

**ABSTRACT/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL
ACTIONS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER,
WALWORTH AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, WISCONSIN.**

November 1, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Patrick Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer and Allen. MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES. It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Allen to approve payment of municipal invoices processed thru 10/26/16, in the total amount of \$1,538,483.49. AYES: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

STAFF REPORTS: None

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

REPEALING KEY LOCK BOX ORDINANCE. Fire Department Chief Don Gregoire and Assistant Chief Mike Higgins were asked by President Singer to comment on the proposed repeal of this Ordinance. Gregoire and Higgins noted that the Task Force's intent of requiring key lock boxes was to gain emergency access to commercial buildings, without force, to ensure the property could be secured easily at the end of a fire/emergency call, in an effort to protect citizens' property.

Both support and opposition to repeal this Ordinance were noted by various council members. Points noted : under current state law, fire departments could force compliance on their own authority; this Ordinance is a reasonable compromise to support our fire department in the timely access and safe lock up of properties; many citizens already comply with use of a lock box; and council members are charged with representing the citizens' wishes. No public comments were received.

**ORDINANCE 1930
FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 14.15
CITY OF WHITEWATER KEY LOCK BOX ORDINANCE**

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do hereby ordain as follows:
Section 1. Whitewater Municipal Code Title 14 is hereby amended by repealing Chapter 14.15 which is the City of Whitewater Key Lock Box Ordinance.
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Ordinance introduced by Council Member Langnes, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Goettl. AYES: Langnes, Goettl, Singer and Wellnitz. NOES: Binnie, Grady and Allen. ABSENT: None. ADOPTED: November 1, 2016.

Cameron L. Clapper, City Manager

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO KEY LOCK BOX ORDINANCE. Due to the adoption of the ordinance repealing the Lock Box Ordinance, the Amendment Ordinance was not adopted.

ANNUAL UPDATE ON WHITEWATER TECHNOLOGY PARK INNOVATION CENTER. Mark Johnson, Director of the Innovation Center, gave an update on the state of the Innovation Center.

PRESENTATION BY DOWNTOWN WHITEWATER. Downtown Whitewater representatives presented their annual report on their activities and contributions to the community.

UPDATE ON CURRENT AND FUTURE EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENTS. The Public Information Officer (formerly Cable TV Coordinator position) and Parks and Recreation Director positions are in the process of being filled. An updated job description for the Parks and Recreation Director is being written.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2017 BUDGETS: City staff members presented the following proposed 2017 budgets: Cable TV; 27th Payroll; Parking Permits; Fire/Rescue Equipment Revolving; Election Expense; DPW Equipment Revolving; Police Vehicle Revolving; Building Repair; Ride Share Grant; Forestry; Sick Leave Severance; Street Repair; Birge Fountain Restoration; Rescue Squad Equipment/Education; Fire Department; Innovation Center Operations.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Council President Singer requested an overview of the city snow plowing policy; the mailings for the service line warranty and information for dissemination to the public; and the winter parking ban. Councilmember Goettl requested discussion regarding City parking lots, their accessibility, and long term maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT. Being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Allen and seconded by Langnes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. AYES: Wellnitz, Langnes, Grady, Binnie, Goettl, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith,
City Clerk