**CITY OF GREENFIELD COMMON COUNCIL**

The Greenfield, Indiana Common Council met in regular session on September 27th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 127 located at 10 South State Street with Mayor Chuck Fewell presiding. Councilman Grass led the invocation, followed by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Scott.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor 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

Mitch Pendlum

Jeff Lowder

George Plisinski

Anthony Scott

Dan Riley

City Attorney Gregg Morelock

Mayor Chuck Fewell

Clerk-Treasurer Lori Elmore

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Scott moved to approve the minutes of September 13th, 2023 as presented, duly seconded by Councilman Lowder. Motion carried *viva voce.*

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:**

Greenfield Police Chief Brian Hartman presented Probationary Patrolman Jackson Sample to be sworn in by Mayor Chuck Fewell as a Probationary Patrolman. Mayor Fewell presented Officer Sample with his badge. He was welcomed by all members of the Common Council as well as his family, friends and all who were present for the ceremony.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Councilman Grass moved to recess the regular business meeting and open the Public Hearings, duly *seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion carried viva voce.*

Mayor Fewell declared the public hearings open:

**#1 Public Hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2023-27, Annexation of Property**

Citizen’s comments were welcomed at this time.

Larry Silver of Greenfield came forward to request the members of the Council vote NO to Ordinance No. 2023-27.

**#2 Public Hearing regarding Resolution No. 2023/16, Abatement - Shear**

Citizen’s comments were welcomed at this time.

Larry Silver of Greenfield came forward to request the members of the Council vote NO to Resolution No. 2023/16.

Councilman Lowder and Councilman Riley spoke to the reasons why abatements are good for the City and all they brought with them.

**#3 Public Hearing regarding Resolution No. 2023/17, Abatement - Huskies**

Citizen’s comments were welcomed at this time.

Larry Silver of Greenfield came forward to request the members of the Council vote NO to Resolution No. 2023/17.

**#4 Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance No. 2023/30, 2024 Budget**

Citizen’s comments were welcomed at this time. – No one came forward to speak.

Councilman Lowder moved to close the Public Hearing, duly seconded by Councilman Jester.

Motion carried viva voce.

Mayor Fewell re-opened the Regular Business Meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Resolution No. 2023/18 Resolution Adopting a Written Fiscal Plan Establishing a Policy for the Provision of Services to an Annexed Area contained in Ordinance 2023/27;** as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Plisinski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023/18, duly seconded by Councilman Riley. Mayor Fewell called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore. AYES: Councilman Grass, Jester, Lowder, Plisinski, Scott and Riley. The motion was passed 7 to 0.

**Ordinance No. 2023/27 An Ordinance changing and extending the Corporate Boundary of the City of Greenfield, Indiana. Petition for Voluntary Annexation of Real Estate into the City of Greenfield, Indiana, on behalf of Hunter Real Estate, LLC and Legacy Properties of Community Foundation of Hancock County, Inc...** Attorney informed the members of the Council that they needed to wait to vote on this to meet the statutory requirements between the Public Hearing and the passing of the Ordinance. Councilman Jester moved to continue, duly seconded by Councilman Grass.

Motion carried *viva voce.*

This item was continued until the October 11th meeting.

**Resolution No. 2023/16 Confirming Resolution 2021/20 Determining that the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area Have Been Met for Real Property for Shear Group;** as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Errors were found in the document. Councilman Riley moved to continue, duly seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried *viva voce.*

This item was continued until the October 11th meeting.

**Resolution No. 2023/17 Declaratory Resolution Determining that the Qualifications for An Economic revitalization Area have been Met for Personal Property for “Project Huskies”**; as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Riley moved to continue, duly seconded by Councilman Jester. Motion carried *viva voce.*

This item was continued until the October 25th meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Jester moved to read Ordinances 28-31 by title only, duly seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion carried *viva voce.*

**Ordinance No. 2023/28 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of Greenfield, Indiana for the Planned Unit Development (Parkrose);** asintroduced by Attorney Morelock by Title only. Councilman Plisinski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023/28, duly seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion carried *viva voce*.

**Public Hearing will take place on October 11th.**

**Ordinance No. 2023/30 An Ordinance Approving the 2024 Fiscal Budget.** An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year of 2024 ending December 31st, 2024;asintroduced by Attorney Morelock by Title only. Councilman Plisinski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023/30, duly seconded by Councilman Riley. Motion carried *viva voce*.

**Ordinance No. 2023/31 Salary Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2024.** An ordinance fixing salaries of elected, appointed officers and employees of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, and certain employees of the Municipal Electric, Municipal Water, Municipal Sewage, Municipal Storm Water, Administrative, Clerical and others drawing such salaries in whole or part from municipal services of non-tax units owned by the City of Greenfield effective December 24, 2022, amending Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith;asintroduced by Attorney Morelock by Title only. Councilman Jester moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023/31, duly seconded by Councilman Plisinski. ***Councilman Pendlum voted nay. Motion carried 6 yea, 1 nay.***

**Resolution No. 2023/19 Resolution for Max Levy Appeal – Petition to Appeal for an Increase above the Max Levy for Greenfield Civil City;** as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Jester moved to approve Resolution No. 2023/19, duly seconded by Councilman Scott. Mayor Fewell called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore. AYES: Councilman Grass, Jester, Lowder, Plisinski, Scott and Riley. The motion was passed 7 to 0.

**Resolution No. 2023/20 Resolution for Max Levy Appeal – Petition to Appeal for an Increase above the Max Levy for Greenfield Fire Territory;** as introduced by Attorney Morelock. Councilman Riley moved to approve Resolution No. 2023/20, duly seconded by Councilman Lowder. Mayor Fewell called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer Elmore. AYES: Councilman Grass, Jester, Lowder, Plisinski, Scott and Riley. The motion was passed 7 to 0.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Presentations from the Parks Department:**

Marissa Purcell presented an update on the activities at the Riley Home & Museum for 2023.

Julie Patterson presented an update on the activities of the 2023 Concert Series at Depot Street Park.

Paul Norton presented an update on the activities of Greenfield in Bloom for the 2023 season.

**PETITION OR COMMENTS OF CITIZENS: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to be brought before the Greenfield Common Council, Councilman Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 19:49 p.m., duly seconded by Councilman Lowder.

Motion carried *viva voce.*

Mayor Fewell announced that the next meeting of the Common Council will be held on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 @ 7:00pm. Mayor Fewell declared the meeting adjourned.

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Lori Elmore Chuck Fewell, Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer Presiding Officer