

**A public hearing was held concerning Vacating an Alleyway South of West Sinclair Street in the City of Wabash, Indiana. Mark Guenin, attorney for the Wabash Christian Church, spoke in favor of the alley vacation and assured Council that there will be no change in the current use of this land. The church owns both adjoining lots and intend to use that spot as a compost area. In answer to a question by Councilman Dillon, they do intend to leave the street cut as is. With no further comments or questions, the public hearing was closed.**

**The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.**

**Laura Helm of the First Presbyterian Church gave the prayer.**

**The roll was answered by 7 Council members: Mitzi Pilgrim, Charlie Coyne, Terry Brewer, Bryan Dillon, John Burnsworth, Eric Schoening and Wade Weaver.**

**The minutes of the meeting held July 8, 2024, were approved as circulated. Council Member Weaver made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Schoening seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Second Reading of General Ordinance No. 9, 2024 – Being an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana, Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Wabash, Indiana, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the City of Wabash Indiana. The description has been corrected to 155 acres per the previous meeting. Howard Halderman and Tenille Zartman were again present to answer questions. Council Member Dillon made a motion to accept the second reading of the Ordinance. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**First Reading of Special Ordinance No. 2, 2024 – Vacating Alley South of West Sinclair St. Councilman Dillon asked about vacating alleys in general, wondering if Council will be constantly asked to vacate alleys. City Attorney Lehman explained that the issue only comes up if a specific use is planned, as the new owners of vacated alleys are responsible for all the legal costs of the vacation as well as ongoing property taxes. Dillon made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Weaver seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Weaver made a motion to suspend the rules and go forward with a second reading of Special Ordinance No. 2, 2024 so the Wabash Christian Church can proceed quickly with their plans for the ground. Council Member Pilgrim seconded the motion. All were in favor. Weaver made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Resolution No. 9, 2024 – Transfer of Aviation Funds. City Attorney Doug Lehman stated that this Resolution was being withdrawn as the money can be transferred without an approved Resolution.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**There was no other business brought before the Council.**

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

**There were no questions from the audience.**

### **REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:**

**Weaver stated that he was still unable to attend meetings of the school board, as their schedule again this month conflicts with Council meetings.**

**Bryan Dillon stated that the Little League hosted Invite Tournaments over the past several weeks and he heard many compliments concerning the League as well as the City in general from those who were attending from out of town.**

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Scott Richardson, head of the Street Department, reported that the Carroll Street bridge will be closed for a week to install a deck overlay. Falls and 24 was shut down today by the State INDOT without making our EMS or fire department aware of the closure. This is a concerning issue as it conflicts with the current rerouting of Stitt Street due to maintenance work.

Fire Chief Andy Oswalt reported that the department attended the Babe of Wabash parade on July 4. All three shifts toured the Paper Works factory and covered the County Fair recently. They will be doing school walkthroughs soon and are looking to hire three people. Council was invited to attend the upcoming demonstration weekend of the new Burn Training Facility.

Mayor Long asked if there were any Title VI or ADA compliance concerns. None were heard.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 12 at 6:00 pm.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Wabash City Council meeting. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at [Wabash City Council Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) for as long as this media is supported.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR 

ATTEST:  
MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER 