

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 21, 2008  
111 EAST JEFFERSON STREET  
GOSHEN, INDIANA**

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The Common Council of the City of Goshen, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers for a regular session on October 21, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Presiding Officer was Mayor Kauffman with members of the Council present as follows:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN LANTZ, RIEGSECKER, STUMP, STUTSMAN, THOMAS  
COUNCILWOMAN GAUTSCHE, ROBINSON

ABSENT: NONE

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

There were no items presented under privilege of the floor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Lantz moved to accept the Minutes of the Council meetings of September 30, 2008 and October 7, 2008 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Robinson and motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-46**

Council President Stump introduced Resolution Number 2008-46 entitled "A RESOLUTION FOR THE WAIVER OF THE SEWER CONNECTION FEE FOR THE REAL ESTATE OWNED BY EAST GOSHEN MENNONITE CHURCH, INC AT 17861 S.R.4, GOSHEN."

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer First Deputy to read the Resolution by title only and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas.

Glenn Null, 319 Dewey Ave stated his objection to this Resolution even with the understanding that the Church was grandfathered in on this. There have been other organizations in the past that did not get charged the \$.05 per square foot that would have amounted to a big chunk of money. Mr. Null also stated that if something is changed or upgraded in the building they should be subject to the current rules for the City. He stated this basically is another example of how the Council is willing to give money away as if it is not income then it is a loss. He suggests the Council should vote to charge as the Ordinance states.

Councilman Lantz recalled that the \$.05 per square foot would be charged only for the area where the new building would be going.

Mayor Kauffman stated he recalled that they were going to be charged the \$750.00 hook on fee which is less than the \$.05 per square foot. The square foot charge would have been over \$3,000.00 on parcel one alone.

Council President Stump stated that he feels that the \$750.00 is a fair compromise since they could have extended the plumbing strictly internally with no extra charge had they been aware of the current City Ordinance

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution Number 2008-46 was passed.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: GAUTSCHE: LANTZ: RIEGSECKER: ROBINSON: STUMP: STUTSMAN:  
THOMAS

NAYS: NONE

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 4514**

Mayor Kauffman opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance Number 4514 entitled, Additional Appropriation Ordinance.

Mayor Kauffman explained the additional appropriation requests as follows:

- \$21,000 from the General Fund for the Police Department's Gas and Diesel line;
- \$30,000 from the MVH Fund for the Overtime line: and
- \$3,473 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund for the Office Equipment line.

Mayor Kauffman closed the public hearing as no person wished to speak.

### **ORDINANCE NUMBER 4514**

Council President Stump introduced Ordinance Number 4514 entitled "ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE."

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer First Deputy to read the Ordinance by title only for its first reading and moved its passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas.

Council President Stump asked if the \$30,000 for overtime in the MVH budget had already been expended.

Street Commissioner Barbara LaDow responded that the 2008 appropriation for overtime wages in the MVH budget was gone by the end of February 2008. The \$30,000.00 being requested should last until January 1, 2009. Overtime wages would be needed for leaf pickup and for snow removal. Any funds not spent by the end of the year would revert back to the MVH fund's operating balance.

Councilman Thomas stated that we had 82 inches of snow last year, an all time record and commended the Street Department for the how well the streets were kept clear. He stated he has no problem understanding the use of overtime money.

Council President Stump questioned if additional appropriation requests for budget lines are processed after the years budgeted appropriation in the line is spent. Mayor Kauffman explained the money is normally appropriated before the line goes in the red.

Councilwoman Gautsche stated she feels this request is reasonable because it is less expensive to pay overtime than to hire a full time person.

By a 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council the motion passed.

Mayor Kauffman asked for unanimous Council consent to consider the Ordinance for passage during one meeting. As there were no objections, the Mayor declared that the Ordinance would be heard on second reading.

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer First Deputy to read the Ordinance by title only for second and final reading and moved its passage by roll call vote. Motion seconded by Councilman Stutsman.

The Council roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: GAUTSCHE: LANTZ: RIEGSECKER: ROBINSON: STUMP: STUTSMAN:  
THOMAS

NAYS: NONE

(ORDINANCE NUMBER 4514 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2008.)

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-11**

Council President Stump introduced Resolution Number 2008-11 entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.”

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer First Deputy to read the Resolution by title only and moved its passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Stutsman.

Kit Castetter, Goshen Fire Department explained that the only difference in the new agreements is the dollar amount, they are structured the same as previous ambulance interlocal agreements. Some of the townships were concerned about the retainer fees and one of the townships was lost, which amounted to a little over \$43,000.00 loss in billables to the patient plus the retainer fee. The new structure allows the City to collect 100% of the amount that is allowed to be collected in a different way that lowers the interlocal retainer fees. He has spoken with the township that dropped and they are very interested in coming back on board. He also stated that the Fire department does not have to add staff or incur a great cost in order to service these townships, just fuel and supplies. These service costs help offset the amount of money received from the General Fund budget for the Fire Department.

Mayor Kauffman stated that he struggles every year with providing ambulance services outside the City because the City subsidizes ambulance services with property taxes so essentially the residents outside the City limits are receiving the service for less than City residents pay. But it is additional revenue and he does understand that the Fire Department does want to provide revenue to the City.

Councilwoman Gautsche stated that if retainer fees are increased and that makes townships drop the service it is a loss of income so it is a kind of trade off.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution Number 2008-11 was passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-48**

Council President Stump introduced Resolution Number 2008-48 entitled “AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.”

Council President Stump asked the Clerk-Treasurer First Deputy to read the Resolution by title only and moved its passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Thomas.

By 7-0 unanimous vote of the Council, Resolution Number was passed.

#### **Council Discussion**

Mayor Kauffman congratulated Bob McCoige on being awarded the Ivan Brenniger Municipal Employee of the Year Award for the State of Indiana and expressed his appreciation for his sense of urgency for getting projects done before retiring.

Councilman Thomas congratulated Mayor Kauffman on his year as President of IACT and thanked him for his leadership.

Councilman Lantz moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Gautsche and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.