

REGULAR MEETING COMMON COUNCIL – November 12, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Huntington met on the 12th day of November 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for its regular meeting 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: Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, Dave Funk, Todd Johnson, Paul Pike, and Andrew Rensberger. Absent: PJ Felton.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Strick opened the public hearing on Ordinance 20-C-24: “An Additional Appropriation Ordinance” (General Fund, ARPA Fund, and Riverboat Fund). With no one wishing to speak, Mayor Strick closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member Pike moved to approve Council’s October 29, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion passed 6-0. Minutes signed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS: Council Member Chapman reported on combined dispatch: The 2025 budget was approved, they will be changing providers from AT&T and going digital and they are hiring dispatchers. Emma Working, That Viking Thing Representative, reported that it conducted a teen townhall meeting at the High School to receive input and ideas of what students are looking for. It went well and the students most want a way to connect with peers, possibly in a natural setting.

PETITION OR COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Rensberger made a motion to approve on **first reading Ordinance 20-C-24: “An Additional Appropriation Ordinance” (General, ARPA, and Riverboat)**, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Police Captain Ellet detailed the proposed purchase of breathalyzers with forfeiture money. Director Cuttriss stated that the ARPA additional appropriation is for the KFC Lift Station and the Stults Road Trail Connection projects. Fire Chief Johnson stated that the Riverboat additional appropriation is for design of a new fire station on the north side of the City. Shive-Hattery, the architect firm selected to design a new station, presented the process of designing and bidding and constructing a new fire station including a high-level budget discussion. Questions were asked and answered. Motion passed 6-0. Council Member Pike made a motion to suspend the rules and approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Council Member Chapman. Motion passed 6-0. Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve on **second and final reading Ordinance 20-C-24: “An Additional Appropriation” (General, ARPA, and Riverboat)**, seconded by Council Member Brautigam. Motion passed 6-0. Ordinance signed.

MISCELLANEOUS: Mayor Strick congratulated HNHS football sectional champs and pomp and plenty for a successful weekend. He also thanked John Shortridge for his work related to the placement of the Iwo Jima memorial in Memorial Park.

Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney reported on the October 2024 financials. Council had no questions.

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

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

**These minutes were approved on November 26, 2024.
A signed physical copy of this document is available by request
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