

COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 5, 2017
7:00 P.M.
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Shane Evans called the meeting to order and led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Dick Traeger, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley were present for the meeting.

State Senator Brandt Hershman was introduced by Mayor Evans. Senator Hershman stated the state of Indiana is in a good place. All the numbers for unemployment, personal income, cost of living and trendline for investment are good. Indiana is the 6th lowest for public debt in the U.S. Infrastructure, work force and quality of life are the important things to our residents and these are all improving. Senator Hershman noted he was responsible for the bill for a balanced budget.

One of the questions asked to Senator Hershman concerned drugs. Senator Hershman replied heroin was the hardest to combat. We need to look at source reduction, punishment and include help to those that want help.

Dale Seward asked Senator Hershman to expand on quality of life. His response was anything we can do that makes people want to live in our state would be a part of quality of life. When all the components are good then people want to be a part of our community.

Dick Bradshaw thanked Senator Hershman for attending functions like our Council meeting with his information and input.

Minutes from the meeting held on May 1, 2017 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Written reports were given to council members.

Carolyn Pearson questioned Jake Adams if the sign for the community building was finished at the school. Sara Daly stated she had picked up the sign and Mendel's would be doing some alterations to the sign.

Dale Seward requested police reports, tickets written, miles and gas usage before budget meetings. Dale Seward asked for the city appointment on Area Plan and BZA. Mayor Evans noted it is a work in progress. Dale is concerned about representation.

Dale Seward wanted information on the Dollar General building. Mayor Evans stated it had been approved by drainage board and they have access but we do not have a construction schedule at this time.

Delphi Chamber would like permission to have a city-wide garage sale with city waiving garage sale permits. The chamber would like this held from the 9th through the 12th of August. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to waive the garage sale permits. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mayor Evans announced the preliminary draft for the next round of the Community Crossing grant will be submitted in July and awards will be announced in late August. We intend to apply for the maximum

of \$1,000,000. Surplus of street department budget, balance of relinquishment and Loit Excess will be used for our match. We will need to amend our HHH Relinquishment Ordinance in order to do so.

City Council Comments:

Dick Traeger asked for the status of the RR crossing on Union St. that has been closed so long. Mayor Evans stated he had been told it would be open by the end of May and Aaron Lyons reported he had checked and was hoping for the end of June. Dale Seward stated he wants to make sure we follow procedure so they don't end up closing this crossing.

Dale Seward stated construction began on the old locker plant on Washington St. and the burned-out house is to be torn down in 2 weeks.

Mike Shockley had been contacted by the neighbor beside the Dunbar rental property over the fence issue. She wants a survey done to make sure the fence is in the right place.

Mike Shockley gave an update on the Community Building. Landscaping has started by the Sterrett property line. The pole is set for electric. Water lines are in and Mike thanked Craig Myers and staff. The footers are done. Volunteers will be needed but not sure date.

Mike thanked Chief Mullin for having his men stop traffic for the memorial service at the court house.

Leanne Aldrich informed the council the last payment, due in October of 2016, for the highway relinquishment was finally received. A reimbursement that had been unpaid since the first of the year, in the amount of \$117,000 had finally been received. Both issues took several phone calls and emails to be accomplished.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Tricia Mendel wanted to know if the city paid for the fireworks. Her question came from the email she had received from the chamber asking for donations for the firework cost. It was confirmed the city had paid the total cost of the fireworks.

Deb Lowe, reporter Carroll County Comet, wanted to know if there was a Main Street organization. Information of meetings and members were requested. Jake Adams stated he would get the members names to her after the meeting.

Ms. Lowe also asked about the plan to lease a section of the former Logsdon property to Little League for playground equipment. She stated Cory Whitesell of HWC said we had to buy the property at a cost of \$7,100 for the Interurban Trail. The trees were harvested by Little League before the city purchased the land. There are complaints on weeds and mosquitoes. Mayor Evans will send a copy of the lease to Ms. Lowe.

With no further business before the council Dale Seward made the motion to adjourn. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

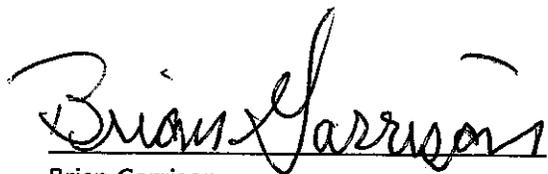
Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.



Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson, President



Brian Garrison



Richard Traeger



Dale Seward



Mike Shockley



Leanne Aldrich, Attest