

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – January 31, 2023

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 31st day of January 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Pastor Adam Jones, St. Peter First Community Church, gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Strick called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

ROLL CALL: Common Council Members present: Joe Blomeke, Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, Seth Marshall, and Paul Pike.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing for additional appropriations for General Fund, police forfeiture funds, and opioid settlement money. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Marshall moved to approve Council's January 10, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Chapman introduced Tim Allen, Huntington Combined Dispatch Director. Mr. Allen updated Council on the new dispatch facility at O'Donnell Center at Victory Noll Campus. He indicated that the department is very excited about the new facility and the ability to transmit across the County better than before,

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Council President Chapman nominated Council Member Todd Johnson to serve as the second Common Council appointment to the City's Redevelopment Commission. Council Member Marshall made a motion to **appoint Todd Johnson to the City's Redevelopment Commission** seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0.

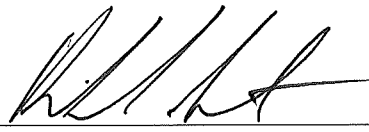
NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strick addressed Council concerning the City's share of opioid settlement funds that will be received over the next sixteen years. The City is partnering with Huntington County and the Huntington Community Foundation to establish an endowment with those and County funds. The funds will only be distributed in accordance with the guidelines established by the State of Indiana. A copy of the agreement was distributed to Council Members. Dr. Pflieger, County Health Officer, explained that a committee consisting of the County Health Officer; a City, County, and Judicial representative; and a community member will determine the distribution of the funds in accordance with the agreement. Dr Pflieger stated that he would report to Council annually on what funds had been collected and how they were distributed in the community. Council had no objection to the agreement.

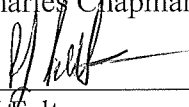
First reading of Ordinance 2-C-23: “An Additional Appropriation Ordinance” (General Police and Opioid Funds). Council Member Chapman moved to approve Ordinance 2-C-23 on first reading, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Pike made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2-C-23 to be considered on second reading, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Felton made a motion to **adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 2-C-23, seconded by Council Member Chapman.** Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance signed.


First reading of Ordinance 3-C-23: “An Ordinance Establishing a Purchasing Policy” (Federal Procurement Policy). Council Member Chapman moved to approve Ordinance 3-C-23 on first reading, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Johnson made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 3-C-23 to be considered on second re3ading, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Felton made a motion to **adopt on second and final reading Ordinance 3-C-23, seconded by Council Member Marshall.** Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance signed.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Marshall. Motion passed 7-0.

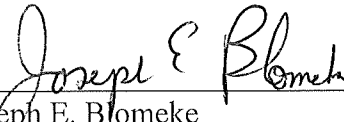

 Richard Strick As Mayor

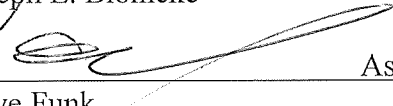
Absent
 Charles Chapman As Council President

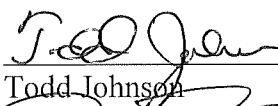

 PJ Felton As Member

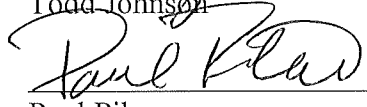

 Seth Marshall As Member

APPROVED:


 Joseph E. Blomeke As Member


 Dave Funk As Member


 Todd Johnson As Member


 Paul Pike As Member

Attest:


 Christi A. McElhaney Clerk-Treasurer