

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TERRE HAUTE CITY COUNCIL
6:00 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
CITY HALL COURTROOM
AGENDA

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1. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Rollcall
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - a. James Royer concerning bridge on Hulman Street where his daughter was killed in an automobile accident.
 - b. Councilman Neil Garrison expressed sympathies to Mr. Royer. Councilman Garrison stated he had been in contact with various agencies to see what could be done concerning the bridge. Councilman Garrison responded to Mr. Zoll's question that a deficit budget was passed by the Council.
 - c. Reid Zoll concerning questions he is receiving from the public relating to the City's budget, municipal bankruptcy, current City administration, and the Councils' voting on the 2015 budget last year.
 - d. Councilman Norm Loudermilk responded to Mr. Zoll's questions.
4. No corrections to the Journal
5. No communications
6. Reports from Governmental Agencies
 - a. Jeff Lorick, director of Human Relations Commission, stated the commission would be presenting the Council an update with changes to the City Code in the near future.
 - b. Councilman George Azar thanked Mr. Lorick for his hard work and looked forward to the Human Relations Commission's ideas. Councilman Azar commented on his request to the Mayor and Leslie Ellis for information regarding payments, outstanding claims, and the proceeds from the Terre Haute Dewatering contract. Councilman Azar asked the Mayor how long the property tax disbursement will last the City.
 - c. Mayor Duke Bennett spoke concerning the current status of the City's finances, how the 2015 budget was approved by the DLGF, the need for additional revenue, the errors in local property assessments, the number of properties in the City limits that are not assessed property taxes, the distribution of property tax money to the City, and the status of the Powerdyne contracts. Mayor Bennett also commented that the majority of the City's budget is for salaries and benefits. Mayor Bennett stated claims are being paid but claims from late February, March and early April are still waiting to be disbursed. He continued by stating benefits, such as VALIC, PERF, and Nationwide are current or will be this week. He stated there have been software issues that contributed to the delay in those three disbursements. Mayor Bennett stated there is approximately \$2.6 million in claims not paid but payments would be disbursed and caught up in May. He stated the Controller had met with the department heads to restricted expenditures for non-essential items. Mayor Bennett stated bond and interest payments are being made. He stated the City had asked for an early disbursement of property tax funds as the City does every year. He stated the City would need to obtain the remainder of the tax anticipation warrant loan, approximately \$2.25 million, and action would be required by the Council. Mayor Bennett commented on the rumors concerning payroll, the street department being asked to take a furlough, bankruptcy, and redevelopment funds being used for other purposes and related the facts behind these issues. Mayor Bennett responded to Councilman George Azar's request for information and the volume of documents, as well as the location of the proceeds for the Terre Haute Dewatering contract. Mayor Bennett responded to Councilman Chalos' questions on disbursements and claims. Mayor Bennett responded to Councilman Nation's questions on contracts and leases. He also responded to Council President Mullican's questions concerning the financial reports.
 - d. Councilman James Chalos asked the Mayor questions regarding the anticipated disbursements from property tax funds, average amount of payroll and the criteria used to determine which vendors are paid first.

- e. Councilman Todd Nation commented on the Board of Works meeting last Monday, the upcoming contracts and their availability for review, whether there be Council action required on those contracts and if the lease agreement for the building for \$25,000.00 will require Council action.
- f. Council President John Mullican commented on the financial reports not being sent to the Council in a timely manner.
- g. Councilman Norm Loudermilk asked Cliff Lambert, Redevelopment Director, about the Redevelopment Commission's recent action regarding the new Police station. Councilman Loudermilk also commented about the deadline for issuing bonds for the new Police station as well as the City's need to obtain additional financing. He read a letter he had prepared asking to create a Fiscal Oversight Committee of the Council to review City expenditures, including expenditures by other City boards.
- h. Cliff Lambert, Redevelopment Director, responded to Councilman Loudermilk's questions and stated the Redevelopment Commission has concerns about the City's finances and question their ability to obtain financing. Mr. Lambert stated the Mayor and Chou-il Lee, City Attorney, had approached the legislators concerning the Indiana Statutes relating to the Controller and Redevelopment funds but the Senate and the House had recently passed amendments.

Old Business

RESOLUTION 5, 2015 - Confirmed

Designating an Area commonly identified as 300 North Fruitridge Avenue, as an Economic Revitalization Area for purpose of a Ten Year Personal Property Tax Abatement (Jadcore, LLC) <Loudermilk> (For Confirmation)

APPROPRIATION 1, 2015 - Passed

\$13,055.00 from EDIT #0404 to Demo of Unsafe Buildings, #432.018 <Morris>

APPROPRIATION 2, 2015 - Passed

\$28,500.00 from Animal Care N/R #0291 to Petsmart® Grant, #432.037 <Loudermilk>

GENERAL ORDINANCE 4, 2015 - Passed

Amending City Code, Chapter 4, Article 15, Tax Abatement Procedures <Loudermilk>

New Business

GENERAL ORDINANCE 6, 2015 – Governmental Affairs

Amending City Code, Chapter 9, Section 9-112, Leak Adjustment <Loudermilk>

APPROPRIATION 3, 2015 - Finance

\$31,790.31 from EDIT #0404 to 2015 CUE Grant, #432.035 for \$15,000.00, to 2015 Holly Arboretum Grant, #432.036 for \$16,790.31 <Morris>

APPROPRIATION 4, 2015 - Finance

\$2,500.00 from CCI #0401 to Tree Maintenance, #432.190 <Morris>

APPROPRIATION 5, 2015 - Finance

\$613,409.74 from EDIT #0404 to Margaret Avenue Corridor, #450.521 <Morris>

APPROPRIATION 6, 2015 - Finance

\$12,000.00 from City Clerk Document Perpetuation Fund #0236 to Services Contractual, #432.010 <Morris>

SPECIAL ORDINANCE 8, 2015 - Zoning

Rezoning of property located at 601 South Fruitridge Avenue <Chalos>

SPECIAL ORDINANCE 9, 2015 - Traffic

Vacating the southern portion of a North-South Public Alley located between Orleans Street to the North, Berne Avenue to the South, 23rd Street to the West and 25th Street to the East <Loudermilk>

Charles P. Hanley, City Clerk

ATTENDANCE		
	Present	Absent
All	X	
Auler	X	
Azar	X	
Chalos	X	
Garrison	X	
Loudermilk	X	
Morris	X	
Mullican	X	
Nation	X	
TOTAL:	9	0

RESOLUTION 5, 2015		
	YES	NO
All		
Auler		
Azar		
Chalos		
Garrison		
Loudermilk		
Morris		
Nation		
Mullican		
TOTAL:	VOICE	
Motion to Confirm: Loudermilk		
Second: Auler		

APPROPRIATION 1, 2015		
	YES	NO
All		
Auler		
Azar		
Chalos		
Garrison		
Loudermilk		
Morris		
Nation		
Mullican		
TOTAL:	VOICE	
Motion to Pass: Nation		
Second: Chalos		

APPROPRIATION 2, 2015		
	YES	NO
All		
Auler		
Azar		
Chalos		
Garrison		
Loudermilk		
Morris		
Nation		
Mullican		
TOTAL:	VOICE	
Motion to Pass: Loudermilk		
Second: Morris		

GENERAL ORDINANCE 4, 2015		
	YES	NO
All		
Auler		
Azar		
Chalos		
Garrison		
Loudermilk		
Morris		
Nation		
Mullican		
TOTAL:	VOICE	
Motion to Pass: Morris		
Second: Nation		

ADJOURN		
	YES	NO
All		
Auler		
Azar		
Chalos		
Garrison		
Loudermilk		
Morris		
Nation		
Mullican		
TOTAL:	VOICE	
Motion: Azar		
Second: Loudermilk		