

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – May 28, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 28th day of May 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for its regular meeting in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Associate Pastor Rob Jones, Central Christian 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: Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, and Paul Pike. Absent: Dwight Brautigam and Andrew Rensberger.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Johnson moved to approve Council's May 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Johnson commented that the DORA Subcommittee is getting an area map, and schedule of events ready to check with State regulations and then bring to Council. No other reports were given.

Dawn Harvey was part of MASA group researching the Natural Garden landscape idea. City Code Section 98.21(D) requires a 400 foot notice radius to surrounding properties for this type of landscape, while other similar ordinances require only a 100 foot notice radius. She would like Council to consider changing the requirements for this section to a 100 foot notice. These permits are obtained from the Department of Community Development and Redevelopment. By consensus, Council indicated it would consider an ordinance amendment at the next meeting after Mayor Strick meets with Director Keplinger on the matter to draft an amendment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Golf Cart Ordinance proposal was presented for discussion. The Subcommittee, made up of Council Members Funk and Felton, along with citizen member Steve Stetcher, spoke about the different scenarios that may happen if golf carts are allowed to operate on city streets in Huntington. The Ordinance as presented spells out several restrictions. There was much discussion and many questions were asked and answered. Council will take this proposed ordinance under advisement and bring back any changes and more discussion to the next meeting on June 11, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

CF-1/PP: M & S Industrial Compliance form was presented for approval. Council Member Pike made a motion to approve the CF-1, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-0. Council President Chapman signed.

CF-1/PP: Clarks Recycling Compliance form was presented for approval. Council Member Chapman made a motion to approve the CF-1, seconded by Council Member Felton. Motion passed 5-0. Council President Chapman signed.

CF-1/PP: Teijin Automotive Compliance form was presented for approval. Council Member Felton made a motion to approve the CF-1, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0. Council President Chapman signed.

CF-1/PP and CF-1/RE: Teijin Automotive Compliance form was presented for approval. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the CF-1, seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 5-0. Council President Chapman signed.

MISCELLANEOUS: Council Member Johnson alluded to some social media posts he has read that question the City’s recent purchase of downtown replacement benches and he asked the Mayor to address. Mayor Strick explained that the City has a 5 year capital plan and as part of that plan the benches downtown were reviewed for maintenance and/or replacement. About year ago, the City was approached by Canvus, Inc., a company that specializes in upcycling recycled wind turbines into artistic style benches. The City partnered with the Lafontaine Arts Council, which fundraised its portion, to make the purchase. With the money paid out and the money received, and additional donations, the net cost to the City of the artistic style benches was about the same as the quotes the City reviewed for typical benches.

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

APPROVED:

Richard Strick As Mayor

Dwight Brautigam As Member

Charles Chapman As Council President

Dave Funk As Member

PJ Felton As Member

Todd Johnson As Member

Andrew Rensberger As Member

Paul Pike As Member

Attest:

Christi A. McElhaney As Clerk-Treasurer