

July 7th, 2025

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NEW HAVEN, INDIANA

The Common Council of the City of New Haven, Indiana met in the City Hall Community Room on the 7th day of July at the hour of 5:30 p.m. in a special session in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve McMichael who presided.

Mayor Steve McMichael asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.


On the call of the roll, the members of the Common Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:


Present: Amelia Gascoigne, Jeff Turner, Craig Dellinger, and Bob Byrd

Absent: Terry Werling, Mike Mowery, Matt Newbauer, and Council Attorney Steve Harrants

Under new business item A, there was a public hearing for Ordinance G-25-22 An Ordinance of the City of New Haven, Indiana, Adopting a City Food and Beverage Tax. Economic Development Director, Pone Vongphachanh spoke and gave a presentation on Senate Bill 1 and a discussion on local input to Legislative Action. Mayor Steve McMichael opened the public hearing for comments. As Mayor Steve McMichael made the first call for comments, New Haven citizen Marty Compton owner of Coney Dog Cafe, said that he was opposing the tax for one main reason, "an annual income of \$57,000.00 a year is not a lot for a family, and the tax you're proposing is \$157.00 a year". Mayor Steve McMichael clarified that the tax is specifically on food and beverages, not on income. Pat Anderson, owner of Rack & Helens, made comments in favor of the tax, and commented that the City of New Haven is a great place to live and work. Next, Nicole Keesling spoke as a New Haven citizen, and a frequent flyer of New Haven restaurants, she mentioned she does not like taxes, however you cannot have a successful community without them, in closing Nicole says that this tax is not for today, it's about creating a better New Haven, for our future. Vince Fendel, owner of Domino's Pizza, approached the podium and asked if there was a possibility that Allen County could raise the tax in the future, or if there was a cap on the amount? Mayor Steve McMichael commented that it is a decision to be made by the county. Mayor Steve McMichael made the third and final call with no comments, Mayor Steve McMichael declared the public hearing closed.

Craig Dellinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Byrd seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.



Presiding Officer
Mayor Steve McMichael

Clerk Treasurer
Angela Hamrick