

COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led council members and visitors in The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the meeting held on August 1, 2011 were presented for acceptance. Hannah Germond made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

The advertised hearing for the proposed budget for 2012 was opened for discussion and/or questions. Mayor Strasser read the amounts approved by the council members. There were no questions from the visitors. Hearing was closed.

Steve Mulligan, representing the Historical Society introduced Larry Pyle. Mr. Pyle has done extensive research and preliminary drawings of plans for the Stone Barn. The stone barn would be a perfect location for the museum. The Historical Society needs to apply for grants in order to restore and utilize the building for their needs. The Historical Society must own property in order to qualify for grants. The only concern the Council has in regard to deeding the stone barn is the loss of use for the senior citizens and the Lions Club. Mr. Pyle mentioned the former middle school gym as a perfect location for the senior citizen and Midland Meals use. Mr. Ralph Walker, superintendent of DCSC, related to Mr. Pyle the school was ready to offer the building to whoever could make the best use of the building. Carolyn Pearson offered the suggestion that space in the community housing room could be a short term solution. Jeff Sieber, manager of senior services, informed the Council they will not stand in the way of turning over the stone barn. Midland Meals, Area IV and senior services will make the final decision. The Council needs to be aware the property of the seniors will be moved out when they are asked to leave. When questioned by Carolyn Pearson, Larry Pyle assured the Council there would be no immediate need for the seniors to move and in all likelihood a move would not be necessary until 2015. Steve Mulligan feels there is a 2 year minimum time span for seniors to use the stone barn. Mayor Strasser questioned the direction desired by members. Carolyn Pearson expressed the need to handle through our attorney and feels a decision could be made by the next board meeting. Hannah Germond and Carolyn Pearson volunteered to work with Steve Mulligan and Jeff Sieber.

John Neumann presented books on the results of surveys for downtown parking issues. Mr. Neumann noted some important points in the book. There is a need for some 3 as well as 2 hour parking in the downtown area. It is extremely important that the parking issues must be addressed and then maintained. Signage is needed showing where and how to get to parking. Handicapped spaces are not in compliance with federal and state regulations. Tenant parking must be addressed. Mr. Neumann

recommends a team comprising of Chief Chapman, Aaron Lyons and one citizen to make recommendations as well as cost factors and then present this information to the Council. Brian Garrison feels that the situation with parking around the court house has been addressed and marking the cars has worked. After discussion, Carolyn Pearson made the motion to allow the subcommittee to work with the present data and financials and bring back info to Council. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried.

Salt Storage. Aaron Lyons had nothing to report and has never had a reply from P & R.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farm Bureau has always been zoned urban/residential and would like to expand. All parcels across the street are zoned business. Farm Bureau would like lots 36, 37 and 38 zoned business. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to amend the zoning ordinance to cover lots 36, 37 and 38. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

Kevin Kramer thanked the Council for supporting The Educational Foundation of Delphi Community Schools during their 3 on 3 tournament at Riley Park. Three shirts were presented to the Council.

Leanne Aldrich explained Resolution 1, 2011. Five individual funds will be set up. Two of the funds will deal with reimbursement on HHH, 504 for Water and 505 for Wastewater. Fund 506 will be for the Floodgate Project. Fund 507 will be designated for Levee Certification. Fund 508 will be set up for Interurban Trail. Each fund will have a revenue number as well as an appropriation number. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the advertising of Resolution 1, 2011. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

Carolyn Pearson motioned to set hours for Halloween on October 31, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

The railroad has informed the city that work will begin shortly on all crossings except Main Street.

Dwaine Ward appeared representing Fire Territory with plans to purchase the Shaffer building and land on Main St. The council members expressed their agreement with the plans.

Department Reports:

Clerk's Office. Leanne announced our office is getting ready to join the 21st century. Plans are underway allowing customers to pay online, with debit or credit cards or automatic withdrawal from their personal checking accounts. It will take a couple months to get set up and rolling and it is hoped to have this worked out by the first of next year.

Area Plan. Nelson Smith reported he was not at the last meeting.

Airport. Brian Stirm report included fuel sales of 1000 gallons during July and only 457 during August and that was felt to be a direct reflection on the soaring fuel prices. Parachute group activity remains

high. Light model planes and regular traffic has been good on the weekends. The airport has received an early notice of a FAA grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for ramps.

Police. John Chapman informed the council members all state mandated training would be completed by next Thursday. An effort is being made to partner with the school and give away bikes stored in the basement of the City Building. Several break-ins were investigated and solved. Good police work.

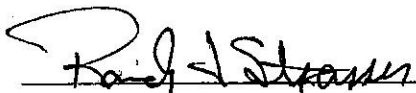
Street. Aaron Lyons reported sealing streets has been completed. Equipment is being prepared for picking up leaves. The recycle station on Washington Street has moved to the transfer station. It definitely improved the appearance of the neighborhood. Carolyn questioned Aaron in regards to his satisfaction with slurry seal. Aaron reported it extends our roads as long as cracks are sealed properly first and cost is so much cheaper than paving. Mr. Neumann expressed his gratitude for work done on Riley Road.

Utilities. Dick VanSickle attended a meeting with IDEM, Butler Fairman and engineers from IPC in regard to the compliance plan and how to proceed forward. Weekly meeting are being held with Milestone in regard to HHH. The plant continues to run better.

Park. Anita Force was not present for the meeting due to vacation time. A written report was left and distributed for members.


Mayor. A written report was issued from Mayor Randy Strasser. Mayor Strasser felt that one of his highlights to the month was the meeting held with 15 mayors and the Director of Commerce for China. The meeting was held at the canal center.

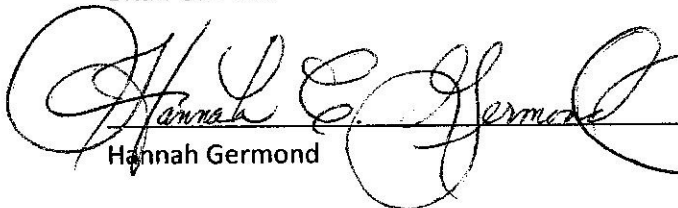
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

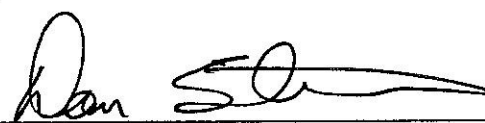

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