

December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 North Public Square with Mayor Richard M. Hickman presiding. Council Members Gary L. Crum, David A. Olson, Kathleen G. Armstrong, David B. Martin, and Jerold D. McDermid answered roll. No council member was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Ryan P. Herbert recorded the minutes.

Among those present were City Attorney Kim Shoup, City Engineer Amanda Cope, Economic Development and Planning Director Jennifer Barclay, Fire Chief Doug Call, Park Superintendent Matt Hanna, Street Commissioner Chad Ritter, Water Superintendent Tom Selman, Assistant Wastewater Superintendent Cory Ritter, Human Resources Director Sue Essman, Patrol Officer Allie Curdes, and Street Maintenance Employee Scott Stevens

Also, among those present were Randy Coffey, David Roe, Jennifer Sharkey, Wil Howard, Rick Shipe, Isaac Lee, David Whitehead, Jessie Lestinsky, Lynn Hickman, Cindy Crum, Amanda Crum, Matt Crum, Heather Crum, Ashton Crum, Natalie Crum, Sandra Tamez, Deb Twitchell, Beth Swary of WLKI, and Lynn Thompson of the Herald-Republican.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Minutes of the November 6 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting were presented for Council information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1745-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA. (1500 N Wayne), was read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 1745-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA. (1500 N Wayne), was then read by title and presented to Council on third and final reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 5-0.

Ordinance No 1746-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY ADDING PROVISIONS THERETO AND DELETING PROVISIONS THEREOF, was read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Council Member Crum moved to approve. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No 1746-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE BY ADDING PROVISIONS THERETO AND

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Ordinance No. 1747-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SERVICES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPARTMENT, was read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Council Member Armstrong moved to approve. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 1747-2023, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SERVICES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPARTMENT, was then read by title and presented to Council on third and final reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1748-2023. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 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 then read by title and presented to Council for first reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Council Member Martin then moved to poll the Council for unanimous consent to suspend Common Council Meetings-Rule 22 to allow for second and third readings. Council Member Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 Ordinance No. 1748-2023. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 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 then read by title and presented to Council on second reading. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Ordinance No. 1748-2023. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 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 then read by title and presented to Council on third and final reading. Council Member Olson moved to approve. Council Member McDermid seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 5-0.

Public hearing regarding the proposed application to the Indiana Department of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater/Drinking Water Program was open at 7:04 p.m. Sandra Tamez of Region 3A

read the description of the grant including the application process, and the scoring parameters to determine the grant award. No public comment was provided at the hearing. Mayor Hickman spoke for importance of the grant to complete the Easton Lift Station elimination project. This lift station service two residential areas. It is an old lift station and it is difficult and expensive to find parts and make repairs if anything breaks. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m. Resolution No. 2023-861. RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE WASTEWATER PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2023-862. A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANGOLA, STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-766 TO REMOVE ANY LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF THE DEDUCTION SET THEREBY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT, was read by title and presented to Council for approval. Isaac Lee spoke about the purpose of the resolution and the need to amend the abatement to remove the cap on the abatement. Isaac stated that the project began before the COVID pandemic and costs to complete it skyrocketed due to increased material and labor costs. Council Member Martin moved to approve. Council Member Olson seconded the motion Discussion followed. Dave Whitehead of Univertical spoke on the reason for the request. The motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2023-863. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ANGOLA FOR THE GENERAL, PARKS AND RECREATION OPERATING, AND FIRE OPERATING FUNDS 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 Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Assistant Wastewater Superintendent Cory Ritter opened and read aloud quotes for the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project. Estimated project cost was \$90,000. The quotes included:

Inliner Solutions	\$60,082
Insituform Technologies	\$49,492
SAK	\$106,785

Council Member Martin moved to award the bid the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bidder. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Council Member McDermid moved to approve the 2024 Fire Protection Agreement with Jackson Township in the amount of \$5,500. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Martin moved to approve the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding which would allow Steuben County Government to sign an agreement with

HWC Engineering for an adaptive re-use study for the Steuben County Historic Courthouse in which the City of Angola contributes \$15,000. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Olson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Joseph River Basin Commission to facilitate the installation and operation of water monitoring sensors within the watershed. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Martin moved to reappoint Mark A. Cowen and Charles P. Dowe to the Redevelopment Commission for the year 2024. Council Member Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayoral department head appointments for 2024:

Building Commissioner	Scott L. Lehman
Chief of Police	Kenneth L. Whitmire
City Attorney	Kim E. Shoup
City Engineer	Amanda R. Cope
Economic Development and Planning Director	Jennifer M. Barclay
Fire Chief	Doug L. Call
Park Superintendent	Matthew J. Hanna
Street Commissioner	Chad F. Ritter
Systems Administrator	Mark Marple
Water Superintendent	Thomas H. Sleman
Wastewater Superintendent	Jeffrey S. Gaff

Note for the record the filing of the Annual Certification of Elected Official to the Executive of the City of Angola, Indiana on Compliance with the Municipal Nepotism Policy Involving Direct Line Supervision for the mayor, clerk-treasurer, and council members.

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Clerk-Treasurer's Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation for the month ending November 2023 was presented for Council information.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Economic Development and Planning Director Barclay thanked the outgoing Mayor and Council Members for being able to work with them.

City Engineer Cope reported that the new light on the corner of John and Water Streets has been installed.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Council Member McDermid moved to approve the Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers 66212 through 66471 totaling \$930,301.89 which includes interfund transfers of \$163,850.22. Council Member Crum seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

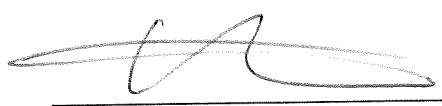
Mayor Hickman thanked all of the Council Members for the great ride and great experience he has had being a part of the leadership of this community. I have been blessed with a great council that didn't have an agenda except what is best for Angola. Thanks to my wife Lynn who has been a great fist lady for the city. We have so many great assets in this community, but the greatest is our city employees.

Council Member Crum thanked the Council, his family and wife especially for their support over the last twenty years, and Mayor Hickman for his support. There have been so many positive changes in the community in the last twenty years. It's been a great community effort.

Council Member Armstrong said it has been such an honor to serve over the last 16 years. Thank you Mayor Hickman for your leadership. Thank you Kim, Deb, and Ryan for keeping things on the straight and narrow with fiscal and legal matters. I have so much respect for the other Council Members. We've done great work.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



David B. Martin, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:


Ryan P. Herbert, Clerk-Treasurer