

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – July 11, 2023

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 11th day of July 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Mayor Strick 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 Ordinance 14-C-23: Additional Appropriation General Fund. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Marshall moved to approve Council's June 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: No reports were given.

PETITIONS OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: Mr. Chuck Homier addressed Council regarding the City's sign ordinance. In his opinion, it is not business friendly and he wishes that Council would review its provisions. He stated that the City can be progressive or subdued when it comes to community growth. He believes the businesses should make the decision regarding the size and location of their sign as long as it doesn't affect the health and wellness of the community. A few Council members asked questions and they were answered. Council President Chapman said he would review the ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Marshall made a motion to approve the **Statement of Benefits Compliance Form, CF-1/PP for Midwest Industrial Metal Fabrication**, seconded by Council Member Blomeke. Motion passed 7-0. President Chapman signed the CF-1/PP form.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 14-C-23: "An Additional Appropriation (General Fund)"**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Pike made a motion to suspend the rules to approve on second reading Ordinance 14-C-23, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0. Council Member Felton made a **motion to approve on second and final reading Ordinance 14-C-23: "An Additional Appropriation (General Fund)"**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 7-0. Ordinance signed.

MISCELLANEOUS:


Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the June monthly budget report. Any specific questions Council Members can be directed to Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney.

Mayor Strick reminded the Council Members of the ribbon cutting for Progress Drive, the new road and infrastructure at Riverfork West Industrial Park, on Wednesday morning at 10:00 am.

Council Member Funk asked the Council to review the Fireworks Ordinance in order to help the Police Department have some way to enforce the violators of this Ordinance. After much discussion, Council Member Johnson made a motion to have the administration bring suggestions back to the Council meeting on August 8th. In the meantime, Council Members will look at the Ordinance and bring back, for discussion at the July 25th meeting, any changes or suggestions.

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

APPROVED:



Richard Strick As Mayor



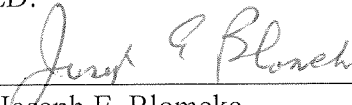
Charles Chapman As Council President

Absent

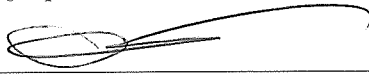
PJ Felton As Member




Seth Marshall As Member



Joseph E. Blomeke As Member



Dave Funk As Member




Todd Johnson As Member

Absent

Paul Pike As Member

Attest:



Christi A. McElhaney Clerk-Treasurer