

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – February 13, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for its regular meeting in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Josh Kesler, The Well, gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council President Chapman opened the public hearing for the Additional Appropriation. With no one wishing to speak, Council President Chapman closed the public hearing.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Chapman called the regular meeting of the Common Council to order.

**ROLL CALL:** Common Council Members present: Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, and Andrew Rensberger. Absent: Joe Blomeke and Paul Pike.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Council Member Felton moved to approve Council's January 30, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS:** **Council Member Felton reported on Solid Waste District meeting** – they will be monitoring the West Park recycle site for 30 days to try to educate citizens and keep the site clean from non-recycled items from being dumped.

**Council Member Johnson reported on Lime City and HCUED meetings** – they reported on the investment growth of 2023 and the prospective businesses looking at investing in Huntington for 2024. The County will be holding a job fair on March 7, 2024 at the County Courthouse.

**Viking Thing Student representative Lilly Poling** reported the students are splitting into 2 teams for the projects to help the student and the community. No other reports were given.

**PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** Citizen Steve Stetcher presented a proposal for golf carts to be allowed on city streets in Huntington. The Council Members would like to see this idea go to the Administration and the City Attorney to write up an Ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **second and final reading Ordinance 2-C-24: "Rezoning Ordinance"**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 4-1. Council Member Rensberger abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 3-C-24: "Additional Appropriation ARPA and PS LIT"**, seconded by Council Member Rensberger. Motion passed 5-0. Council Member Funk moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Council

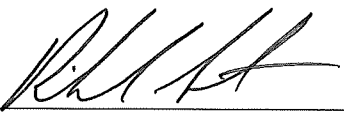
Member Felton. Motion passed 5-0. Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **second and final reading Ordinance 3-C-24: “Additional Appropriation ARPA and PS LIT”**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0. Ordinance signed.

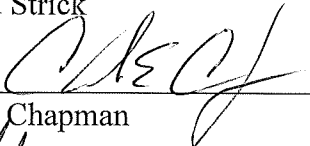
Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **first and final reading Resolution 2-R-24: “A Resolution of the Common Council of Huntington, Indiana Authorizing Advance Payment”**, seconded by Council Member Rensberger. After discussion with the company requesting the 50% down payment for fireworks, and receiving clarification of how this will work, Council Members requested the administration check with the insurance company on liability and the parameters on purchasing the product in full. Answers will be provided at the next meeting. Motion passed 4-1. Ayes: Chapman, Felton, Johnson, and Rensberger. Nays: Funk.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney presented the January 2024 Budget reports.

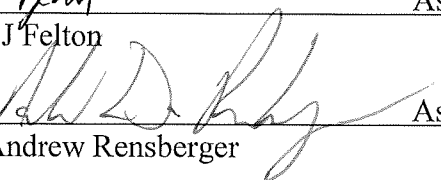
**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Felton moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0.


APPROVED:


  
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Richard Strick As Mayor


  
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Charles Chapman As Council  
President

  
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PJ Felton As Member

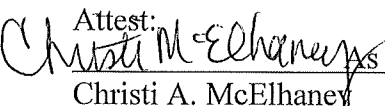
  
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Andrew Rensberger As Member

  
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Joseph E. Blomeke – Vacant As Member

  
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Dave Funk As Member

  
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Todd Johnson As Member

  
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Paul Pike As Member

Attest:  
  
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Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer