

The Warsaw City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 12, at 303 East Main Street at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Randy Jones, Randy Dunavent, Jerry Hunt, Trey Young and Todd Samuel. Dwayne Wood was absent. Attorney Mike Duncan was present.

Visitors present: Brent Caldwell, Clay & Joy Warnick, Barry Alexander Sr., Barry Alexander Jr., Ethan Moore, Brandon Terrell, Sue Ahlrichs.

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Charlie French and it was acknowledged that a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said before the meeting started.

#1 Approval of the Agenda

A motion by Todd Samuel seconded by Randy Jones approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#2 Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Trey Young seconded by Randy Dunavent approving the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#3 Approval of the Financial Statements

City Clerk Carolyn Caldwell advised a type/error in the General Fund budget for 643-1 utilities. It is coded incorrectly in quickbooks.

A motion by Randy Dunavent seconded by Trey Young approving the financials for the previous month. Motion carried unanimously.

#4 Recognition of Audience

Ethan Moore, member of the Warsaw Methodist Church was present to tell the Mayor and Council that the Church wanted to construct a new sidewalk near their parking lot on 1st and Market Streets. There are several broken areas (approximately 5) that while building the new sidewalk they would like to fix those areas also. There will be no cost to the city. The mayor and council were all in agreement for the project.

#5 GALLATIN COUNTY LIBRARY; Sue Ahlrichs

Sue Ahlrichs was present on behalf of the library to discuss a new project. The library in conjunction with the Gallatin County Extension office will be hosting a farmers market. It will be called OLD PIONEER MARKET- Homemade, Home Grown & Hand Crafted. The market will be held on Thursdays from 4pm-7pm on the Gallatin County Public Library parking lot adjacent to the Old Warsaw Cemetery with the exceptions of June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 19 where the market will be located at the Warsaw City Park. The cost to set up will be \$25 for an annual or \$5 weekly. Applications will be at the library, extension office or the city building if interested.

#6 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE; Brandon Terrell

Brandon Terrell advised work was completing on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. NKADD was working on the update. The plan makes the city/county eligible for FEMA grants. Resolution 2024-01 was approved.

#7 1st READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-01; Amending ABC Sunday License

Attorney Mike Duncan advised council that the city ordinance 2022-03 regarding alcohol sales on Sundays etc needs some housekeeping revisions. He also asked if council wanted to review or change the “no sales until 1pm

on Sundays” the ordinance shows. The discussion was regarding offering a once/year opportunity to get a special temporary license from the City to serve early on a Sunday for holidays. Mr. Duncan will present an amended ordinance next month for a 1st Reading.

#8 VACANCY ON PLANNING & ZONING & BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BOARDS

Mayor French advised there was a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission due to Beth Oldendick resigning as one of the city’s placements. A vacancy also exists on the city’s Board of Adjustment board. Mayor French advised anyone interested should contact the city.

#9 DISCUSSION TO RAISE OCCUPATIONAL / PAYROLL TAX

Mayor French advised that the city currently had a 1% payroll tax that began in 1989. Due to an increase in expenditures he wanted to discuss raising that rate. Most of the additional money would be to help fund the police and fire departments.

A motion by Trey Young seconded by Randy Dunavent to raise the current Occupational License fee tax to 2% instead of 1%. Voice vote: Randy Jones no, Todd Samuel no, Jerry Hunt no, Randy Dunavent yes, Trey Young yes. Vote 3-2 Motion failed.

A motion by Todd Samuel seconded by Trey Young to raise the current Occupational License fee tax to 1.75% instead of 1%. Voice vote: Randy Dunavent yes, Jerry Hunt no, Randy Jones no, Todd Samuel yes, Trey Young yes. Motion carried 3-2.

#10 ADJOURN

With no more business to discuss, A motion by Randy Jones seconded by Randy Dunavent to ADJOURN. Meeting adjourned 7pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senior Commodities handed out February 20 – drive through system

Charlie French, Mayor

Carolyn Caldwell, City Clerk