

COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 1, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led council members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given and the following members were present: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve Mulligan representing the Carroll County Historical Society informed the Council they are ready to move forward on the Stone Barn. The Historical Society must be out of the Court House by December 31, 2011. Dan McCain and Anita Werling spoke in favor of the move. Mayor Strasser questioned the Council if a full council or committee reporting gathered information was desired. Carolyn Pearson feels a full council is needed and in agreement was Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett. A meeting some time after the budget meeting set up for Wednesday night would be preferred by all.

Salt Storage. Aaron Lyons, Street Commissioner, reported that US Agg was not in favor of giving or allowing the use of the building on the West Side. There has been no response to the letter sent to P & R.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET: Work will begin on the department proposed budgets on Wednesday night at 6:00 P.M.

HHH UPDATE: Cook and Wabash Street. Council gave direction to fix the situation with flood water issues in this low area. A plan has been formulated that requires work on the present floodgate, a new stop valve on the public side of the levee, maintenance activity, the process of permits and getting bids.

HHH: Bids are in on the 1st phase and with the 60 day bid hold, it is planned to award at the next BOW.

Pipe to IPC. Easements must be obtained and then work can move forward.

Temporary Relocation. Due to the bridge placement, temporary water and sewer lines must be in place. BF & S feels this will be reimbursable.

Drinking Water. The BOW had directed Peerless to investigate the well system including the effects on each other when used. The first three steps of the plan have been completed. The next three steps involve looking for new water resources. Peerless will have a report for the city in August.

Wastewater. An agreed order with IDEM and waste for a compliance plan with IPC and City to correct the problem is in effect. Dick VanSickle, Mike Turchi and engineers from IPC met. A follow up meeting will be in two weeks.

Mayor Strasser reported he will meet with Kyle Harper from BF & S and K-IRPC to discuss flood gates on Tuesday morning.

Mayor Strasser brought the idea to approach the Kerlin family about buying the two empty lots on Washington St. This would help alleviate the parking problems in the downtown area. Carolyn Pearson would want a price before committing to being interested. Hannah Germond does not feel it is the right area and feels access on and off the lots is not good. Dan Sterrett questioned how many parking spaces could be utilized and then a determination could be made if it was worth the price. Carolyn Pearson and Nelson Smith recognize the need to consider the option of buying the lots. Council agrees to pursue this idea and have Aaron Lyons look at the layouts and report back to the Council.

Anita Werling feels this would be a good area to use landscape screening to enhance the area.

The minutes from the July 11th meeting were addressed. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2011 meeting as presented. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Dick VanSickle. The waste plant was tested for proficiency and scored 6 out of 6. The plant continues the use of oxidizers and staying within parameters. The plant is running better. The water department has been giving well 5 a break the last several months by making well 4 lead pump.

Aaron Lyons. Curbs and parking spaces are painted. The new chipper will arrive Tuesday. Slurry seal will be used on Market, Front, East Main, Old Camden Rd and the cul de sac on Elizabeth St. Since we do not have money for new roads, Aaron is satisfied with the results from this process.

Anita Force. The day weather has slowed the mowing need down. The annual Dog Frisbee will be held on August 13th at Riley Park.

John Chapman. School is getting ready to start and meetings have been held with the principals. One arrest for vandalism was made and another is pending. Community service for the City of Delphi will be part of their sentence. A survey has been completed by John Neumann and Jack Cross dealing with the parking and will be presented at the next BOW meeting.

Nelson Smith. The county ordinance revisions are completed. You can now find them on the web site. Mayor Strasser reminded that Ms. Robeson can now finish for the city.

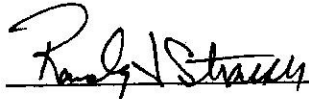
Darrell Sterrett. Darrell expressed his thanks to the council members for working jointly with the trustees on the budget. Darrell also reported there had been 8 emergency responses during the month of July.

Mayor Strasser asked if there were any questions or comments on his written report. His report outlined the continued work involved on HHH as well as his work on the levee certification and floodgate project. Mayor Strasser informed the members he had received an invitation from the office of the Lt. Governor for a trip to China and Japan. Laura Walls, representing Economic Development, had also received an invitation. The trip to China will leave on the 17th of September and the trip to Japan will leave on the 21st of September. Mayor Strasser stressed that other resources will be used to fund the trip – not city money. There will be a meeting with Mitsubishi and Mayor Strasser feels it will be in the best interest of Delphi for him to be present.

Bob Lucas appeared before the council with his concerns about an ongoing situation with trash. It is an ongoing problem with the apartment building sitting beside his office. The trash is always overflowing. Mr. Lucas wants an ordinance that directly speaks to this trash issue and then followed

through. Mayor Strasser explained that we have an ordinance and a procedure for follow ups when the ordinance is not followed. Letters are sent and then if the problem is addressed and cleaned up, we can do no more. Dick Traeger thinks "progressive penalty" would be a solution to the problem.

Brian Garrison made the motion to adjourn. Second by Nelson Smith. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



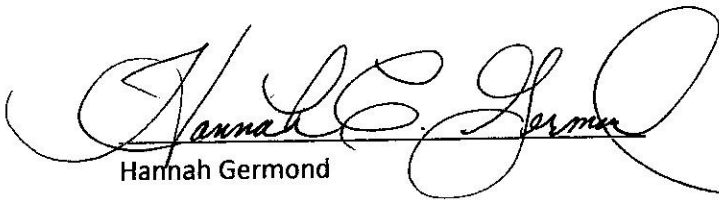
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