

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
VALPARAISO, INDIANA
July 13, 2020**

The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, met on Monday July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present were Councilmembers Reed, Schmidt, Pupillo, Anderson, Costas and Douglas. Councilmember Cotton was absent.

MINUTES

Councilmember Douglas moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to approve passed with a 6-0 vote.

Councilmember Douglas moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Public Hearing School Board Appointment meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion to approve passed with a 6-0 vote.

ORDINANCE NO 9, 2020

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO,
INDIANA AMENDING SECTION 96 OF THE VALPARAISO MUNICIPAL CODE**

Councilmember Douglas moved that Ordinance No. 9, 2020 be read a first time and considered on first reading. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Taylor read Ordinance No. 9, 2020. Councilmember Douglas moved to carry Ordinance No. 9, 2020 to the July 27, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

Attorney Patrick Lyp addressed the Council. Section 96 of the City Municipal Code addresses noise. There are several blanks in the codified version. He has reviewed similar noise ordinances in Portage, Crown Point, Merrillville and Highland to get a sense of how other communities address the issue of noise. Attorney Lyp presented a draft ordinance. He asked the Councilmembers to review the draft and place the ordinance on the July 27, 2020 Agenda.

Councilmember Douglas asked if there is any difference between summertime noise and other seasons. He also asked about domestic power tools and referred to Section 96.03 (b). Most of the complaints he hears are regarding either very early in the morning or very late at night. He would like to see some flexibility in the ordinance. Patrick will propose language regarding this issue in the draft.

Upon voice vote the motion to carry Ordinance No. 9, 2020 to the July 27, 2020 meeting passed with a 6-0 vote.

**Other Business
Financial Update**

Clerk-Treasurer Taylor discussed expenditures that are reimbursed due to COVID. Between the City, Parks and Utilities there are a little over \$74,000 of expenditures to present for reimbursement through the CARES Act. Transportation has an additional \$8,300. The transportation expenditures reimbursement is through NIRPC. The Fire Department took a temporary loan of \$1.2 Million from the Rainy-Day Fund at the beginning of the year. The beginning of the year balance of the Rainy-Day Fund was \$4.3 Million. In January Clerk-Treasurer Taylor put \$100,000 in the fund, bringing the balance up to \$4.4 Million. Currently the balance is \$3.2 Million. The Tax Draw was received the beginning of June. The City was 7% down from where they should have been. There will be a supplemental tax settlement in early August.

2020 Road Paving Update

Mike Jabo gave a presentation on the 2020 Road Paving projects. It is anticipated to do 3.06 miles of paving with City Funds. It is anticipated to do 6.12 miles with Community Crossing Matching Grant funds. He presented maps showing the various projects and funding for each. The 2020 City Funding will come from Board of Works paving, LRS Paving, MVH Restricted Paving and Wheel Tax.

Councilmember Douglas discussed that many of the other communities did not receive CCMG funds this year. Valparaiso is fortunate and it shows how well everyone works together. He asked Mike to explain the difference between chip and seal versus curb and gutter. Mike explained to receive CCMG funds, every City must do an Asset Inventory of Roads. Then they use the PASER system which is a visual inspection of the roads and rate them from 1-10 with 1 being the worst and 10 the best. From there they determine the best method of repair.

Mayor Murphy advised typically there are two CCMGs – one in spring and one in fall. This year there will not be a fall grant. The City is still eligible for the 2021 grants.

Councilmember Douglas asked about pathways. Mike explained Engineering volunteered to take over the paving program in spring 2020. They have had conversations regarding pathways, sidewalks and other matters.

Councilmember Pupillo asked how they determine who is responsible for roads around the periphery of the City. Mike advised they are looking at roads that fall into this category and hope to work out a partnership with the County to cover these roads.

Councilmember Costas asked about sidewalks in the downtown area. Mike advised staff will be looking at this issue.

PPE Class

Councilmember Pupillo announced he is working with Chief Dutz and Assistant Chief Daly to have a PPE class. This will be held in early August and it will be outdoors. It will consist of a presentation and demonstrations.

Councilmember Douglas announced the RDC will meet Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Douglas moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Reed seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

/s/ Holly Taylor, Clerk-Treasurer