

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ANDERSON

OPENING OF MEETING: THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANDERSON, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, MET VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY JANUARY 13TH, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M., WITH PRESIDENT ANTONY BIBBS PRESIDING

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMAN BELL, COUNCILWOMAN CULP, COUNCILMAN LYNCH, COUNCILMAN DIXON, COUNCILMAN NEWMAN. COUNCILMAN STEPHENSON, COUNCILWOMAN CRUMES, COUNCILMAN MUIR AND PRESIDENT BIBBS

ABSENT:

MINUTES: COUNCILMAN STEPHENSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9TH 2021, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MUIR. ON THE CALL OF THE ROLL THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS: AYES 7- NAYS 1. BELL. ONE ABSTENTION CULP. MINUTES APPROVED.

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION ELECTION:

COUNCILMAN DIXON NOMINATED PRESIDENT PRO TEM CRUMES FOR PRESIDENT SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BELL. UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN. COUNCILOR CRUMES ELECTED PRESIDENT. COUNCILMAN LYNCH NOMINATED COUNCILMAN MUIR FOR PRESIDENT PRO TEM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DIXON. UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN COUNCILOR MUIR ELECTED PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. PRESIDENT CRUMES LEFT THE COMMITTEES AS PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED. PRESIDENT CRUMES WILL CONTACT THE CITY CLERK TO ADDRESS THE SEATING CHART FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS:

KELLIE J. KELLEY ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE CITIZENS TOWN HALL MEETING ON DECEMBER 2ND 2021. THE TOWN HALL MEETING WAS CONDUCTED FOR CITIZEN'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THE COALITION THAT WAS FORMED ENTAILS, THE BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION OF ANDERSON, THE COMMUNITY LENS, THE INDIANA DEMOCRATIC AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS, PROJECT GROCERY, SURE (STANDING UP FOR RACIAL EQUITY) AND THE GATHERING OF THE QUEENS. KELLIE J. KELLEY ALSO SPOKE ON THE FAILED TIF INVESTMENT OF THE 930,000 FOR THE BINGHAM SQUARE APARTMENTS. THE FOCUS IS NOW ON THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND WHERE THOSE DOLLARS SHOULD BE SPENT. TOP RECOMMENDED USES FOR THOSE DOLLARS TO BE SPENT WERE; RENT AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE, HOMELESSNESS, SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMING, FOOD INSECURITY USE AND SENIOR PROGRAMMING. REVEREND MARILYN COLLIER FROM GATHERING OF THE QUEENS OUTREACH MINISTRY PROGRAM SPOKE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND HOW TO HELP IN THIS TIME OF NEED. COUNCILORS BELL, DIXON AND PRESIDENT CRUMES ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE SUB COMMITTEE TO GET PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF THE ARPA FUNDS.

MISC. BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNIE WOOD BELL ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL RE: ARPA FUNDS AND HOW SHE BELIEVES THE MONEY SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED. RE: EQUITABLE HOUSING, CATS TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE.

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN NEWMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEPHENSON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53 P.M.



REBECCA CRUMES, PRESIDENT
COMMON COUNCIL



SHEILA ASHLEY, CITY CLERK