

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL (JULY 10, 2007)
111 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, GOSHEN, INDIANA

The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers for a regular session on July 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Presiding Officer was Mayor Kauffman with members of the Council present as follows:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN BLOSS, GRIMES, LANTZ, PURO, SCOTT, THOMAS
COUNCILWOMAN GAUTSCHE

ABSENT: NONE

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Glenn Null, 319 Dewey Ave., stated he has asked for 3 months for the City to contact NIPSCO to clean up the debris at Linway Lake and felt his requests had been ignored. Mayor Kauffman took exception to Mr. Null's comment, saying he was not being ignored as he could show e-mails from NIPSCO including one from the public relations representative of NIPSCO asking for cleanup of the debris. Mr. Null stated he was not aware of this information. Mayor Kauffman stated these e-mails had been received since the last council meeting and further questioned Mr. Null as to why he did not contact NIPSCO directly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Thomas moved to accept the Minutes of the Council meeting of June 19, 2007 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche and motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kauffman presented a plaque to Dennis Koehn expressing his appreciation for 12 years of faithful service on the Plan Commission. Mayor Kauffman further stated his awareness of the difficulties faced as a member of the Commission.

Mr. Koehn read a statement recognizing City Planner Joe Hauflaire and highlighted sections of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NUMBERS 4433, 4434, 4435

Mayor Kauffman opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance Numbers 4433, 4434, 4435 and described them as follows:

Ordinance Number 4433 Establish an Annual Tax Rate for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Mayor Kauffman explained the Ordinance is to re-establish the fund at the maximum rate of \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Ordinance Number 4434 Establish an Annual Tax Rate for the Cumulative Building or Remodeling Firefighting and Police Radio Equipment Fund. Mayor Kauffman explained the Ordinance is to re-establish the fund at the maximum rate of \$.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Ordinance Number 4435 Establish an Annual Tax Rate for the Cumulative Building and Sinking Fund for Municipal Sewers. Mayor Kauffman explained the Ordinance is to re-establish the fund at the maximum rate of \$.0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Mayor Kauffman closed the Public Hearing as no person wished to speak.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4433

Council President Thomas introduced Ordinance Number 4433 entitled “ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL TAX RATE FOR THE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.”

Council President Thomas asked the First Deputy to read the Ordinance by title only for second and final reading and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Scott.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: BLOSS: GAUTSCHE: GRIMES: LANTZ: PURO: SCOTT: THOMAS

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4433 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF JULY 2007.)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4434

Council President Thomas introduced Ordinance Number 4434 entitled “ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL TAX RATE FOR THE CUMULATIVE BUILDING OR REMODELING, FIREFIGHTING AND POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT FUND.”

Council President Thomas asked the First Deputy to read the Ordinance by title only for second and final reading and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Bloss.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: BLOSS: GAUTSCHE: GRIMES: LANTZ: PURO: SCOTT: THOMAS

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4434 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY JULY OF 2007.)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4435

Council President Thomas introduced Ordinance Number 4435 entitled “ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL TAX RATE FOR THE CUMULATIVE BUILDING AND SINKING FUND FOR MUNICIPAL SEWERS.”

Council President Thomas asked the First Deputy to read the Ordinance by title only for second and final reading and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Scott.

Glenn Null, 319 Dewey Ave., questioned what this money can be spent for. He cited Section 1B, Indiana Code 36-9-20-2.

Mayor Kauffman explained these funds are used for capital projects for storm sewers.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: BLOSS: GAUTSCHE: GRIMES: LANTZ: PURO: SCOTT: THOMAS

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE 4435 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY JULY OF 2007.)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 4436

Council President Thomas introduced Ordinance Number 4436 entitled “AN AMENDMENT TO GOSHEN ZONING ORDINANCE 3011 CONCERNING NON-CONFORMING SIGNS.”

Council President Thomas asked the First Deputy to read the Ordinance by title only for its first reading and moved its passage. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche.

Councilman Bloss moved to postpone the Ordinance until the July 24th Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Scott.

Mayor Kauffman questioned the delay.

David Daugherty, Goshen Chamber of Commerce President, stated he did not get notice out to the committee members in time for them to be at this meeting and would appreciate postponement in order to give the members the option to be present for the discussion.

Councilman Bloss moved to amend his motion and postpone the Ordinance until the August 7th meeting. Motion seconded by Council Scott.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council the motion passed.

(ORDINANCE 4436 POSTPONED TO AUGUST 7, 2007)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007-30

Council President Thomas introduced Resolution Number 2007-30 entitled “AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.”

Council President Thomas asked the First Deputy to read the Resolution by title only and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Grimes.

Council President Thomas questioned the reason for the transfer and if the Council would later be asked for additional appropriations for these funds as stated in the requests.

Mayor Kauffman asked Clerk-Treasurer Tina Bontrager to speak on the River Race and Century Drive Transfers and Repayment of the Debt Service Reserve Line. The transfers are being requested by Redevelopment Director Mike Puro.

City Attorney Larry Barkes confirmed the additional appropriation requests would be expensed from TIF funds.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution Number 2007-30 was passed.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: BLOSS: GAUTSCHE: GRIMES: LANTZ: PURO: SCOTT: THOMAS

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Scott initiated a discussion on the recent increase in property taxes and his concern on the impact it will have for fixed income and young families.

Councilwoman Gautsche agreed that more communication with Legislators is needed on this subject.

Councilman Thomas moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Grimes and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
Mayor, Allan Kauffman
Goshen, Indiana

ATTEST: _____
Tina M. Bontrager
City Clerk-Treasurer