

The Common Council of the City of Connersville held their regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Councilman Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Eric Hopkins offered an invocation before the start of the meeting.

Mayor Chad Frank presided and called the meeting to order with Councilwoman Sharon McQueen, Councilwoman Jenny Barrett, Councilman Tommy Lee Williams Jr., Councilwoman Diana Phillips, Councilman Brian Robb, Councilman Bill Gray, and Councilman Jabin Collins were present. Attorney Geoff Wesling was also present.

Councilman Williams Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024, regular meeting; Councilwoman McQueen seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes."

Clerk Treasurer Rosemary Brown requested approval of **Resolution 2024-59**, a resolution to reimburse Four Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$4,000.00) into Council 321 Grant Expenses. Councilman Gray made the motion to approve **Resolution 2024-59**, Councilman Robb seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "yes".

Adam Stone with Stone Municipal presented the 2025 budget. The proposed budget is balanced, with no increase in the property tax rate, ends the year with a strong cash reserve across funds and provides new project funding opportunities to improve quality of life amenities. Adam also went over the options of 0%, 50%, 63%, 75% and 100% for a new proposed debt service for River's Edge. This proposed financing would be for four and a half years, so we could finance a second phase if needed. We can approve the budget at 100%, but we do not have to finance the whole amount and DLGF would lower the levy to the amount needed.

Mayor Frank presented **Pending Ordinance 3957**, the 2025 Budget for approval. Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to approve **Pending Ordinance 3957** with the levy for the 2nd bond at 100%, Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. On a roll call vote: Councilwoman Sharon McQueen, Councilwoman Jenny Barrett, Councilman Tommy Lee Williams Jr., Councilwoman Diana Phillips, Councilman Brian Robb, and Councilman Bill Gray voted "yes", and Councilman Jabin Collins voted "no".

Clerk Treasurer Rosemary Brown presented **Pending Ordinance 3958**, an ordinance amending the Utilities' Non-Bargaining Salary Ordinance. Update the Utility Supervisor to his correct rate. Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to approve **Pending Ordinance 3958** on first reading, Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Councilman Gray made the motion to suspend the Rules on **Pending Ordinance 3958** and move on to Third and Final Reading; Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes."

Councilwoman McQueen made the motion to approve **Pending Ordinance 3958**; on Third and Final Reading; Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Clerk Treasurer Rosemary Brown presented Pending Ordinance 3959, an ordinance correcting the parking in the City Hall Parking lot. Councilwoman McQueen made the motion to approve Pending Ordinance 3959 on first reading, Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to suspend the Rules on Pending Ordinance 3959 and move on to Third and Final Reading; Councilman Williams Jr. seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes."

Councilwoman McQueen made the motion to approve Pending Ordinance 3959; on Third and Final Reading; Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Mayor Chad Frank presented Pending Ordinance 3960, an ordinance amending the traffic code, making 8th and Central a four-way stop. Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to approve Pending Ordinance 3960 on first reading, Councilman Robb seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Councilman Gray made the motion to suspend the Rules on Pending Ordinance 3960 and move on to Third and Final Reading; Councilman Robb seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes."

Councilwoman McQueen made the motion to approve Pending Ordinance 3960; on Third and Final Reading; Councilman Williams Jr. seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Clerk Treasurer Rosemary Brown presented Pending Ordinance 3961, an ordinance for an additional appropriation for the Debt Service in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 00/100 dollars (\$1,124.00). Mayor Frank closed the Council Meeting and opened the Public Hearing, there was no one to speak. Mayor Frank closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Council Meeting. Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to approve Pending Ordinance 3961 on first reading, Councilwoman Barrett seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Councilwoman McQueen made the motion to suspend the Rules on Pending Ordinance 3961 and move on to Third and Final Reading; Councilman Williams Jr. seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes."

Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to approve Pending Ordinance 3961; on Third and Final Reading; Councilman Williams Jr. seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes".

Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to approve the appointment of Terry Sturgeon to the UEA board, Councilwoman McQueen seconded the motion. All Council members vote "yes".

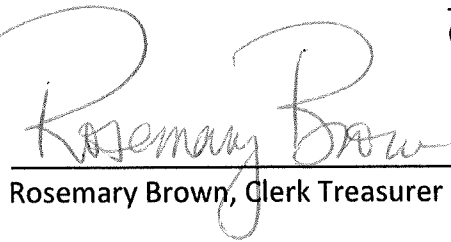
Rosemary Brown announced that Trick-or-Treating will be on Halloween from 5-7 and the Park Truck-or-treat will be on 10/29 from 5-7.

Sharon McQueen announced that the Art Association and Downtown vendors will also have trick-or-treat on Halloween from 4-7.

Councilwoman McQueen made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Robb seconding. All Council members voted "yes."

Chad A. Frank, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rosemary Brown, Clerk Treasurer