

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – August 29, 2023

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 29th day of August 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.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's August 8, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0. Minutes signed. Council Member Felton moved to approve the Council's August 29, 2023 executive session 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: Courtney Bonbrake, the Huntington County Early Childhood Coalition Coordinator, presented the statistics regarding day care options in Huntington County. She wanted to make Council and the public aware that the community is trying to improve and expand the day care options in the area in order to help families and day care providers.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Council Member Marshall made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 16-C-23: "An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Huntington, Indiana by Amending Section 98.41" (Fireworks regulation update)**, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 7-0.

Director Keplinger spoke to Resolution 5-R-23 concerning an invoice for Custom Cast Stone which requires a 10% downpayment to make the molds for the Hawley Heights pillar rehabilitation project. This resolution, in accordance with recently amended Indiana law, would approve the prepayment to the vendor. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on first and final reading Resolution 5-R-23: **"A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Huntington, Indiana Authorizing Advanced Payment"**, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 7-0. Resolution signed.

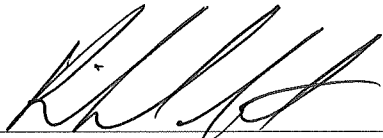

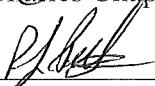
An **engagement agreement between the City and Taft Stettinius & Hollister—for PFAS Litigation** was presented following the executive session. Council Member Marshall made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign on the City's behalf, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:


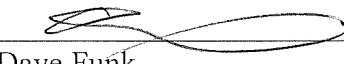
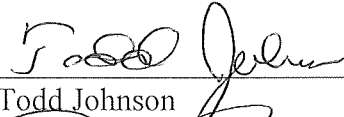

Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented revised pages for Council to add to its budget workbooks for two departments. All departments will present 2024 budgets at the September 12, 2023 Council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney received an additional 2023 Opioid settlement funds and has distributed the restricted and non-restricted funds to the Huntington County Community Foundation Fund in accordance with the existing agreement between the City and the Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Pike moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Marshall. 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:


 As Clerk-Treasurer
 Christi A. McElhaney