



Minutes of the Greenwood Common Council

Date: September 6, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Council Chambers
Greenwood City Center
300 S. Madison Ave.
Greenwood, Indiana

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in person and online via Zoom.
- A. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. **Prayer:** Cleon Wright, Mt. Carmel Christian Church
- C. **Roll Call:** Roll Call of the Common Council was taken.

Council Members Present: Ron Bates (“Mr. Bates”), Erin Betron (“Ms. Betron”), Mike Campbell (“Mr. Campbell”), Linda Gibson (“Ms. Gibson”), Ezra Hill (“Mr. Hill”), David Hopper (“Mr. Hopper”), David Lekse (“Mr. Lekse”), Brad Pendleton (“Mr. Pendleton”), Mike Williams (“Mr. Williams”)

City Officials Present: Jeannine Myers (“Ms. Myers”) City Clerk, Drew Foster (“Mr. Foster”) Assistant City Attorney

II. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Minutes from the regular meeting on August 21, 2023

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes from August 21, 2023 by Bates, seconded by Lekse
Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton
Abstain- Williams

Motion passes 8-0 with 1 abstention

III. **Reports**

- A. **Corporation Counsel**

Drew Foster said that the IDEM Semi-Monthly was available on SharePoint.

- B. **Controller**

- C. **Committee & Board Reports**

IV. Public Comments

John Sims, 826 W. Cutsinger Rd. spoke concerning Res No. 23-17. He said they want to charge X amount of dollars per month for 30 years for them to add City utilities there. They are valuing their properties off of current assessed value and Greenwood keeps going up every couple of years. He asked how are they going to be compensated over the next ten years.

Mr. Campbell said that is something they would have to look into. There are usually two appraisals done and they typically average the two. Mr. Sims said they only get two appraisals done if you meet the threshold. If the compensation is over \$25,000 you get two appraisals. If the compensation is under \$25,000 you get what they give you. Mr. Campbell said they are only taking a portion of his property and Mr. Sims said it started at 32 feet and now it is up to 50 feet. That leaves him with 26 feet from his front door to the edge of the new road. He said the City has utilities. They are putting them all the way back to Averitt Drive from the new firehouse but they have to pay to get them from Averitt down to Cutsinger. The City is tearing up the road anyway so why are they not doing it now. Indiana American Water says it's in the works for the next 3-5 years. Mr. Campbell said they will look into it but at the moment he doesn't have the answers that Mr. Sims is looking for.

V. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Notice of Intent to Consider

B. First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 23-29 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENWOOD TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 36-7.7 et seq. (Sponsored by Campbell)

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Scott Fadness, Mayor of Fishers IN said this is legislation that they have worked on over the last five years. They were able to get state legislature to adopt a specific legislation that allows Central Indiana to come together and work together on certain opportunities. They started the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority about a year and a half ago and now, over 15 cities in Central Indiana are a part of it. Just about every community over the size of 7,500 with the exception of Greenwood, Franklin and Brownsburg. They are in this unusual opportunity right now to go seek a significant amount of federal and state dollars and they can do that better as a region than they can as an individual. They're not asking the City for taxing authority. In fact, that is excluded from the language in the law. They're not asking the City for any kind of funding. They are just asking the City to come on board so that they can collaborate. They have a grant application that they were awarded a million dollars from the EPA to put together a plan that opens the door to \$4.2 billion. Those funds are earmarked for large regional or metropolitan areas. They are the coordinating body for the Ready Grant 2.0. There is \$500 million available and they are coordinating all of that. They are also working closely with Applied Research Institute here in Indiana for their CHIPS Act application which could be up to a billion dollars for Central Indiana. He said Greenwood is a fast growing community and they would appreciate having the City on board.

Mr. Bates asked if this was a part of or in addition to the MPO. Mayor Fadness said that the MPO focuses primarily on transportation dollars and this allows them to go after any variety of dollars. Could be Economic Development Administration or EPA grants to name a few. They signed an agreement with the MPO to do summer work on behalf of the RDA. His goal is not to create a large metropolitan government. They just want to partner with these areas and hopefully seize some of these revenue opportunities. Mr. Bates asked if there were membership fees involved. Mayor Fadness said there are no fees and this is all voluntary and what they really try to do is lean on each other's staff. He thinks it builds collaboration and regionalism.

Motion to pass first reading for Ord No. 23-29 by Lekse, seconded by Pendleton

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

RESOLUTION NO. 23-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 36-7.7 et seq. (Sponsored by Campbell)

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Mr. Bates said he thinks the biggest advantage of this would be to be able to reach out and get grants. He asked if it was federal or state grants. Mr. Williams said it would be for both federal and state.

Motion to pass first reading for Res No. 23-15 by Gibson, seconded by Betron

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

C. Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 23-27 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO BUDGET CLASSIFICATION 449 (\$95,000) AND THE CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CIGARETTE TAX FUND TO BUDGET CLASSIFICATION 439 (\$180,000) (Sponsored by Bates and Gibson)

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Motion to pass second reading for Ord No. 23-27 by Gibson, seconded by Lekse

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

ORDINANCE NO. 23-28 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE FIRE FUND TO BUDGET CLASSIFICATION 436 (\$94,516) FOR A NEW MOTOR FOR ENGINE 93 AND TO REBUILD THE TRANSMISSION OF ENGINE 94 (Sponsored by Bates and Gibson)

** Public Hearing is scheduled for September 6, 2023*

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Mr. Campbell opened the public hearing.

Mr. Campbell closed the public hearing.

Motion to pass second reading for Ord No. 23-28 by Gibson, seconded by Bates

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES ON COUNTY LINE ROAD (Sponsored by Hopper)

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Motion to pass second reading for Res No. 23-14 by Bates, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

D. Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING For Final Action Confirming, Modifying, Or Rescinding The Greenwood Common Council Resolution No. 23-10; and

RESOLUTION NO. 23-16 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING RESOLUTION 23-10 DECLARING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT FOR TAX ABATEMENT AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING (Nachi Technology, Inc.-Nachi Tool America) (Sponsored by Campbell)

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Mr. Campbell opened the public hearing.

Mr. Campbell closed the public hearing.

Motion to pass Res No. 23-16 by Bates, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

VI. New Business – Introductions of New Ordinances and Resolutions

ORDINANCE NO. 23-31 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE FOOD & BEVERAGE TAX FUND TO BUDGET CLASSIFICATION 435000 (\$177,000) FOR UTILITIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. (Sponsored by Hopper)

** Request for Suspension of Rules through Second Reading*

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Mr. Wright said this is to transfer some appropriations from the capital outlays lines for the Parks Department into their utilities lines. There are two driving factors on this. Number one is the grass went in at the Worthsville Road Sports Park earlier this summer and since it was a very hot summer, it took a lot of water to keep it alive. That was not anticipated when the budget was done. Number two, there were some rate increases on some utilities that they couldn't have known about last year at budget time. He is asking for suspension because by the end of the full process, they would have to be holding off paying some utility bills.

Motion to suspend the rules through first reading for Ord No. 23-31 by Gibson, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

Motion to pass first reading for Ord No. 23-31 by Gibson, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

Motion to suspend the rules through second reading for Ord No. 23-31 by Gibson, seconded by Lekse

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

Motion to pass second reading for Ord No. 23-31 by Gibson, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17 A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ON CUTSINGER ROAD (Sponsored by Hopper)

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VII. Miscellaneous Business

A. Public Comments

Dale Marmaduke, 1153 Pilgrim Road said he appreciates Mr. Wright's presentations on the budget but it would be nice if those could be published with the Clerk. That way, they can be reviewed before the meeting and they could have a little bit of idea of what they're looking at and be better able to follow along. He asked that that be done for the second part of the budget presentation coming up in two weeks.

B. Council

Conflict of Interest

Scott Hamilton, Firefighter, as owner of Bourke Spike Depot & First Due Laser Engraving

Motion to approve conflict of interest for Scott Hamilton by Bates, seconded by Betron

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Betron, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motion passes 9-0

Mr. Williams said next Monday is the September 11th anniversary. He said the neighbors out at Homecoming are doing a ceremony to honor and remember the day at 7:00 pm.

C. Other Miscellaneous

A. Corporation Counsel

B. Controller

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2024 Budget night one. See [link](#).

C. Mayor

VIII. **Adjournment: 8:02 pm**



Council President



Clerk

