

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – October 29, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 29th day of October 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for its regular meeting in accordance with all applicable requirements and notice.

INVOCATION: Pastor Chris Lantz, Evangelical United Methodist 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: Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, PJ Felton, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, and Paul Pike. Absent: Andrew Rensberger.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing on Resolution 16-R-24 a resolution approving a lease between the City of Huntington Redevelopment Commission and City of Huntington Redevelopment Authority concerning capital improvements. With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Felton moved to approve Council's October 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: No reports were given by Council Members. Emma Working, That Viking Thing Representative, reported it conducted a townhall meeting at the High School to receive input and ideas of what students are looking for. Also, the group is talking about ideas for a project to complete this year. They want HNHS students to know their voices can be heard.

Dr Matt Pflieger reported on the Opioid Settlement funds held at Huntington County Community Foundation. He provided a list of organizations that received funding this year to help support their projects in the fight against addiction. Taylor Folk, Place of Grace, reported they have opened a woman's graduate house and have opened a men's recovery house. These projects are to help recovery be successful. Michelle Crone, Youth Services Bureau, spoke regarding the projects that have benefited by the funds provided. They have hired a full time CASA advocate, and she is helping with more than 9 children's cases. Matt Disler, Director of HCCF, spoke on how the funds are managed. Huntington has been a good example for other communities to model after regarding using their Opioid settlement funds. Council's questions were asked and answered

PETITION OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Chapman made a motion to **approve on second and final reading Ordinance 14-C-24: "An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers of the City of Huntington, Indiana, From and After December 29, 2024 Through the Pay Period Ending December 27, 2025; and Hourly Employees of The City of Huntington, Indiana, From and After December 22, 2024, Through the Pay Period Ending December 20, 2025,"** seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 5-1. Ayes: Brautigam, Chapman, Felton, Funk, and Pike. Nays: Johnson. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Felton made a motion to approve on **second and final reading Ordinance 15-C-24: "An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials From and After December 29, 2024 Through the Pay Period Ending December 27, 2025,"** seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on **second and final reading of Ordinance 16-C-24: “An Ordinance to Establish the 2025 Budget Appropriations,”** seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance signed. Budget Form 4 was signed and sent to DLGF via Gateway.

Council Member Brautigam made a motion to approve on **second and final reading of Ordinance 18-C-24: “An Additional Appropriation Ordinance” (Landfill Lease and ARPA),** seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance signed.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on **second and final reading of Ordinance 19-C-24: “An Ordinance Regulating Requests for Law Enforcement Body Camera Recordings for the City of Huntington, Indiana Police Department,”** seconded by Council Member Pike. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Pike made a motion to **approve on first and final reading Resolution 16-R-24: “A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Huntington, Indiana, Approving a Lease Between the City of Huntington Redevelopment Authority and the City of Huntington Redevelopment Commission and Taking Other Actions Related Thereto.”,** seconded by Council Member Felton. Heidi Amspaugh, Baker Tilly explained the process of obtaining funding through the Indiana Bond Bank and the tax rate and impact on the taxpayers. Director Keplinger presented the capital projects that are to be completed with the funding from this bond. Motion passed 6-0. Resolution signed.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Mayor addressed Council’s questions concerning the recent discoloration of City water. The discoloration was caused by excess iron, and while unpleasant, it was safe to drink. The iron has been flushed out of the system and the discoloration has subsided.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0.

APPROVED:

As Mayor
Richard Strick

As Member
Dwight Brautigam

As Council
President
Charles Chapman

As Member
Dave Funk

As Member
PJ Felton

As Member
Todd Johnson

As Member
Andrew Rensberger

As Member
Paul Pike

Attest:

As Clerk-Treasurer
Christi A. McElhaney