

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
November 26, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday November 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Costas called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Taylor called roll. Present were Councilmembers Douglas, Hoffman, Reed, Hudson, Cotton and Porter. Councilmember Murphy was not present.

MINUTES

Councilmember Hudson moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Upon voice vote the motion to approve the November 12, 2018 minutes passed with a 6 -0 vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19, 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO TO MAKE TEMPORARY INTERFUND LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE RAINY-DAY FUND OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO

Councilmember Hudson moved that Resolution No. 19, 2018 be read a first time and considered for passage. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Taylor read Resolution No. 19, 2018. Councilmember Hudson moved to adopt Resolution No. 19, 2018. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Bill Oeding addressed the Council. This is standard practice every year. This is used to shore up accounts until tax draws are received. This saves the City money as opposed to having to borrow money. The Rainy-Day Fund currently has a balance of just over \$4 Million.

Councilmember Cotton asked how this occurs. Will it be a sum of money or drawn on an as needed basis? Bill Oeding explained it will be on an as needed basis.

Upon roll call vote the motion to adopt Resolution No. 19, 2018 passed with a 6-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY RECEIVED FROM PARK NON-REVERTING OPERATING SOURCES OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019

Councilmember Hudson moved that Ordinance No. 21, 2018 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Taylor read Ordinance No. 21, 2018. Councilmember Hudson moved to carry Ordinance No. 21, 2018 to the December 10, 2018 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

John Seibert addressed the Council. This Ordinance is appropriating the Revenue producing Funds. Over the last few years they have been generating a surplus of approximately \$150,000 per year. This year they have requested to spend some of the accrued surplus. They will use the extra to maintain assets related to the revenue sources. They will not spend this money unless they see they are hitting their 2019 projections.

Councilmember Douglas asked if the money could be spent on any of these accounts or does it have to be in the proportionate amount of revenue they generated. John explained it could be on any of them if it is listed and is a revenue generating account.

Councilmember Reed addressed the Council and explained the Park Department is a well-oiled machine. They are doing a great job. John added it is a team effort and they have great sponsors.

Councilmember Cotton questioned that the spending is going to be monitored. John explained with cash they can move the money around somewhat, but they attempt to spend the money on assets for the fund the money is generated from.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 21, 2018 to the December 10, 2018 meeting passed with a 6-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2018

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY RECEIVED FROM PARKING SOURCES OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019

Councilmember Hudson moved that Ordinance No. 22, 2018 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Taylor read Ordinance No. 22, 2018. Councilmember Hudson moved to carry Ordinance No. 22, 2018 to the December 10, 2018 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Bill Oeding addressed the Council. This money is generated through parking fines. The money is used for enforcement and parking improvements. The fund is self supported.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 22, 2018 to the December 10, 2018 meeting passed with a 6-0 vote.

AUDIENCE

Bill Fenick – 1006 Oak Grove Court. He would like to see the City enforce no parking on streets when there is a specific amount of snow fall. He also would like to know if there is still leaf pick up. Mayor Costas explained the time the leaves stayed on trees longer this year, then they immediately became wet and then got snow on them. This has made it difficult for leaf pick up. Nate McGinley assured him they have every intention of picking up all leaves. When the leaves are wet it is difficult to pick them up if citizens have put them in bags. The Ordinance regarding snow removal applies to certain streets and is difficult to enforce. They will see what can be done to encourage citizens to not park on the street when it is snowing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

/s/ Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer