger made a motion to suspend the rules of Council to pass An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor in one meeting. Floyd Ball seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Craig Dellinger made a motion to number and first reading of An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor by title only. Floyd Ball seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain numbered and read by title only Ordinance G-20-07 An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor.

Council President Craig Dellinger asked for the changes that Council discussed prior. The changes will be made are Section 36.03 Part C fifth word will be changed to "shall". Craig Dellinger made a motion for the second reading of An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor by title only. Terry Werling seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-07 An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor.

Jeff Turner made a motion for the third and final reading of An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor by title only. Mike Mowery seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Deputy Clerk Paulanna McSwain read by title only Ordinance G-20-07 An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Deputy Mayor.

Presiding Officer Steve McMichael declared the Ordinance G-20-07 to have passed and thanked Council for the swift passing of this ordinance during an unprecedented time.

The second item under new business was the Introduction of Appendix 3- COVID-19 Extended Family and Medical Leave to the City Employee Handbook. Human Resources Director

Elizabeth Hoffman discussed the policy outlining the City's response to the Federal Government regulations. City of New Haven are including Senior Staff and Public Safety along with the other employees. Mayor Steve McMichael discussed the new schedule within city hall. Team A works Monday, Wednesday, and alternate Fridays in the building while Team B works Tuesday, Thursday, and opposite Fridays of Team A. Senior staff and their deputies are working separate days to help stop the spread. Superintendent of Public Works, Dave Jones, discussed what his team is doing to keep City Hall clean and safe. Also the Public Works is working in shifts to make smaller teams and one person drives a truck with no passengers. Police Chief Jeff McCracken explained what Police are doing to protect from COVID-19. Some calls are over the phone if Police presence is not needed. Police are responding and asking citizens to step outside to talk. Mayor McMichael thanked senior staff for adapting to the new changes. Human Resources Director, Elizabeth Hoffman, also discussed the Parks Department is also working alternating shifts. They are working hard to get the Community Center cleaned and keeping parks safe.

The third item under new business was the Interlocal Bridge Agreement with Allen County. Craig Dellinger made a motion to approve the Interlocal Bridge Agreement with Allen County. Jeff Turner seconded that motion and the motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Terry Werling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Cheviron seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Steve McMichael
Presiding Officer

Paulanna McSwain
Deputy Clerk