

The Warsaw City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 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, Samantha Doolin, and Captain Jake Doolin

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 sports complex.

A motion by Jerry Hunt seconded by Randy Jones approving the agenda with the addition.

Motion carried unanimously.

#2 Approval of the Minutes

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

#3 Approval of the Financial Statements

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

#4 Recognition of Audience

Renee Taylor a resident of 307 E. High Street was present to discuss a Disabled American Veterans Field of Flags project. The project empowers communities to set up fields of American flags, all to honor local veterans and raise critical funds to support our ill and injured heroes. Each flag in the Field of Flags honors a different hero. The mayor and council are in favor of the project and advised anyone wishing to donate can drop off funds to the city building. The city clerk will work with Renee to advertise etc the project. Flags will be positioned at the pocket park this first year.

#5 Municipal Order 2024-02 New city personnel policy

Municipal Order 2024-02 approves the new policy. Council and the Mayor had reviewed the policy last month.

A motion by Randy Dunavent seconded by Dwayne Wood approving Municipal Order 2024-02 adopting the City of Warsaw Employee handbook and choosing Option 3 for the section under the drug policy / medicinal cannabis which will accommodate all employees & prohibit police officers. This new policy will replace the existing personnel policies for the City of Warsaw.

Voice vote: Trey Young yes, Randy Jones yes, Todd Samuel yes, Jerry Hunt yes, Dwayne Wood yes, and Randy Dunavent voting yes. Motion carried unanimously.

#6 Ordinance 2024-07; repeals old ordinances & amendments for old personnel policy
Ordinance 2024-07 repeals section 38.01 of the Warsaw Code of Ordinances, Ordinance 1989-230.2 passed 10/9/89, and all amendments of 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 employee handbook. Tonight was a first reading of this Ordinance. The second reading will be in November.

#7 Warsaw Police Department

Mayor French introduced the newest employee Captain Jake Doolin. He is now a part of the Warsaw Police Department.

Additions:

Mayor French advised council that a new group was helping to raise money for the Warsaw Sports Complex. The group has acquired 501c3 status and would like to hire an outside company to layout the sports complex for current and future plans. The cost of this project is \$5000. The group has \$3500 but would like the city and the county to each give \$750 for the project.

A motion by Trey Young seconded by Todd Samuel approving the \$750 towards the cost of the project. Voice vote: Randy Jones yes, Jerry Hunt yes, Dwayne Wood yes, Randy Dunavent yes, Todd Samuel yes, Trey Young yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor French offered his congratulations to the Gallatin County girls golf team on their excellent season. The girls qualified for the State Tournament.

Councilman Randy Dunavent offered his thanks to Brandon Terrell, director of emergency management for taking up donations for recent victims of Hurricane Helene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- October 15 - senior commodities handed out
- October 18 - Gallatin Nursing Fall Festival/Haunted House & Gallatin County Senior Fall Festival
- October 29 – GC Library Halloween Story Walk
- October 31 - Trick or Treat
- November 2 – Trunk or Treat sponsored Wildcat Athletic boosters

A motion by Randy Jones seconded by Trey Young to ADJOURN.
Meeting adjourned 6:34pm.

Charlie French, Mayor

Carolyn Caldwell, City Clerk