**CITY OF GREENFIELD COMMON COUNCIL**

The Greenfield, Indiana Common Council met in regular session on April 26th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 127 located at 10 South State Street with Mayor Chuck Fewell presiding. Councilman Plisinski led the invocation, followed by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Pendlum.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Chuck Fewell called the meeting to order of the Common Council for the purpose of conducting the business before the Greenfield Common Council.

**PRESENT:** Councilman Kerry Grass

John Jester

Jeff Lowder

Mitch Pendlum

George Plisinski

Anthony Scott

Dan Riley

City Attorney Gregg Morelock

Mayor Chuck Fewell

Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Jester moved to approve the minutes of April 12th, 2023 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion carried *viva voce.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS and COMMISSIONS: None.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Yamaha Abatement

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

**Mayor Fewell Opened Public Hearing** regarding the Application of an Economic Revitalization area and tax abatement for Yamaha Marine Precision Propellers, Inc., AKA, Yamaha as outlined in Resolution 2023-06

**Citizen’s comments are welcomed at this time.**

Larry Silver, a Greenfield resident, informed the Council he was in opposition of this abatement and requested they not pass the resolution.

**Councilman Jester moved to adjourn the Public Hearing and re-open the Regular Business Meeting,** duly seconded by Councilman Pendlum**.** Motion carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2023/07 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds in the Local Option Income Tax Fund** for lap tops for the Police Department; on second reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Grass moved to approve Ordinance 2023/07 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion Carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2023/07 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds in the Local Option Income Tax Fund** to purchase lap tops for the Police Department; on third and final reading and eligible for final adoption by the Common Council. Councilman Pendlum moved to approve Ordinance 2023/07 as presented on third reading, seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Mayor Fewell called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Grass, Jester, Lowder, Pendlum, Plisinski, Scott and Riley. Nayes: None. Ordinance 2023/07 was declared approved by 7 to 0 vote.

**Ordinance No. 2023/08**  An Ordinance Authorizing Additional Appropriations for the Parks & Recreation 2023 budget; on second reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Grass moved to approve Ordinance 2023/08 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Riley.

Motion Carried *viva voce. A Public Hearing will be held on May 26th.*

**Ordinance No. 2023/09** An Ordinance Amending title VII, Chapter 71, 71.123 and Title Vii, Chapter 74, Schedule III of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Greenfield, IN regarding reduced speed limits in the school zones when the new beacons are flashing; on second reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Jester moved to approve Ordinance 2023/09 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Motion Carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2023/09** An Ordinance Amending title VII, Chapter 71, 71.123 and Title Vii, Chapter 74, Schedule III of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Greenfield, IN regarding reduced speed limits in the school zones when the new beacons are flashing; on third and final reading and eligible for final adoption by the Common Council. Councilman Jester moved to approve Ordinance 2023/09 as presented on third reading, seconded by Councilman Grass. Mayor Fewell called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Grass, Jester, Lowder, Pendlum, Plisinski, Scott and Riley. Nayes: None. Ordinance 2023/09 was declared approved by 7 to 0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Riley moved to read all Ordinances and Resolutions by Title only, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. Motion Carried *viva voce.*

**Resolution No. 2023/06** A Resolution Confirming Resolution No. 2023/05 Determining that the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area Have Been Met for Yamaha Marine Precision Propellers, Inc. to receive an Abatement; as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Plisinski moved to approve Resolution 2023/06, duly seconded by Councilman Grass. Mayor Fewell called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore AYES: Councilman Grass, Jester, Lowder, Pendlum, Plisinski, Scott and Riley. Nayes: None.

Resolution 2023/06 was declared approved by a 7 to 0 vote.

**STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - Yamaha Marine Precision Propellers, Inc. and Greenfield Solar Project**

**YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION USA/YAMAHA MARINE PRECISION PROPELLERS INC.**

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements;** Form SB-1 / Real Property for **Yamaha Motor Corporation USA,** approved in **Resolution No. 2023/06, 24P25** included for Council consideration;

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits Personal Property;** Form SB-1 / Personal Property for **Yamaha Marine Precision** **Propellers Inc.,** approved in **Resolution No. 2023/06, 24P25** included for Council consideration.

Councilman Jester moved to approve the Form SB-1’s as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Scott.

Motion carried *viva voce*.

**GREENFIELD SOLAR PARK LLC** *We returned to this abatement at a later time during the meeting.*

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits Personal Property;** Form CF-1 / PP (Year 7 of 10) for **Greenfield Solar Park LLC** for 2017-1 and 2017-2 included for Council consideration.

Councilman Riley moved to table the approval of this abatement, duly seconded by Councilman Jester.

Motion carried viva voce.

**Ordinance No. 2023/10 An Ordinance Regarding the Transfer of Funds to supply the funding for the City’s match to the Community Crossing Grant Fund;** on first reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Pendlum moved to approve Ordinance 2023/10 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion Carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2023/11 An Ordinance Authorizing the Utilization of Utility Funds for the purchase of land from the GYBA as adopted in Resolution No. 2023/04 in the amount of $745,000.00;** on first reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Plisinski moved to approve Ordinance 2023/11 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Scott.

Motion Carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2023/12** An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 36, 36.123 regarding the 35 hour Compensatory Hours policy; on first reading as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Riley moved to approve Ordinance 2023/12 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Motion Carried *viva voce.*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Ron Pritzke was present for Mayor Fewell to read a Proclamation for the Recognition of the City of Greenfield’s 50year Arbor Day celebration. April 16th was designated as Arbor Day in the City of Greenfield. Mr. Pritzke, representing Re-Greening of Greenfield shared that 32-15 gallon and 7-gallon trees had recently been delivered and would be planted soon. He also shared they had a very successful re-seeding day and over 900 saplings had been distributed.

**Corrie Marlowe** re-addressed the members of the Council asking for them to consider her request to house Coturnix Quail at her residence. She informed the Council that these quail are classified as ‘domesticated exotic birds’ and do not fall into the current codes definition of ‘domesticated farm animal’. She would like to move forward with acquiring quail for her home and wanted to make sure she did things in the correct way. There were also others present who wish to have these types of quail at their residence. Councilman Riley informed Mrs. Marlowe that they had been discussing her request and had not come to any conclusions at this point. They hope to have a decision for her in June.

Merlissa Houston of Greenfield, Kimberly Ide and Jack McClarnon were also present and stated they supported the request as they are also interested in housing quail at their residences.

**Rob Souchon** - Wellness Committee member shared the activities which had been organized by the Wellness Committee last year as well as the events planned for 2023. He also presented two thank you cards signed by the employees of the City for the gift cards they received at Christmas.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Joanie Fitzwater,** Planning Director presented her annual report for her department.

**Rob Souchon,** IT Manager presented his annual report for his department.

**PETITION OR COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:**

Mayor Fewell recognized Dan Theobald for the work he had done with the County Economic Development Commission these past few years and thanked him for his dedication to the residents of Greenfield and Hancock County. The Council members also wished him well.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Greenfield Common Council, Councilman Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 20:22 p.m., duly seconded by Councilman Riley.

Motion carried *viva voce.*

Mayor Fewell announced that the next meeting of the Common Council will be held on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 @ 7:00pm. Mayor Fewell declared the meeting adjourned.

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Lori Elmore Chuck Fewell

Clerk-Treasurer Presiding Officer