COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 20, 2019

6:30 PM MAYOR GRAHAM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS STANLEY ALLEN, JOHN KONKLER, AND CHUCK ROSE PRESENT. CLERK-TREASURER JAN HARDY, CHIEF OF POLICE SCOTT ZELLERS, AND CITY ATTORNEY KERRY THOMPSON WERE PRESENT. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE GUY TOWNSEND, BRAD DEATON, CASEY SAEGESSER, MALVINA CRAIG, TOM SPRINGSTUN, MICHAEL CHESSER, JOHN SPARROW, SUE JONES, LESLIE BIXLER, AND CARMEN BOLEY.

THE MINUTES FROM MAY 6TH WERE PRESENTED. THEY WERE TABLED BECAUSE THERE WAS NO QUORUM FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

**ORDINANCE 2019- 2** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE SCOTTSBURG WATER DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE SCOTTSBURG DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH. WAS PRESENTED FOR A THIRD READING. CHUCK ROSE MOTIONED TO PASS THE ORDINANCE. STANLEY ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE ORDINANCE PASSED 3-0 ON THE THIRD AND FINAL READING.

A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL REVIEW BOARD WAS PRESENTED. TOTAL CONCEPTS OF DESIGN IS REQUESTING A $50,000 LOAN FROM THE CITY’S EDA RLF WITH A QUARTERLY PRIME RATE AND A 5 YEAR AMORTIZATION. JEFF MILLS AND CHRISTY COOMER REPORTED THAT IT WOULD FUND A PROJECT THEY ARE COMPLETING FOR THE NAVY. IT WILL HAVE AN 18 MONTH DEVELOPMENT PERIOD, CREATE 10 NEW JOBS, AND CREATE ADDITIONAL WAGES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES. TOTAL CONCEPTS OF DESIGN HAS HAD MULTIPLE SUCCESSFUL LOANS WITH THE CITY. JOHN KONKLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOAN. STANLEY ALLEN SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

**ORDINANCE 2019-4** BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBURG THAT ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBURG IS REPEALED AND REPLACED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY THE CITY OF SCOTTSBURG TREE ORDINANCE. MALVINA CRAIG SPOKE ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A TREE CITY THROUGH THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION WHICH INCLUDES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. TREE CITY USA PROVIDES GUIDELINES TO PLANTING AND MAINTAINING TREES ON PUBLIC LAND. THERE ARE FOUR REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A TREE CITY: HAVING A TREE ORDINANCE, HAVING A TREE BOARD, SPENDING AT LEAST $2 PER CAPITA ON TREES YEARLY, AND HOSTING A YEARLY ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION WITH A MAYORAL PROCLAMATION. CHUCK ROSE SAID THE ORDINANCE SEEMED VERY COMPREHENSIVE. MALVINA STATED THAT IT IS BASED ON ORDINANCES FROM MANY OTHER CITIES AND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PRACTICES. JOHN KONKLER MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING. STANLEY ALLEN SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

CITY ATTORNEY KERRY THOMPSON PRESENTED SAMTEC’S COMPLIANCE STATEMENT WITH BENEFITS FOR REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. CHUCK ROSE MOTIONED TO APPROVE. STANLEY ALLEN SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY PURCHASED APPROXIMATELY 47 ACRES OF LAND SOUTH OF MERANDA LANE AND IS DESIGNING A SOLAR FARM TO GO THERE. THIS IS ALMOST A $12.5 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT. THE TAX ABATEMENT PROCESS WOULD BEGIN IN JULY AFTER THE ANNEXATION PROCESS IS COMPLETE. IMPA WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION EARLIER. THEY ARE REQUESTING THE COUNCIL WAIVE THEIR NON-COMPLIANCE BEFORE CONSTRUCTION STARTS. THIS PROJECT WILL HELP THE CITY MEET RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS. CHUCK ROSE ASKED WHAT EXACTLY THE COUNCIL IS COMMITTING TO IN CASE OF PROBLEMS WITH THE PROJECT. CITY ATTORNEY KERRY THOMPSON STATED THAT THE CITY IS STILL PROTECTED EVEN IF IMPA BEGINS CONSTRUCTION EARLY. JOHN KONKLER MADE A MOTION TO COMMIT TO APPROVING THE NON-COMPLIANCE WAIVER. STANLEY ALLEN SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

7:04 PM THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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