

**July 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Angola Training Center, 306 West Mill Street 1B with Mayor Pro Tem David B. Martin presiding. Council Members Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, David B. Martin, and Jerold D. McDermid answered roll. Council Member Kathleen G. Armstrong was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Ryan P. Herbert recorded the minutes.

Among those present were City Attorney Kim Shoup, Economic Development and Planning Director Jennifer Barclay, Park Superintendent Matt Hanna, Human Resource Director Sue Essman, Systems Administrator Nathan Armstrong, and Assistant Chief of Police Darrin Taylor.

Also, among those present were Brian Bowden, Paul and Beth Stepp, Judy Griffin, Carol and Frank Chontas, Andrea Van Ee, Sharon Dodge, Brian Ray, Todd Frederick, Brian Ray, Todd Fredrick, Nick Wappes, Ryan and Kayla Weible, Derek Crowl, Amand and Matt Quaderer, Julie Book, Matt Bertsch, Dan Kinder, Ben Rodkey, Bob and Dee Bischak, Jasn and Julie Newburg, Thomas Newburg, Michael Newburg, Taylor Byrne, Mark Welker, Joe Thomas, Dennis and Teresa Buell, Carole Wohlford, Amy and Glenn Kelly, Mackenna Kelly, Gabby Kelly, Aidan Rogers, Alicia Walsh, Ken Shelton, Josh Barkley, Jennifer Jones, Sheri Bowden, Dave Herman, Sandy and Jenny Sanborn, Howar McKeever, Randy Coffey, Justin Huscher, Neil Garman, Chad Garman, Dawn Carlson-Grubb, Susan Catterall, Kriste Light, Aubrey Staller, Simean Staller, Chris O'Keefe, Kym and Kristina Stankiewicz, Paul Beckwith, Wil Howard, Jacob Balyeat, Carter and Sandy Snider, Liechty, Jackie and Steve Mitchell, Tony Isa, Jeff Fee Scott Meyers, Sarah Funkhouser, Ken W. Wilson, Ken P. Wilson, Robert and Joy Ross, Wade Stiefken, Andy Laughlin, Hope Wilson, Don Wise Jr., Veryl Carpenter, Lou Ann Homan, Beth Swary of WLKI, and Caitlynn Shipe of The Herald Republican.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Olson moved to approve the July 5, 2023 minutes. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1734-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA (302 W Gilmore), was read by title and presented to Council on third and final reading. Council Member Crum moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 1735-2023, AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AND OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2024,

was read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Council Member McDermid moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Discussion tabled from the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the \$100,000 in-kind contribution toward the Sheets Family Park approved at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was held. Council Member Olson moved that the \$100,000 be made as a direct contribution toward park construction. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1736-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA (Sheets Family Park), was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Council Member Olson moved having reviewed the findings of the Plan Commission and taking into account the comprehensive plan, current conditions and character of the structures and uses in each district, the most desirable use of the land in its current and proposed zones, conservation of property value throughout the city, and responsible growth and development to adopt the zoning change. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Por Tem Martin opened the floor for public comments regarding the Speedway Park Rezone. Martin allowed members of the public to speak one at a time giving comment on the proposed rezoning. Those speaking against the project included Tony Isa, owner of Scoops Ice Cream, 3331 N St Rd 127, Brian Bowden 123 Duncastle Court representing the Glendarin Hills Homeowners Association, Paul Bekwith 622 Pine Run, Christina and Kym Stankiewicz 3567 N 20 E, Judy Griffith 3370 N St Rd 127, Julie Newburg 189 W 400 N, Verle Carpenter 400 Clyde Avenue, Neil Garman 180 W 300 N, Wil Howard on behalf of the Steuben County Commissioners. The concerns raised included the impact on property values, the environmental effects including the condition of the property currently, and how the rezone would fit into the city and counties comprehensive plan. Those speaking for the project included Ryan Weible, Speedway Redi Mix employee, 1240 W 350 S, Joe Thomas 3464 Bellefontaine Rd, Petitioner Matt Bertsch, and Property owner Todd Fredrick. The points they raised included that the property would be limited to a concrete batch plant, if the property in not rezoned Speedway could lose the lease leaving only one plant in town and causing jobs to be lost, and the operation is environmentally safe because it is regulated by IDEM. Council Member McDermid asked to be noted on record commending the City Planning Department for their work and transparency throughout the process. Bob Bischak 35 W 400 N spoke in regard to concerns of the make up of the Plan Commission as it relates to representation for residents of the ETJ.

Ordinance No. 1737-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA (Speedway Professional Park Lot 2), was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Council Member Olson moved having reviewed the findings of the Plan Commission and taking into account the comprehensive plan, current conditions and character of the structures and uses in each district, the most desirable use of the land in its current and proposed zones, conservation of property value throughout the city, and responsible growth and development to adopt the zoning change.

Council Member McDermid seconded the motion for the purposes of discussion. Discussion followed. Member Martin stated that her did not believe the rezoning fit into the comprehensive plan and was not the best use for the property. The motion failed by a vote of 0-4 with all present Council Members casting dissenting votes.

Ordinance No. 1738-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA. (Speedway Professional Park Lot 1), was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Council Member Olson moved to table the matter as it was related to Ordinance No. 1737-2023 which failed to pass approval. Council Member Crum seconded the motion to table. Discussion followed. The motion to table passed 4-0.

Ordinance No. 1739-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA (Villas of Glendarin), was read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Council Member Olson moved having reviewed the findings of the Plan Commission and taking into account the comprehensive plan, current conditions and character of the structures and uses in each district, the most desirable use of the land in its current and proposed zones, conservation of property value throughout the city, and responsible growth and development to adopt the zoning change. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 2023-849, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA, APPROVING THE DEDUCTION FROM ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT ALL LOCATED WITHIN AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA (Industrial Contracting and Engineering), Council Member Olson moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 2023-850, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ANGOLA FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND FORWARDED TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THEIR ACTION AND PASSAGE PURSUANT TO IC 6-1.1-18.6, WAS READ BY TITLE AND PRESENTED TO Council for approval. Council Member Olson moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Martin moved to approve the Agreement for Services with HWC Engineering for the Downtown Revitalization Master Plan in the amount of \$44,900. Council Member McDermid moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held regarding elected official salaries for 2024. Member Martin suggested the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer salaries be increased by 4% which is the average employee increase for 2024 and Council salaries remain the same as the current year, 2023, for 2024. Discussion followed. Council Member Olson moved to follow Member Martin's suggestion of a 4% increase for the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer and no increase for Council.

Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-1. Council Member Crum Dissented.

Council Member Olson moved to approve the Façade Grant with Kortney Sutton for property located at 107 W Gale Street in the amount not to exceed \$5,000. Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Member Crum moved to approve the lien and utility bad debt reports totaling \$9,999.10 for the twelve months ending 12/31/2022. Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

The Clerk-Treasurer's depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for the month ending June 2023 is presented for Council information.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Economic Development and Planning Director Barclay reported that around 300 people attended the first Food Truck Friday. Problems with the street being closed have been worked out with the county.

Systems Administrator Armstrong thanked AVS for the help getting the Training Center ready for the meeting on short notice.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Council Member McDermid moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers 63804 through 64048 totaling \$954,078.90 which includes interfund transfers of \$99,149.90. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



David B. Martin, Mayor Pro Tem  
Presiding Officer

Attest:

  
Ryan P. Herbert, Clerk-Treasurer