

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 20, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in a Regular Session on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Jeff R. Grose presided, and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Present were Council members Cindy Dobbins, Jack Wilhite, Juergen Voss, Josh Finch, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present were Mayor Jeff R. Grose, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Scott Reust, City Planner Justin Taylor, Dan Stevens, and Times-Union reporter David Slone. The meeting was also presented live over the City's website at <https://www.warsaw.in.gov>.

ABSENT: None noted.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grose followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES-

The minutes from the December 15, 2025 Regular Session were presented for approval. Councilor Finch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-

-An Oath of Office was given to Dan Stevens, Warsaw Plan Commission.

REPORTS/ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS-

- November 2025 Fund Report
- December 2025 Fund Report

NEW BUSINESS-

2026 ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT-

Mayor Grose turned the meeting over to current Council President Jack Wilhite for nominations for Council President for 2026. Councilor Voss nominated Councilor Wilhite, seconded by Councilor Quance. No other nominations were given and Councilor Quance made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote. Councilor Wilhite called for a vote and was unanimously voted in as Council President for 2026.

RESOLUTION/TRANSFER OF FUNDS-

Resolution #2026-01-01 was presented for approval. The Resolution transfers a total of \$700,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Territory Operating Fund. Motion made by Councilor Klondaris to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilor Finch, carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE/FINES AND PENALTIES FOR PARKING-

Ordinance #2026-01-01 was presented for first reading. The Ordinance amends and updates Chapter 2, Article IV of the City Code by increasing civil penalties for parking related offenses as further described in the Ordinance. After discussion, Councilor Quance made a motion to amend Sec. 74-214 and Sec. 74-220, "Handicap parking" to \$125 for the "Civil Penalty" and to \$250 for "Second or Subsequent Violation Penalty" and Sec. 74-218 "Immobilization Fee" to \$150 for the "Civil Penalty" and \$300 for "Second or Subsequent Violation Penalty" which was seconded by Councilor Wilhite and carried by unanimous vote. After further discussion Councilor Klondaris made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-01-01 as amended on first reading, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE/GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS-

Ordinance #2026-01-02 was presented for first reading. The Ordinance amends and updates Chapter 74, Article V of general parking regulations of the City Code. The amendments and updates are key to the downtown parking area that will be changing to a digital parking system to improve parking management. After discussion, Councilor Wilhite made a motion to approve Ordinance #2026-01-02 on first reading, seconded by Councilor Klondaris, carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS-

-Mike Loher handed out information about Freedom 250, celebrating America's 250th birthday.

ADJOURNED-

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer