

COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 3, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led council members and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was given and the following council members were present: Brian Garrison, Richard Traeger, Carolyn Pearson and John Bennett.

Minutes from the meeting held on July 6, 2015, were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Traeger. Motion carried (4-0).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

An Ordinance to Amend the Bond: John Julian explained that our rating dropped to an A-, but insurance could be picked up which would not change our rate from an A-, but it would give us better rates on interest. John Julian recommended they purchase the insurance which would allow us to have the better rate. Richard Traeger made the motion to pass the ordinance on first reading which would be number Ordinance 2015-15. Seconded by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried (4-0). Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on second reading. Richard Traeger seconded the motion. Brian Garrison questioned suspending the rules. Brock Dawson stated it is permissible when in a case like urgency involving time or money exists. Motion carried (4-0). Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2015-15 on second reading. Seconded by John Bennett. Motion carried (4-0).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Fire Territory brought a proposed Purchase Agreement for the department. The Fire Territory has an advisory board which consists of the mayor and three trustees. At this time, they would like to be able to change their Purchase Agreement to the advisory board being responsible. Carolyn Pearson questioned Brock Dawson in reference to the Purchase Agreement. Because Brock was not involved in the creation of this agreement, Brock said he made some notes and needs to work on this a little bit before the Council votes on this. Shane Evans, who had worked on the Purchase Agreement, the City would still be the provider unit again, but purchases would be the Fire Territory responsibility. This item was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

George Mears appeared before the Council requesting a resolution on the Wabash Corridor Road. The Wabash Corridor Road will come from Bicycle Bridge Road to Franklin to Washington

to Adams to Carrollton Road. Signs will be put along the road with history of river and towns. Mr. Mears is not asking for any money just approval for the declaration. Mr. Mears will work with Aaron Lyons on placing the signs. Dale Seward questioned if we would give up control of the city streets. Mr. Mears advised that was not so. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the resolution for the Wabash Corridor Road. Seconded by Brian Garrison. Motion carried (4-0).

Shawn Evans informed the Council he has been going through some of our ordinances and he felt the ordinance we were following for weeds was not appropriate. Grass was not listed and the height of grass should be listed. He has checked the Indiana Code on what needs to be done in the ordinance to address this issue and recommends the Council look at it. Shane noted the height of the grass as well as a department named being responsible. Brian Garrison thanked Shane for his time put in on this, and Carolyn Pearson stated the issue should be tabled until Brock Dawson, city attorney, looks at this and sees what is best to do. Brian Garrison, Richard Traeger and John Bennett agreed.

#### Interurban Trail:

Wayne Logsdon's former home laying along side of Deer Creek had an appraisal for \$7,100.00. We need to purchase this property in order to make the improvements on the interurban bed. This make improvements from Wabash to Hamilton to the interurban bed of a foot in height and width. Brian Garrison stated he thought this had been discussed previously and it was decided not to purchase the property. Dale Seward, guest, stated a deed had been recorded to the City. Carolyn Pearson questioned the fact that trees had been harvested on this property. Brian Garrison noted he had just texted John Ragan, President of Delphi Little League. John Ragan had stated that was done and he was just waiting on a check from the City. John Bennett also questioned how one-fourth of an acre could cost \$7,100.00. Mayor Strasser said this process has been delayed, and we need to act on it. Leanne questioned Brock Dawson for advice as she felt uncomfortable moving forward on this with her office issuing a check if the deed had already been recorded. Brock Dawson stated he was in agreement with Leanne, and first it should be checked to see if the deed was recorded. Brock advised he had not been involved in this process and not aware of a deed being recorded. Carolyn Pearson questioned if we knew we were going to have to buy this land when Little League purchased it from the Logsdon family. Mayor Strasser said it was in the grant. Tom Gray, guest, stated who made the offer and questioned if it was approved by the Council. Richard Traeger thinks we need to move forward, but Brian Garrison stated he hasn't even seen the plan for the Interurban Trail. Richard Traeger made the motion for the approval if Brock Dawson checks on the deed situation and it is legal to write a check. Brian Garrison stated he likes the idea of the trail, but doesn't think not buying the Logsdon property will break the grant. Carolyn Pearson sees both sides and thinks we spent a lot of money on engineering, but stated the land is in a flood plain. Kevin Kologinsky noted this trail connects to Washington Street safe routes, and the trail would continue eastward to where two parks are connected and could also go in the opposite

direction to Arby's trails. Mayor Strasser questioned if you table this, you have the possibility of losing the grant due to time extension, but what other information do you need? Brock stated he would feel more comfortable with a signed purchase offer approved by the Council. Carolyn Pearson moved to second the motion previously made by Richard Traeger. There were three ayes consisting of Richard Traeger, Carolyn Pearson and John Bennett. There was one nay by Brian Garrison.

Department Reports:

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky gave the council members a written report.

Street Department: Aaron Lyons reported the annex had dried out and had been reseeded. There are issues with the septic tank in Riley Park. They have worked on stump and tree work, and the City building metal work has been done.

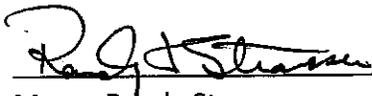
Police: Steve Mullin gave council members a written report and stated the parking issue continues to be a problem.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported Yardberry had done some preliminary work. The alley behind the Opera House had been repaired by Accu-Dig. Dick stated three lateral lines at the Court House had been found and repaired.

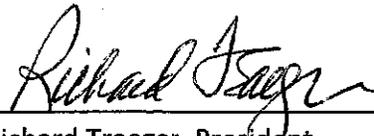
Water: Craig Myers notes three water leaks had been fixed. Peerless is testing, pumping and checking at the new well field for nitrate levels.

Mayor Strasser stated we can have a first reading necessary on the issue from jumpers off the bridge and swinging bridge. Mayor Strasser noted the 2015-3 <sup>ordinance</sup> resolution would give the police authority to enforce the fact no one should be jumping from the bridge(s). Carolyn Pearson made the motion 2015-3 on first reading. Seconded by John Bennett (4-0). Mayor Strasser noted signs will be placed after the second reading in September's meeting.

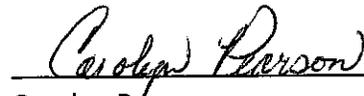
Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Richard Traeger, President



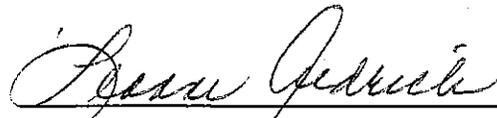
Carolyn Pearson



Brian Garrison



John Bennett



Leanne Aldrich, Attest