

**The Common Council of the City of Wabash met in the Council Chambers of the City Hall and held a Council Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, in regular session.**

**The meeting was called to order with Mayor Scott Long presiding and the Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.**

**Bruce Hostetler of Faith Harvest 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 Bill Barrows.**

**The minutes of the meeting held December 9, 2024 were approved as circulated. Council Member Dillon made a motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Burnsworth seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**There was no old business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Election of Council President – Nominations for the position of 2025 Council President were received for Terry Brewer and John Burnsworth from the members of the Council. With a vote of 4-3, John Burnsworth was elected to continue as Council President this year.**

**General Ordinance No. 1, 2025 – Being an Ordinance to Adopt an Investment Policy for the City of Wabash, Indiana for Fiscal Year 2025. The Board of Finance had met prior to this Council meeting and voted to recommend this City Investment Policy be adopted for 2025 by the City Council. Burnsworth made a motion to accept Resolution No. 1, 2025. Council Member Dillon seconded the motion. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 1 nay from Council Member Pilgrim.**

**For the Police Department, the following officers were sworn in by Mayor Long: Colin Gouveia as Captain, Gareth Monroe as Sergeant, Kody Case as Sergeant, and Payton Ensor as Probationary Patrolman.**

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Dani Bekel. Dillon made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Dani Bekel. Council Member Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Thomas and Debra Frantz. Burnsworth made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Thomas and Debra Frantz. Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Kathy Roller. After a discussion concerning the lack of a current date of the application, Dillon made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Kathy Roller. Brewer seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Janet Gebhart. Burnsworth made a motion to accept the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (Real Property) – Janet Gebhart. Council Member Barrows seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**Opioid Settlement Agreement – Discussion concerned an Agreement between the three county entities (Wabash County, Wabash City, and North Manchester) to combine both the Restricted and Unrestricted opioid settlement funds from the State and donating them to a new Community Foundation of Wabash County committee which will enable the money to fund larger projects to combat drug abuse in the county. Each entity will appoint someone to this committee to oversee the distribution of the funds. Burnsworth made a motion to sign the Opioid Settlement Agreement. Pilgrim seconded the motion. All were in favor. The agreement now needs to be signed by the remaining entities.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Long welcomed new Council Member Bill Barrows to his first meeting after being caucused in to replace Wade Weaver, who resigned in December.**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were no questions from the audience.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISONS:**

Dillon reported that at their recent meeting, the City School Board recognized their girls basketball team for their performance at the County Tourney as well as their girls wrestling team for qualifying for Regionals in their first year as a team. They also congratulated the Lilly Scholarship recipient. Also at their meeting, School Board officers were appointed and new diploma requirements from the State were discussed.

Dillon also reported that at their recent meeting, the Park Board elected officials and discussed adjusting prices for pool admission next summer.

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

There were no reports from department heads. Council Member Dillon recognized Firefighter Vigar for receiving the Heroic Life Saving Award by the Indiana State Fire Marshal for his actions during a recent fire. He also congratulated the Street Department on a job well done during the recent snow.

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, January 27 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 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zpxcx4w6nQ0> for as long as this media is supported.

SCOTT LONG, MAYOR



ATTEST:

MELANIE GIVENS PENN, CLERK-TREASURER

