

GREENFIELD COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, December 11th, 2024
RICHARD J PASCO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 SOUTH STATE STREET
7:00 p.m.

The Greenfield, Indiana Common Council met in regular session on the 11th of December, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 127 located at 10 South State Street with Mayor Guy Titus presiding. The Invocation was given by Councilman Dan Riley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman John Jester.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Guy Titus called the meeting to order of the Common Council for the purpose of conducting the business before the Greenfield Common Council. Roll call was given by Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councilman	John Jester Amy Kirkpatrick Jeff Lowder Thomas Moore Joyce Plisinski Dan Riley Anthony Scott
	City Attorney	Gregg Morelock
	Clerk-Treasurer	Lori Elmore
	Mayor	Guy Titus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on November 27th, 2024, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Motion carried *viva voce*.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilman Lowder reported a total of 193 housing permits which had been requested during the fiscal year of 2024.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Officer John Kim was sworn into office by Mayor Titus. His family was present for the special occasion and Officer Kim was congratulated by all in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING for Additional Appropriation for the American Rescue Plan Fund Ordinance No. 2024/40

Councilman Riley moved to recess the Regular Business Meeting, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Mayor Titus declared the Public Hearing was now open and to discuss **Ordinance No. 2024/40**

Citizen's comments were welcomed at this time with no one coming forward.

Councilman Scott moved to close the Public Hearing, duly seconded by Councilman Kirkpatrick.

Motion carried *viva voce*.

Mayor Titus declared the Regular Business Meeting was re-opened.

Ordinance No. 2024/37

An Ordinance Authorizing Moving Appropriation Funds Between Major Budget Classifications for Year End Balancing in the Fiscal Year of 2024; Councilman Kirkpatrick moved to move this ordinance to the next meeting, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/39

An Ordinance Amending Title V, Chapter 54, 54.20-54.33, which is the Storm Water Ordinance contained in Exhibit A; on second reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Riley moved to approve Ordinance 2024/39 as submitted, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/39

An Ordinance Amending Title V, Chapter 54, 54.20-54.33, which is the Storm Water Ordinance contained in Exhibit A; on third and final reading and eligible for final adoption by the Common Council. Councilman Jester moved to approve Ordinance 2024/39 on third reading, seconded by Councilman

Riley. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Jester, Kirkpatrick, Lowder, Moore, Plisinski, Riley and Scott. Nayas: None Ordinance 2024/39 was declared approved by 7 to 0 vote.

Ordinance No. 2024/40 **An Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for the American Rescue Plan Act Non Reverting Fund and the Local Road and Street Fund;** on second reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Riley moved to approve Ordinance 2024/40, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/40 **An Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for the American Rescue Plan Act Non Reverting Fund and the Local Road and Street Fund;** on third and final reading and eligible for final adoption by the Common Council. Councilman Riley moved to approve Ordinance 2024/40 on third reading, seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Jester, Kirkpatrick, Lowder, Moore, Plisinski, Riley and Scott. Nayas: None Ordinance 2024/40 was declared approved by 7 to 0 vote.

Ordinance No. 2024/41 Councilman Riley moved to amend the ordinance with changes he outlined for the members of the Council, duly seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/41 **An Ordinance Amending the American Rescue Plan of the City of Greenfield as outlined in Ordinance No. 2022/38;** on second reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Riley moved to approve Ordinance 2024/41, duly seconded by Councilman Moore. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/41 **An Ordinance Amending the American Rescue Plan of the City of Greenfield as outlined in Ordinance No. 2022/38;** on third and final reading as amended and eligible for final adoption by the Common Council. Councilman Scott moved to approve Ordinance 2024/41 on third reading, seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Jester, Kirkpatrick, Lowder, Moore, Plisinski, Riley and Scott. Nayas: None Ordinance 2024/41 was declared approved by 7 to 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 2024/38 **An Ordinance Renaming the PACE Fund No. 2428 and Creating a new Justice Department OT Fund Number No. 2430;** on first reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Jester moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024/38 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/42 **An Ordinance Amending the Credit Card Policy of the City of Greenfield;** on first reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Jester moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024/42 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Lowder. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/43 **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 74, Schedule 1 – Preferential Streets in the Evergreen Estates subdivision** on first reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Plisinski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024/43 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/44 **An Ordinance of the City of Greenfield, Indiana Common Council to set Forth and Clearly Define the Scope of the Merit Commissions' Authority within the Greenfield Fire Territory Set Forth Under Indiana Law;** on first reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Moore moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024/44 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/44 Councilman Riley moved to suspend the rules of order and pass on second and third reading this evening, duly seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/44 Councilman Jester moved to amend Section 4, item e of Ordinance No. 2024/44, duly seconded by Councilman Kirkpatrick. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance No. 2024/44 **An Ordinance of the City of Greenfield, Indiana Common Council to set Forth and Clearly Define the Scope of the Merit Commissions' Authority within the Greenfield Fire Territory Set Forth Under Indiana Law;** on second reading as amended. Councilman Jester moved to approve Ordinance 2024/44, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Motion Carried *viva voce*.

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An Ordinance of the City of Greenfield, Indiana Common Council to set Forth and Clearly Define the Scope of the Merit Commissions' Authority within the Greenfield Fire Territory Set Forth Under Indiana Law; on third and final reading as amended and eligible for final adoption by the Common Council. Councilman Kirkpatrick moved to approve Ordinance 2024/44 on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Jester. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Jester, Kirkpatrick, Lowder, Moore, Plisinski, Riley and Scott. Nayes: None Ordinance 2024/44 was declared approved by 7 to 0 vote.

Resolution 2024 – 14

A Resolution Budgeting Expenditures of the Municipal Utilities for the City of Greenfield during the Fiscal Year of 2025; as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Moore moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-14 as presented, seconded by Councilman Kirkpatrick Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Jester, Kirkpatrick, Lowder, Moore, Plisinski, Riley and Scott. Nayes: None. Resolution No. 2024-14 was declared approved by a 7 to 0 vote.

Resolution 2025 – 15

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana Adopting the Provisions of IC 5-23 and Authorizing a Request for Proposals for a Build-Operate-Transfer Agreement with Respect to a Parking Garage; as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Riley moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-15 as presented, seconded by Councilman Scott. Mayor Titus called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Jester, Kirkpatrick, Lowder, Moore, Plisinski, Riley and Scott. Nayes: None. Resolution No. 2024-15 was declared approved by a 7 to 0 vote.

Clerk Treasurer Elmore informed the members of the Council that the following resolutions would be coming before them in the New Year for approval as needed.

Resolution No. 2023 – 16 - Amending the 2024 Utility Budget - Power & Light Utility transfers

Resolution No. 2023 – 17 - Amending the 2024 Utility Budget – Waste Water Utility transfers

Resolution No. 2023 – 18 - Amending the 2024 Utility Budget – Water Utility transfers

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Swearing in of Officer John Kim by Police Chief Brian Hartman and Mayor Titus.

This item took place at the beginning of the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore confirmed the annual requirement of the members of the Council, Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer completing their nepotism and contract purchasing declarations had been completed at the start of the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore confirmed to the members of the Council that both the Civil City and the Fire Territory had been successful in their three year excess levy appeal which had been submitted to the DLGF earlier in the year.

Civil City - The DLGF confirmed they have approved an increase to the Civil City's max levy beginning in the fiscal year of 2025, for the amount of \$688,249.00 This is a one-time payment and will increase the annual max levy amount over the next ten years, generating an additional \$6,882,490.00 in revenue.

Fire Territory - The DLGF confirmed they have approved an increase to the Fire Territory's max levy beginning in the fiscal year of 2025, for the amount of \$506,733.00. This is a one-time payment and will increase the annual max levy amount over the next ten years, generating an additional \$5,067,330.00 in revenue.

Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore confirmed to the members of the Council that the 1782 Notice had not been received but was expected by year end.

Mayor and members of the Council - Year End Wrap Up and Final thoughts on the year 2024 with best wishes for 2025!

Mayor Titus expressed his thanks to everyone who had helped to make his first year as Mayor such a success. He highlighted a few of the things which stood out to him and stated he was looking forward to next year.

Council President Dan Riley also thanked everyone for their work this past year and informed the members of the Council that he would not be seeking re-election as the Council President in 2025. He has served as Council President for many years and wanted to share the responsibilities with other members so they could learn and enjoy the role. He thanked the members of the Council for having been elected to serve as Council President.

Councilman Jeff Lowder thanked Councilman Riley for the many years he had led the Council expressing his gratitude for the leadership he had given to the years he served as Council President.

Mayor Titus thanked everyone once again and then led the Annual Year End Toast with all those present, bidding them his very best wishes in 2025!! Cheers!

PETITION OR COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

Councilman Jester informed the members of the Council that he had been contacted by a resident who wanted to express a thank you for the Christmas decorations on display this year. They were enjoying them.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Greenfield Common Council, Councilman Jester moved to adjourn the meeting at 19:37 p.m., duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski.

Motion carried *viva voce*.

Mayor Guy Titus announced that the next meeting of the Common Council will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Guy Titus declared the meeting adjourned and wished everyone a very Christmas and New Year. .

Lori Elmore
Clerk-Treasurer

Guy Titus
Mayor

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas
And a merry and joy-filled New Year in 2025!
And to all a good night!