

**CITY OF TELL CITY
COMMON COUNCIL
May 2, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order – Mayor Jim Adams, Presider. Present: Council Members Gary Morton, Sean Risse, Chris Cail, Julie Kohnert, Kevin Dauby, Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Richter and City Attorney John Werner.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adoption of Agenda – Mayor Adams amended the agenda with additions under new business, Item C – INDOT Call for Projects – North Main Street and Item D – Resolution Establishing LOIT Special Distribution. Council Member Cail motioned to adopt the agenda with the changes, seconded by Council Member Kohnert. Motion carried 5–0.

IV. Approval of April 4, 2016 Minutes – Council Member Kohnert motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Risse. Motion carried 5–0.

V. Comments of Citizens – None

VI. Old Business

A. Committee/Ward Reports:

Risse – *Ward #3* – Partners in Pride Ed Middleton, 817 Mozart Street. Council Member Risse reported Brick by Brick met and are considering a couple more façade applications. Financing is an issue as no grants have been received. One application was approved, two are pending.

Morton - *Ward #4* – PNP Mr. & Mrs. Bob Damin 1301 20th Street – Council Member Morton reported River Sweep is scheduled for June 19 from 9 a.m. - Noon at Sunset Park in Tell City and Haeefe Park in Cannelton. The Derby recycling site is trying to negotiate with a property owner for lighting at the current site. Regardless, there will be a site at Derby. Bids were received after the recycling truck was involved in an accident, with no injury to the parties involved. A recycling contract for \$1200.00 per month for a compactor is expiring. It does not accommodate large furniture pieces. A dumpster is needed. Consideration is underway on what to do.

Kohnert – *Ward #2* – PNP Mr. & Mrs. David Ferguson, 733 25th Street Council Member Kohnert reported Beautification Committee met to discuss a blue and gold floral theme for planted pots during the state’s bi-centennial celebration. Plan Commission discussed cell tower ordinance. Currently there is nothing that governs this issue. Council members supported this review. The baby pool area with new concrete work is completed. Additional seating and a form of shade are being considered.

Dauby – *Council-at-Large* – PNP Skinsations, 1218 Payne Street. Council Member Dauby spent time with Clerk-Treasurer Richter reviewing that office’s functions.

Cail – *Ward #1* – PNP Joan Fischer, 824 Washington. Council Member Cail reported Region 15 and Downtown Committees met. Council Member Cail fielded one call about the RV ordinance and one grass issue.

VII. New Business:

A. Amendment to Ordinance No. 356 – Tell City Police Department Officers Probationary Period – Chief Lawalin and Assistant Chief Bender met with City Attorney Werner regarding the inconsistency of probationary period for new officers. This amendment clarifies that a probationary period is one year, not six-months. City Attorney Werner read the ordinance. Council Member Cail motioned to suspend the rules of council and have the 2nd and 3rd readings by title only, seconded by Council Member Morton. Motion carried 5-0. City Attorney Werner

read the title. Council Member Morton motioned to approve the amendment to the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Risse. Motion carried 5-0.

B. 2016 Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Resolutions for Tell City Water, Wastewater & Electric – Clerk-Treasurer Richter read the resolutions for each utility’s PILOT which allows her to issue a viable invoice for the taxes in the amounts for Water \$58,000.00, Wastewater \$204,000.00, Electric \$168,222.22. Council Member Morton motioned to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Richter to execute the respective invoices, seconded by Council Member Kohnert. Motion carried 5-0.

C. INDOT Call for Projects - North Main Street – Mayor Adams informed the Council of a recent development with an application deadline of May 27. This year INDOT is calling for projects that will be let in four years, funded with federal dollars plus a local 20% match for infrastructure-related projects. Lochmueller Group has preliminarily drafted the reworking of Main Street, between Tell and Payne that would remove the concrete joints and be replaced with pavement. The project also calls for aesthetics including streetlights, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks for an estimated cost of \$3.1 million dollars. The City’s match would be approximately \$791,000.00. Mayor Adams has committed the match from EDIT funds. Clerk-Treasurer Richter suggested that \$200,000.00 could be encumbered annually to build up the match. The project could be scaled down once awards are announced in October. Board Member Morton motioned to proceed with an application, seconded by Board Member Dauby. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Resolution Establishing LOIT Special Distribution – Clerk-Treasurer Richter read a resolution establishing the fund mandated by State Board of Accounts. Board Member Cail motioned to approve, seconded by Board Member Risse. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Mayor’s Report – no report.

IX. Adjournment – Council Member Risse motioned the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Council Member Kohnert. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor James K. Adams, Presider

Jenny Richter, Clerk-Treasurer

Date