

The Warsaw City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 303 East Main Street at 6:00pm.

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

Visitors present: Brent Caldwell, Clay and Joy Warnick, Chief JR Davis, Captain Jake Doolin, Officer Cameron Niswander, Jeff Woods, Makenzie Peck.

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

Mayor French added discussion on cannabis election, Randy Jones added cold patch, sidewalks, and cats.

A motion by Randy Jones seconded by Trey Young approving the agenda with the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

#2 Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Randy Jones seconded by Todd Samuel approving the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#3 Approval of the Financial Statements

A motion by Jerry Hunt seconded by Dwayne Wood approving the financials for the previous month. Motion carried unanimously.

#4 Recognition of Audience none

#5 FY AUDIT 2023-2024; RAISOR ZAPP & WOODS

Jeff Woods with Raisor, Zapp and Woods presented the FY 2023-2024 audit for the City.

Mr. Woods explained that expenses were up and revenue down again this year but recent raises in Occupational License fees and water/sewer rates would help correct issues. The city has had to borrow from other funds to keep paying expenses etc and those loans would need to be paid back especially to the Municipal Road Aid Fund.

A motion by Todd Samuel seconded by Trey Young approving the audit for FY 2023-2024 as presented by Jeff Woods of Raisor, Zapp and Woods. Voice vote: Dwayne Wood yes, Randy Dunavent yes, Randy Jones yes, Jerry Hunt yes, Trey Young yes, Todd Samuel yes. Motion passed unanimously.

#6 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-07; REPEALS OLD ORDINANCES & AMENDMENTS FOR OLD PERSONNEL POLICY

A Municipal Order 2024-02 was passed at the October meeting approving a new personnel policy for the City of Warsaw. Ordinance 2024-07 had a first reading in October and tonight is the 2nd reading.

A motion by Jerry Hunt seconded by Dwayne Wood approving Ordinance 2024-07 which repeals section 38.01 of the Warsaw Code of Ordinances, Ordinance 1989-230.2 passed 10/9/289, and all amendments to both, in order to repeal the existing personnel policies of the City of Warsaw, and in order to adopt and approve the new City of Warsaw Handbook. Voice vote: Trey Young yes, Randy Dunavent yes, Todd Samuel yes, Randy Jones yes, Dwayne Wood yes, and Jerry Hunt yes. Motion passed unanimously.

#7 Warsaw Police Department

Chief Davis advised that the Department had received a KLC Liability Grant thanks to Carolyn and Brent Caldwell. The grant will purchase a new gun safe for the department. Chief Davis also reported thanks to Project Heart ReStart through St. Elizabeth Hospitals would be supplying AEDs for each patrol car. Chief Davis also reported the resignation of Warsaw police officer Andy Lubbers. Captain Doolin with WPD is already certified for evidence investigation and sexual assault that was normally handled by Officers Haught and Lubbers.

Additions:

Cold Patch - Councilman Randy Jones asked if the city had received cold patch. He advised there were several areas of concern that need to be handled. The Mayor said he would talk to the maintenance guys.

Sidewalks - Councilman Randy Jones inquired about the need for sidewalks in a couple areas where he's noticed "handicap scooters" trying to access areas by grass. He and Mayor French will get together to look at these areas.

Cats - Councilman Randy Jones asked what could be done about an overpopulation of cats running around Warsaw. Mayor French advised that the City and the County were working with a grant to try to capture wild cats and get them fixed and relocated.

Attorney Duncan advised that as of January 1, 2025 Cannabis will be legal in Kentucky. The recent November election had cannabis on the agenda for Warsaw and passed. Moving forward Kentucky law lays out the guidelines and stipulations but if the City wants to put any of their stipulations then the City needs to discuss with Gallatin County Planning and Zoning. Council and the Mayor after discussing agree to use the Kentucky guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- November 19 Senior Commodities 9am-12pm
- CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls Cross Country team in qualifying for STATE meet
- Christmas on the Square is December 14....
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER SATURDAY DEC 7 @ 6pm
- CONGRATULATIONS to the election winners

A motion by Randy Jones seconded by Trey Young to ADJOURN.
Meeting adjourned 6:45pm.

Charlie French, Mayor

Carolyn Caldwell, City Clerk