

The Common Council of the City of LaPorte

August 02, 2010

Convene

The Common Council of the City of LaPorte met in regular session in the Council Chambers on August 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance: Councilman Logwood, Present: Councilwoman Renner, Present: Councilwoman Hammons, Present: Councilman Heichel, Present: Councilman Schmitt, Present: Councilman Luscomb, Absent: Councilman Pressler, Present.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Schmitt.

Minutes

As each Council member received an advance copy of the minutes from the previous regular and executive meetings, Mayor Chroback stated they would dispense with the reading of same and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Councilman Heichel noted on the regular meeting minutes under Petitions and Comments, line five, it should read Ms. Jesch not Mr. Jesch.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Pressler moved to approve the regular minutes as amended as well as the executive session minutes; motion seconded by Councilman Heichel and unanimously carried.

Petitions & Comments

None

Standing Committee Reports

Airport Authority: Councilman Pressler advised Councilman Luscomb wanted him to announce the next Airport Board will be held on Wednesday, August 11th, at 5:15 p.m., at the Airport. Also, on August 15th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Airport will be hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast and Open House.

Finance Committee: Mayor Chroback reported the Finance Committee will meet this Friday, August 6th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Mayor's Office. She advised Councilman Pressler he did not have to attend that meeting unless he wanted to as he was at the last meeting. The Mayor stated the Finance Committee Meeting would like to meet with the entire Council on Monday August 9th in order for them to have an opportunity to look at the budget prior to submitting them to the County Council for their review. Discussion was held on what time would be best for everyone. It was decided to hold the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Hammons stated she would have to check her schedule to see if she would be able to attend. The Mayor asked the Council to let her know if there is a problem with them attending the meeting.

Park & Recreation: Councilman Pressler reported the Park Board will meet on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Park Office.

School Board Liaison: Councilman Pressler advised the next School Board meeting will be held on

Tuesday, August 17th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Educational Services Center.

Traffic Commission: Councilman Schmitt reported the Traffic Commission will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

BID Board: Councilwoman Hammons reported the BID Board met this evening at which time discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the benches downtown. Also, the BID Board will be receiving quotes for snow removal on September 10th.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Teresa Ludlow, Clerk-Treasurer, presented to the Council an updated Cash Flow Spreadsheet through the end of July, which reflects a drop in the projected cash flow to \$4.7 million at the end of the year in the General Fund. She advised the City received provisional property tax distributions for the first half of 2010 last Friday which is reflected on the spreadsheet. The General Fund received approximately \$100,000 more for the first half of 2010 than what was received in 2009. The Clerk-Treasurer reported if the City receives the same amount for the second half of 2010 as what was received in 2009 the tax collection for 2010 would be approximately 70%. If the City receives the same amount the second half of 2010 as what was just received it will be approximately 75%.

Councilman Schmitt stated at the BID Board meeting tonight it was announced they received approximately 50% for the first half. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that is correct, however, the rest of the City did not receive that percentage. She stated the General Fund should have collected approximately \$2.9 million for the first half and only received a little over \$2.2 million.

Second & Final Reading of an Ordinance to Vacate an Alley Located Between 11th Street & 12th Street

Mayor Chrobak stated the Council will need to table this matter until the next meeting, as Mr. Szilagyi is not present and there should have been an amendment to the original Ordinance. She asked the City Attorney to contact Mr. Szilagyi regarding the amendment.

Motion/Vote - Table Ordinance

Councilman Schmitt moved the Ordinance to Vacate an Alley Located Between 11th Street and 12th Street be tabled until the next meeting; motion seconded by Councilwoman Hammons and unanimously carried.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilman Pressler moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Councilman Logwood and unanimously carried.

Signatures

APPROVED: _____
Kathleen A. Chroback, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Teresa L. Ludlow, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: August 16, 2010