

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – February 28, 2023

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 28th day of February 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Pastor Tyler Gates, Huntington First Church of the Nazarene, 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.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Marshall moved to approve Council's February 14, 2023, regular meeting and executive session minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Pike reported on the CEDIT Committee meeting. Council Member Blomeke reported that he attended the LTCP ground breaking at the Wastewater treatment plant. Council Member Funk reported that Director Keplinger will be discussing the Plan Commission meeting regarding the amended livestock zoning ordinance. No other Council reports were given.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Timothy Woods, Oak Street resident, is requesting that the ordinance regarding shooting firearms within City limits be amended to allow blanks to be fired in conjunction with fireworks on July 4th and New Year's Eve. Council Members commented and will take it under advisement.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

First reading of Ordinance 5-C-23: "An Ordinance Amending Section 158.080(A) of the Zoning Code: Livestock Operation Exemptions." Council Member Chapman moved to approve Ordinance 5-C-23 on first reading, seconded by Council Member Felton. Director Keplinger explained this is cleaning up the current ordinance to prevent any confusion as to what is allowed for livestock within City limits. Motion passed 6-1. Ayes: Blomeke, Chapman, Felton, Johnson, Marshall, and Pike. Nays: Funk.


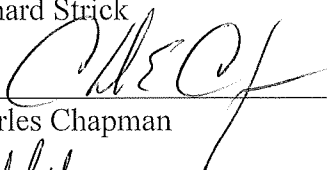
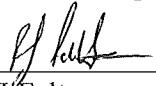
MISCELLANEOUS:

Purdue Extension representative, JP Pietrowski, has developed a poultry education program and shared his experience with citizens raising and caring for chickens or ducks. He agrees with the Ordinance that education is important, so that citizens need to know what their responsibilities will be for this type of project and to understand expectations. He indicated a willingness to provide this training to citizens interested in obtaining a permit.

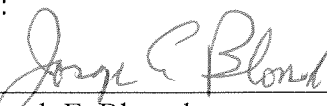
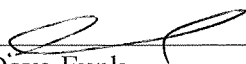
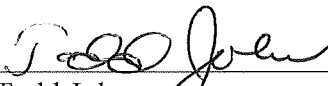
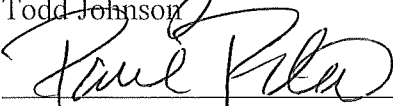
City Attorney Hartburg spoke to the feedback received on Ordinance 37-C-22 from Council Members and the administration concerning potential amendments to that proposed ordinance. Those amendments include: Penalty references and clarification; enforcement sections amended to include poultry; permit amendments: annual permit, education training, circumstances under which permits can be revoked, and an appeal process through the Board of Public Works and Safety. City Attorney Hartburg will make the changes to Ordinance 37-C-22 prior to second reading of the amended ordinance.

Director Cuttriss presented a letter of understanding with INDOT regarding an unofficial detour during the bridge work on SR 5 near SR 16. This letter agreement will ensure, if repairs are needed, that INDOT will pay for them. Council Member Pike made a motion to accept and sign the letter of understanding with INDOT, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0. Letter signed.

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

	As Mayor
Richard Strick	
	As Council President
Charles Chapman	
	As Member
PJ Felton	
<u>Absent</u>	As Member
Seth Marshall	

APPROVED:

	As Member
Joseph E. Blomeke	
	As Member
Dave Funk	
	As Member
Todd Johnson	
	As Member
Paul Pike	

Attest:

 Clerk-Treasurer
Christi A. McElhaney