

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
April 23, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday April 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Hudson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present were Councilmembers Murphy, Reed, Hudson, Cotton and Porter. Councilmembers Douglas and Hoffman were absent.

MINUTES

Councilmember Cotton moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Upon voice vote the motion to approve passed with a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION
IN THE HOOSIER HOMES PROGRAM**

Councilmember Porter advised the Cooperative Agreement has not been received yet and moved that Resolution No. 5, 2018 be tabled. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to table Resolution No. 5, 2018 passed with a 5-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2018

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE CEMETERY FUND AND
PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE**

Councilmember Reed moved that Ordinance No. 7, 2018 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for the offering of amendments. Councilmember Cotton seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 7, 2018. Councilmember Cotton seconded the motion.

Nate McGinley addressed the Council. This money will be used for maintenance on headstones, mowers and purchase of a mini excavator.

Councilmember Cotton asked if there was a schedule for replacement of mowers. Nate explained the newer ones are used in the cemetery and older ones are used for the other mowing projects.

Councilmember Hudson stated Ordinance No. 7, 2018 requires a Public Hearing and presented Proof of Publication that at tonight's meeting the Council will consider the appropriation of \$70,000 in the Cemetery Fund. Seeing no one wishing to address the Council she declared the Public Hearing closed.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7, 2018 passed with a 5-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 8, 2018

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING PLATTED EASEMENTS FOR LEISURE DRIVE
IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO LOTS 5 AND 6 IN MYRTLEWOOD ADDITION IN
THE CITY OF VALPARAISO**

Councilmember Reed moved that Ordinance No. 8, 2018 be read a second time by title and a third time in full and be considered for adoption and the opportunity be given for the offering of amendments. Councilmember Cotton seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Swihart read the Ordinance. Councilmember Reed moved to adopt Ordinance No. 8, 2018. Councilmember Cotton seconded the motion.

Bill Oeding addressed the Council. A presentation and Public Hearing were held at the last Council meeting.

Councilmember Cotton asked if there is a land value associated with this property. Bill replied there has not been an appraisal. The City does have an easement. Since nothing can be done with the land, he would assume there is no value.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 8, 2018 passed with a 5-0 vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Hudson asked if there is a time frame on when the Cooperative Agreement will be received in regard to Resolution No. 5, 2018. Councilmember Porter advised HUD is changing the parameters and they move at their own speed.

Councilmember Cotton asked if Valparaiso will be the first city signing or will the changes be put in place for those who have already signed. Councilmember Porter replied the changes are not substantial. Councilmember Cotton stated he would like to see more documents. Councilmember Porter replied that would be up to the bank to create.

Councilmember Porter reported the School Board appointment is coming up. Two applications have been received. The Council will hold interviews May 7th beginning at 4:30 p.m. A list of questions has been prepared that each will be asked. Time permitting, Councilmembers may ask additional questions at the end of the process.

Councilmember Cotton requested that a specific amount of time be set for asking questions not on the list.

Councilmember Reed reported the Park Department meets Tuesday.

Sharon Swihart reported POCO has a Behind the Scenes event Wednesday from 4:30 to 8:30.

Councilmember Cotton asked about Dr. Frataccia's resignation. Councilmember Porter replied his resignation is effective July 1st. Dr. Frataccia recommended that Acting Superintendent Julie Lauck be appointed. The School Board made that appointment at their last meeting.

AUDIENCE

Councilmember Hudson requested that Audience questions and/or comments be held until the next meeting when Mayor Costas will be available.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer