

COMMON COUNCIL  
JANUARY 3, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Council members present were Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith and Hannah Germond. Dan Sterrett was absent.

Motion was made by Brian Garrison to appoint Carolyn Pearson as President of the Council for 2011. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

Minutes from the December 6, 2010 meeting were discussed. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Mayor Strasser named his appointments for the year 2011.

Board of Works	Brian Garrison and Bob Conner
Area Plan	Nelson Smith and Kirk Germond
Zoning Appeals	Nelson Smith
EDC	Joe Mayfield, Brad Burton, Bonnie Maxwell
Alcohol Beverage	Donald Burkhalter
Airport Board	Jeff Stankard, John Gingrich Jr., Dean Trennepohl, Ed Gruber, Terry Dill
Airport Manager	Brian Stirm
Parks Board	Carla Bradshaw, Lorraine Weckerly, Gretchen Walker, Jodi Emmitt
NW SWD	Hannah Germond interested or Mayor Randy Strasser

Ken Ross, Vice President of NGC, appeared before the Council with a presentation of the desires of the Delphi Municipal Airport. Plans to purchase property to the west, east and south for another runway that would allow the airport to grow and eventually be self sufficient was discussed. Another hanger for 6 planes would be included in this project. The airport had published a request for proposals for loans and three proposals had been returned to the Clerk's office. Farmers Bank, First Financial and Regions had responded with proposals. The airport is looking at borrowing up to 1.6 million. Regions bank offered 2.04 interests (line of credit) and at the end of one year will convert into a 20 year amortized loan. This would give a year to received money from FAA as well as revenue from the farm land. By the end of the loan span it would be possible to take the airport off the tax revenue. This loan must be repaid by income generated from the airport and not tax money. The collateral for the loan will be the airport as it stands and that is part ownership by City and part by BOAC. Landowners have been made aware of the intentions of the airport. Mayor Strasser and Ken Ross have discussed the proposal and numbers with the City's accounting firm. Ken Ross would like to return to the Council during their meeting in February and would like an answer.

Carolyn feels we need to have a meeting to see how all the council members feel. Randy will send emails and get ideas of dates for a work session before February 7, 2011. Ken Ross assured the council he could be present for the meeting or available by speaker phone.

Greg Norman approached the Council concerning signs to be placed along the new highway. Main Street, Wabash & Erie Canal, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and the Preservation Society are involved and feel this is a sure way to promote tourism. The CCChamber is going to pay for the sign and their cost will be \$2,674.00. Mr. Norman is seeking help with the cost of maintaining the signs over the next 5 years. That cost is estimated to be \$3,500.00. Dan McCain and Mark Smith spoke favorably for support of the sign. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to commit \$2,500.00 for 5 years maintenance out of Edit Funds. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried.

Mayor Strasser read the Rotary Fund Ordinance to the Council. This ordinance establishes a fund that all revenue from the sales of fuel and all revenue from hanger rental income at the airport will be deposited into. Fuel purchased for the airport as well as hanger expenses will be paid from this fund. This is another step in making the airport self sufficient. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve this ordinance on first reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules for second reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the ordinance on second and final reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Dick VanSickle passed out a written report to the council members and told of the issue with the lift station at IGA. He also reported that the issued with Armory Road is almost completed.

Aaron Lyons did not have a written report due to just returning from vacation. He did inform the council members 4 manholes had been repaired on Monroe Street. The new truck and new dump truck approved by council members will be here within the month.

John Chapman passed out a written report and told the council members it had been a slow month. The officers are continuing to work with the school and they are working on the parking issued with Main Street.

Anita Force passed out a written report that recapped the park's accomplishments during the 2010 year. Anita told the council members that winter months are a slow time for her but she uses this time to work on her summer walk program as well as her summer recreation program.

Brian Stirm reported that the airport is really slow during the winter months but he has been plowing snow.

Nelson Smith had nothing to report with Area Plan.

Darrell Sterrett, new Fire Chief with Fire Territory passed out a written report. He informed the council members that one engine is being refurbished and 6 firefighters are going through training.

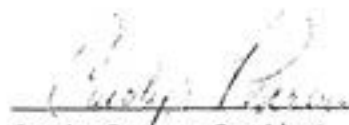
The Mayor reported that all the pieces are together for the floodgate grant. Abigale Huffer is working on the easement and land purchase. The Mayor is receiving information that there are still funds available in the disaster relief program. Hoosier Heartland is moving forward. Plans with Butler Farman are 75% complete.

Nelson Smith wants the Council to start thinking about working on the fire department situation. Carolyn Pearson feels it would be appropriate to have this discussion when the council meets to discuss the airport.

Mayor Strasser felt the latest article from the Comet needs to be addressed. Mayor Strasser asked Mike Turchi to discuss our situation in regards to well issues as well as the projects concerning IPC. Mr. Turchi is our consultant with Butler Fairman and he informed that although we will need more water in the future, our water department as sufficient water supply for the town as well as the improvements desired by IPC.

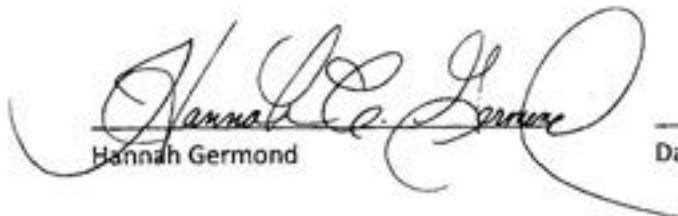
Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/Randy Strasser

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Pearson, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Garrison

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nelson Smith

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hannah Germond

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Sterrett

COMMON COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 2, 2011  
7:00 P. M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given by Leanne Aldrich. Council members present were: Carolyn Pearson, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett. Brian Garrison was absent.

Two spelling errors were noted and corrected in the minutes of January 17, 2011. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Laura Walls, Director of CCEDC spoke to the Council and guests. Explanation of the two TIF districts was given. IPC and area of Gray's Turkey Farm where there is no development with industry and no income from taxes yet. The need for water and sewer lines is high priority. Some of the land captured in the TIF would belong to the City. An agreement would have to be reached on who would administer the funds. This is in the early stages. Consolidation of the two areas would give a better reason to use funds from IPC TIF to help industrial park.
- 2) Anita Werling came before the Council with information on the Revitalization Task Force formed two months ago. Eventually the Task Force will come to the Council with options to put together a Revitalization Committee with the intent to make the downtown the nucleus and spokes out to other areas like the canal and HHH. All efforts will be directed towards promotion of our town, economic restructuring and design. Anita extended an invitation to any council member with interest to please come to the meetings and share ideas.
- 3) Randy presented the holiday schedule as per our policy manual. Saturday holidays are moved to Fridays and Sunday holidays are moved to Monday. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to set the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of December as holidays. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carries. President's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day holidays conflict with BOW and Council meetings. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to leave President's Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February and keep the BOW meeting scheduled for 4:30 PM. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. Nelson Smith made the motion to move the BOW and Council meeting to July 11<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.
- 4) The entrance sign to the City needs to be moved and the City will be reimbursed \$1,700.00. Mayor Strasser needs to sign a quick claim deed. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the Mayor signing the agreement. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.
- 5) Agreement from INDOT on St. Rd. 25. \$1,250,000.00 will be paid in five installments. The first payment will be 35 days after the transfer of the road or September 1, 2014 and each year after. All money must go back into projects with the road like curbs and sidewalks. We must have a resolution set up before the money comes to us. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the agreement with INDOT. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

- 6) Fuel Ordinance 2011-1. This ordinance will change the department purchasing fuel. The water department will purchase the fuel and each department will reimburse the water department for their usage. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the fuel ordinance. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.
- 7) Roads will have to be renamed and presented change must go to Post Office as well as 911. These changes are due to the HHH and will mandate changes on the road names on the east side of Delphi. If you think of appropriate names, please email or call Mayor Strasser.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

John Gingrich appeared before the Council on behalf of the airport board asking the intentions of the Council in regards to the proposal presented in January. Mr. Gingrich offered the presence of Ken Ross to answer any questions possible. Carolyn Pearson proposed a work session on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February for interaction between council and possible interested parties. The Council agreed to meet on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:00 P.M. Nelson Smith felt that would be a good time to address the issue of location for Street and Water and Fire Departments.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer. The Ctar is completed and the advertisement of the financial statement is ready to place in the paper. Rollover will be completed and with the final notice of the budget approval for 2011, dollar amounts can be placed in the program.

Wastewater. Dick VanSickle informed the Council of the problem they are experiencing with the plant. They are trying different chemicals and working with advisors on the situation.

Street. Aaron Lyons reported on the extensive snow removal work. The job has been complicated at times with parked vehicles. No parking on Main St. can be enforced but side streets are not part of the ordinance. Hannah Germond praised Aaron and all employees who worked long hours on our streets. Carolyn Pearson felt the crews accommodated the people.

Parks. Anita Force's staff has kept the walking paths open all but two days. Anita has been working on the summer rec program.

Police. John Chapman passed out a monthly and yearly report. One of his officers could possibly be exposed to HIV. An effort is being made to work with the offender to determine medical history to alleviate stress.

Airport. Brian Stirm has been kept busy plowing snow. The rotary beacon light has been repaired. The runway lights are on auto and an evaluation of the electric bill will be made. A parachute group may be coming as a permanent part of the airport.

Area Plan. Nelson Smith attended the meeting but there was not a quorum.




Fire Territory. Darrell Sterrett explained that January was slow. The 505 engine is back from being repaired in Illinois.

Community Development. Kevin Kologinsky updated the Council on the status of the Freedom Bridge, Interurban, Floodgate, Safe Route to Schools and Deer Creek Levee Study.

Revitalization. Anita Werling detailed the project for homeowners involving the youth. Boards would be created that would stand in the front yards and display a history and maybe pictures of the home.

Mayor Strasser will be taking a trip to Washington D.C. along with members from Carroll County and Tippecanoe County. He will be attending meetings in D.C. Mayor Strasser requested the Council reimburse him for fuel and meals. Carolyn Pearson made the motion for reimbursement for fuel and meals. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

  
Mayor Randy Strasser  
Carolyn Pearson, President  
Brian Garrison  
Nelson Smith  
Hannah Germond  
Dan Sterrett



COMMON COUNCIL  
MARCH 7, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given and all members were present.

Mayor Strasser introduced Julia Leahy, new director of Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Julia attended the meeting to ask for cooperation with the arts festival. A request to block Washington Street between Main and Franklin from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. was presented to the Council. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to accommodate the arts festival with the blockage of Washington Street. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Anita Werling relayed information on "branding". A task force has been formed and the purpose is to find the identity of Carroll County. The branding initiative for Carroll County will involve creative focus groups to identify who we are, how do others see us and a visual image of who we are. This process will lead to an implementation plan that will include logo, letterhead and press releases. The county will form like an umbrella over the cities and towns and special identities and they will retain their own individualism. Promoting tourism as well as attracting new industry is desired outcome. In order to succeed it is necessary to have help from professionals. Discussions with several companies have led to hiring a company. Although Anita pointed out she is not asking for money tonight, she needs to make the Council aware of the financial picture. The total process could cost up to \$100,000.00. Darrell Smith had committed \$15,000.00 before he left EDC. The Chamber is looking at their budget for EDIT and contact will be made with the county to look for funds. The time line for this process is 2 to 4 months for the focus groups and 1 to 2 months for the branding process. Kick off will not begin until funds are secured from different sources.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Work Session-involved questions and discussions on the airport expansion and fire territory building plans. It was felt that the session was important because it led to a better understanding of both situations. Randy reminded that the capital improvement plan submitted by the airport board included plans for the expansion. Also FAA has approved the expansion and is ready to move forward. Council members feel another meeting is needed. The information has been received and now is the time for open discussion with input from each council member. March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. will be the next work session. Leanne will advertise. Mayor Strasser also noted that the article in the Comet had incorrect information about the amount of acres that would be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Mayor Strasser presented the agreement by Emerson and Manahan for Carroll County Redevelopment and City of Delphi. This contains the guidelines and stipulations with the

betterment plan. Brian Garrison made a motion to table the agreement until council members had time to read through the agreement. There was no second to the motion. Motion died. Carolyn Pearson expressed her faith in our attorney. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to approve the signing of the agreement between Carroll County Redevelopment and the City of Delphi. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. 4 ayes – 1 nay.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**FIRE:** Fire Chief Sterrett reported a slow month with three structure fires. There were 10 emergency responses. In the future the Fire Territory is going to need to replace air packs and cost could run \$180,000 to \$200,000. The State Fire Marshall awarded four smoke detectors for the handicapped and disabled.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR:** Kevin detailed the progress on grants in progress. The Interurban Trail is ready to begin surveying. The School Safety Route is also in the works. Floodgate grant was denied due to OKRA feeling including a pump station should not be in the project. Pooling of water on our side of the levee cannot be included in the grant. We will resubmit this fall for grant money. The Downtown Committee is working well together and the Tourism Committee is also working on existing signs and where to move it for better exposure. Another project in the works is the graphic design for the historic homes and these will be scattered around town. This is info boards and can contain history as well as pictures. Life expectancy of these boards could be sixteen years.

**UTILITIES:** Dick discussed the struggle at the waste plant. Waste received a letter from IDEM and a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> over this problem. Different chemicals have been tried on this problem. Dick has been working with IDEM all along. There will be a compliance plan arrived at the meeting and possibly a fine. Mayor Strasser mentioned the repair Craig handled at the stop light and praised their work.

**STREET:** Aaron and his staff found snow removal took part of their time. The men are starting to fix pot holes. A possibility of moving the recycle center to the transfer station is in the beginning stages of planning. This would allow us to clean up this area of the city. The material for the roof is in and as soon as the weather cooperates work will begin. Work is ready to begin on the cement area on Main St. at corner of Front on the west side first.

**AIRPORT:** Brian stated they are getting ready for the spring projects including rolling grass, mowing and some inside painting of main building. The lights on the runway were left off during the month of February and a close look to the electric bill will result in the decision as to usage of lights.

**PARKS:** Anita has distributed brochures for the walking program. The program will run from the 9<sup>th</sup> of April till the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Anita attended a bicycle workshop in Indianapolis with details on incorporating bicycle route in city areas.

**POLICE:** Police Chief John Chapman announced Alex Parkinson has moved up to 1<sup>st</sup> Class Officer. Shane Bernhardt has finished his classed and will be a certified instructor. The Department of Justice has grants for vests and cost on vests run \$1,200. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March the Delphi Middle School will have a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 P.M. and following will be a program on Rachel's Story. Rachel was one of the students who lost her life in the Columbine shooting. John requested that he wants to advertise for officers (pool). Carolyn wanted to know if this was to have candidates if the need arose to fill a slot.



John confirmed. Carolyn made the motion to allow John to advertise for positions in the police department. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carries.

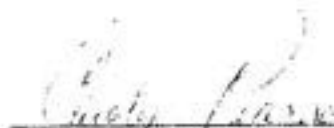
CLERK'S OFFICE: Leanne reported that our health insurance carrier had raised our premium by \$2,000 per month even though we had experience a good claim rate for the third year. Contact has been made with IACT concerning the trust they recommend. We have had an opening meeting with Henriott Agency and will receive more information from them. Carolyn attended the meeting. We are also receiving a bid from an independent broker. The main concern is trying to keep the cost down to stay in line with our budget and at the same time provide comparable insurance to our employees.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Strasser reported on his trip to Washington D.C. and the meetings that he attended and left with good feelings about the contacts made. The Mayor also attended a meeting at Purdue University with the Indiana Mayors Roundtable on China. Work was also done with K-IRPC/OCRA on the flood gate grants. A meeting with IPC and Butler Fairman was held for discussions on wastewater treatment plant issues. Transportation planning for Carroll County was done through a meeting with Sallie Fahey and Paul Coats.

Mayor Strasser informed all present how proud we are of Carolyn Pearson and the honor given to her recently. A dinner sponsored by the YWCA of Lafayette showcased the "Salute to Women of 2010". Five women from the Lafayette area and our Carolyn were introduced after the meal and their contributions and accomplishments within their communities were described to everyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.


  
Mayor Raddy Strasser

  
Carolyn Pearson, President

  
Brian Garrison

  
Nelson Smith

  
Hannah Germond

  
Dan Sterrett

COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 4, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led board members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given by Clerk Treasurer Leanne Aldrich and the following board members responded: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett.

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2011 meeting with the following correction: put in 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May for Arts Festival. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

AIRPORT PROJECT Mayor Strasser wants to know if the board needs more discussion or if they feel ready to move forward. Nelson Smith questioned who would make the payments until the airport received reimbursement. The board was assured that the City would not be responsible for any additional funding for the airport. Carolyn feels that the principle makes sense but perhaps a modification is in order. Brian feels we need to vote on the project and put it to rest. Nelson feels we need to talk to the airport board members and see if it is possible to scale down the project or do in stages. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to table the issue for 1 more month. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carries.

STREET & WATER During the previous council meeting, Fire Chief Darrell Sterrett had asked the Council to meet with Fire Territory members concerning several issues. Carolyn Pearson apologized for not getting a meeting set up. Carolyn will set something up quickly and confirm with all involved on the meeting time. It was agreed to table this issue until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

"Learn & Serve Indiana Grant" Pat Brettnacher invited the council members to attend a program at the school from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on May 5th that resulted from the grant they received last fall. There will be a film "El Norte" and the seniors will read to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the book Barrio Boy.

Diamond Dash Karl Traeger informed the Diamond Dash will be held on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Most of the markers are still on the course. Aaron Lyons agreed to put up the banners advertising the run. Main Street has agreed to contribute \$500.00 to help promote this event. Karyl requested \$500.00 from the city for this event. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to issue \$500.00 for the Diamond Dash. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer Leanne reported on the quote from our current carrier for health insurance and the increase in monthly premium. This increase is not due to our claims but due to the expected rise in the cost from hospitals and doctors. Information from a trust and another carrier shows a savings each month on monthly premiums and an additional savings if we become members of Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

It appears that our yearly savings could amount to over \$40,000.00. Leanne has asked an outside insurance agent to look at the policies and make sure that we are comparing "apples" to "apples". Hopefully we will know by the next council meeting the final figures.

Wastewater Dick VanSickle presented a printed report to each council member. The annual disinfection was done on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. The discharge renewal form was send to IDEM. At this time, up to \$30,000.00 has been spent on equipment and chemicals for the problem at the plant. An effort will be made to receive reimbursement.

Street Aaron Lyons reported that the annual clean up will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of April. The dumpster will be sitting at the Riley Park Annex. The project on Washington and Front Streets at Solomon's Grill has been started. The new dump truck is in service now.

Parks Anita Force informed the council that sign up for the walk program will be held at the Riley Cabin on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April from 10AM to 1PM. Plans are almost completed for the summer recreational program. The annex field has been reseeded. Restrooms at all parks are scheduled to be opened by this week end.

Police John Chapman offered a printed report of police activities as well as additional information. The police department is working on the E Ticket Program through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This would involve scanners. Application was made for AED and this would place one in each car, one in the city building and one at the wastewater plant. Twenty employees of the city would have to do CPR classes. Work is in progress on the bullet proof vest grant. John Chapman reported on the conference he had attended for Chiefs and SBOA and participated with 4 hours of training. Darron Giancola has taken another position and his last day will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. John asked for permission to fill the vacancy. Brian Garrison made the motion to hire a new officer. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried.

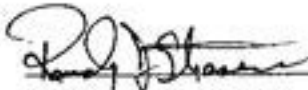
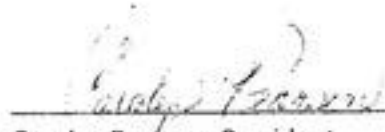
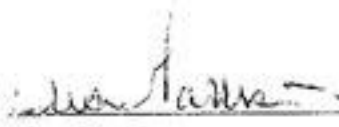
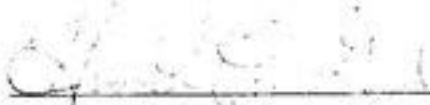
Airport Brian Stirm reported fuel sales of 304 gallons and that is back up to around normal. There are eight people on the airport hanger list. Two fire departments will come to the airport, look around for emergency call situations and have lunch.

Area Plan There will be a meeting at the Canal Center on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor's Report Meeting with IDEM and Mike Turchi from BF&S and resulted in a suspension of fine and a plan of action for future months. Mayor Strasser and Laura Walls met with leaders from Andersons and future plans for their location. Miriam Robeson is working on zoning and held her

second meeting. Mayor Strasser attended the IACT legislative conference in Indy. The monthly meeting with the Fire Territory produced an approval of the 2011 budget that DLGF allowed. Utility relocations contract should be ready for bids in the next 30-45 days. A meeting with Dick, Craig, Peerless Midwest and BF&S was held to discuss future improvements to the water system. Updates on this situation will be coming soon.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 P.M.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Randy Strasser  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Pearson, President  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Garrison  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nelson Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hannah Germond  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Sterrett

COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 2, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the scheduled meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given and Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett responded.

Minutes from the meeting held on April 4, 2011 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brad Farrer from Regions Bank explained the details of the finance proposal offered to the Airport for their expansion project. Mr. Farrer explained no additional funds would be needed from the City and without city collateral. Mayor Strasser questioned the Council as to what they wanted to do about this project? Nelson Smith wanted information on the process. Ken Ross explained that FAA will approve the land acquisition and by the end of 2016 there will be a balance of \$300,000.00 due. FAA has excess funds and our airport could apply for part of these funds. FAA will not approve the runway until they see a need for progress. Approximated \$30,000.00 will be revenue to the airport from existing hangers and the new hanger with 6 units. FAA, INDOT and the City must approve. Nelson Smith made the motion to approve the project. Second by Hannah Germond. Carolyn Pearson noted she must abstain from voting. Aye: Nelson Smith and Hannah Germond. Nay: Brian Garrison and Dan Sterrett. Mayor Strasser refused to vote and break the tie. Carolyn asked if more information would help. Brian Garrison responded no and Dan Sterrett responded no. Mayor Strasser asked Ken Ross to consult with FAA to see what alternatives are available and Mayor Strasser will check with legal. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

Mayor Strasser wanted information on the Street and Water situation. Carolyn Pearson explained the meeting was mainly with the Fire Territory. It was the first meeting with Council and Fire Territory and a lot of information was discussed. Budget issues and dates as well as a possible new building site were discussed. The need for a separate building for Street and Water depends on the decision of the Fire Territory.

VS Engineering gave an update on the levee certification. Engineers are preparing a report; the survey has been completed as well as the geo tech analysis. Corp of Engineers certification report identified deficiencies including our closing structures and need for pump station. The pump station prevents flooding within. Floodgates must be in place in order to certify the levee. Our floodgates are not holding properly. OCRA needs to fund us on the floodgate project and we are waiting for approval. FEMA does not want to see documents till all problems are repaired and completed. We will miss the deadline for June and additional time of eighteen months will be given. Possible expenditures of \$300,000 to \$500,000 could be needed to replace floodgates.



#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strasser would like for all members to look over the project update list for 2012 and determine what you prefer to address.

Budget meetings with departments will start in June and July. All work needs to be completed on next budget by end of August.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Waste: Dick VanSickle reported the plant is functioning better due to the use of different chemicals. Due to recent flooding issues increased pumping at the plant has been implemented in order to alleviate sewers. Carolyn Pearson had questions about the Acheson home and the family directly across from the Acheson property. Dick assured Carolyn and council members it was rainwater only.

Street: Aaron Lyons confirmed the completion of cement work by Solomon building. Aaron informed the council our insurance will only cover \$3,750.00 on the chipper that was stolen. A price has been quoted on two different models and Aaron prefers the bigger bed as heavy use is a concern. The cost of the larger chipper is \$41,000.00. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to purchase the larger chipper for \$41,000.00 less the insurance reimbursement with the difference being taken from the Rainy Day Fund. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carries. Paul Coats contacted Aaron and is still in a need for a name for "Old East Main". Discussion led to the approval of "Samuel Milroy Road." Nelson Smith questioned Aaron on spring clean up. Aaron informed the council that volume is down.

Parks: Anita Force informed the members that summer rec will be start on June 6 with hours of 9 to 10:30 and last for 3 weeks. The walking program has 31 teams of 6 participating. New grass at the Annex may have been lost in recent high water. Delphi Educational Foundation will be using Riley Park on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual basketball tournament.

Police: John Chapman was not present but left a report for the members. John left information concerning vest for department that would be funded through a grant. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the purchase of vests. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn reported on her discussion with John concerning parking in the downtown area. A survey taken by Main Street for the needs of the downtown produced -PARKING-PARKING-PARKING. Carolyn and John agreed to mark tire and make the police more visible to the issue and perhaps this would alleviate the problem.

Airport: Brian Stirm reported 50 fire fighters attended classes held at the airport on fires and rescue operations. Young Eagle Rally will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the airport. 366 gallons of fuel was sold in April.

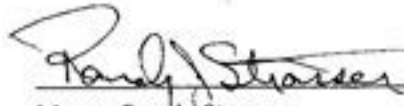
Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett, Fire Chief was not present.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky was not present but sent a written report to members.


Mayor's Report: A written report was given to members. Dick VanSickle, Craig Myers and Mayor Strasser met with reps from US Agg, BF&S and Peerless Midwest discussing well projects. A report on future plans by Peerless should be back within 60 days. A meeting held by FEMA at the Canal Center displayed new flood maps for the county. Dick VanSickle and Mayor Strasser met with IPC on current and future utility issues and projects. David Terrell of OCRA met with Mayor Strasser concerning

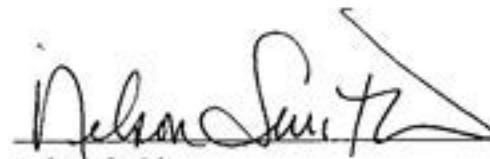
levee grant and other projects that they would be able to fund. Meetings with DPS and others concerned about Main Street Program has led to great ideas for future direction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

  
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
Carolyn Pearson

  
Brian Garrison

  
Nelson Smith

  
Hannah Germond

  
Dan Sterrett

COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 6, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett were present.

Minutes for the meeting held May 2, 2011 were presented for approval. Brian Garrison made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miriam Robeson updated the board on zoning for the City. The County needs to update and adapt their ordinances and then we can proceed. The following steps need to be followed.

- 1) Public Information Meeting
- 2) Presentation to APC (required)
- 3) Public Hearing at APC (required)
- 4) Recommendations to City Council for Adoption
- 5) City Passes Ordinance

The City of Delphi will need to adopt the state building codes and this will address the historic buildings, the historic downtown, the businesses downtown, strategic development and development at the city limits.

The team working with Miriam is Kevin Kolingsky, Joe Mayfield, Randy Strasser, Dick Traeger and Anita Werling.

Kathy Mylet appeared before the Council with a request for a zoning ordinance for the property located on the corner of Washington and Front St. owned by Ms. Chatworth. The request is for operation of a bed and breakfast. Neighbors do not have a problem with the change and Dick Bradshaw has an agreement with Ms. Chatworth for parking. Brian Garrison noted there are other businesses in the area and Dan Sterrett felt it would be good for the city. Brian Garrison made the motion to approve the property being rezoned business. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.

Anita Werling spoke to the members and guests concerning the Revitalizing Task Force. A meeting held at Camp Tecumseh in October of 2010 started this process. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Input comes from all areas represented by Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, Library, Preservation Society and Historical Society and more. An invitation was given to all council members to attend.

Rick Acheson expressed his concerns and frustration with the flooding issue in his area around Water St. Over the Memorial holiday it became a major issue again. Heavy rains contribute to the problem. The

rising creek pushes water back into the area and creates sewer issues for some of the homes. Mr. Acheson would like to have a valve put on the residential side of the levee. Mr. Acheson feels that promises were made and it's time to get something done.

Brian Garrison questioned Dick VanSickle if a gate valve could be installed. Dick said this could be done but this is not an answer to the standing water from rain. The best location for the gate valve would be between a manhole and levee. Mike Turchi from BF&S said it could cost \$20 to \$40 thousand to put in a manual valve and change the gated. Hannah Germond questioned if a small lift station could be the answer. Mr. Turchi said that could cost 5 to 8 times as much and could still fail. Carolyn Pearson feels it is time to address the issue and complete the project one way or another. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to find some way to remedy this problem and complete the project. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Mayor Strasser directed BF&S, Dick VanSickle and Aaron Lyons to proceed. A report on progress will be reported to the next meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Airport.** Mayor Strasser questioned the members about their feelings towards the budget for the airport in 2012. Carolyn Pearson does not feel we should make drastic cuts to the budget. Nelson Smith expressed the need to address their budget like any other department. Brian Stirm, airport manager, informed the Council the airport board is waiting on FAA to see what funds are available.

**Street/Water Building.** Street department is in need of a building to store salt. Aaron reported a building 40 x 40 x 16 would be suitable and needs to have a concrete slab and apron. All agree nothing can be done until Fire Department makes a decision.

**Levee Certification.** As of June 7, 2011 we will not be certified due to not being in compliance with requirements. Work is still being done on the grant for floodgates and pumping station.

**Projects for 2012.** Mayor Strasser wants everyone to look at the project list and get back in touch with him on their wishes.

**Budget Work.** Time is approaching for working on the budget for 2012. Once department heads have submitted their budget proposals to the Mayor, then the Council can meet and finalize numbers. Carolyn Pearson prefers that one night would be sufficient. All council members expressed their desire to handle this project in one evening.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

**Clerk:** Leanne informed the Council that Shannon Telfer had been hired and was in training. Work is still being done in regards to health insurance for city employees.

**Waste:** Dick VanSickle reported on minor repair work and the continual process to address the problems at the plant. It seems that the chemicals are working but it is a slow process.

**Street:** Aaron Lyons informed the Council that the County will be doing recycling. This will eliminate the recycling area on Washington St. Spraying for mosquitoes has started. One barrel of spray cost \$3,000.00 and this will spray the City three times.

**Parks:** Anita Force reported that summer rec began today. Clean up at the parks from the storms is almost completed. A spring has developed behind the softball field and causing issues.

**Police:** John Chapman distributed his monthly report. John told the Council a letter had been sent to the Commissioners in regard to contract with County for dispatch. A fair price needs to be

determined. The fire wood in the vacant Kerlin lot will be removed soon. There are 30 bikes in the basement that needs to be cleaned out. Suggestions would be welcomed.

Airport: Brian Stirm reported on the mowing and fuel sales of 509 gallons. On June 18<sup>th</sup> the Young Eagles Chapter 256 will meet at the airport and when they have completed meeting Brian will take them up in plane.

Area Plan: Nelson Smith did not attend meeting.


Fire Dept: Darrell Sterrett was called out on fire run and missed meeting.


Community Dev: Kevin informed the Council a meeting will be held at the Canal Center concerning our youth. Ivy Tech will be present and help address the issue of pulling our youth into our city. Work with business downtown and owners are continual.

Mayor: Randy announced changes are coming to Main Street in July. Yards are being inspected, reported, letters mailed and some yards mown by the street employees. Fifteen notices have been sent to unsafe homes. Thirteen vehicles have been tagged. Due to the holiday the July meeting will be moved to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Strasser asked all board members to read the purchasing policy he distributed to them and will discuss at the next meeting.

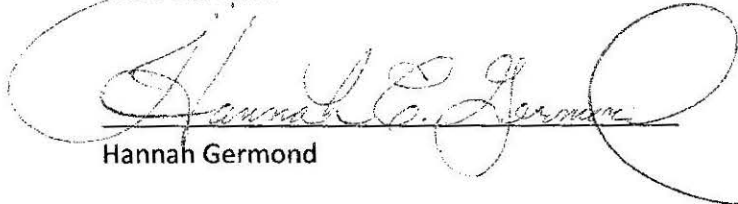
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Pearson, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Garrison

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nelson Smith

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hannah Germond

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Sterrett



COMMON COUNCL

JULY 11, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened by Mayor Randy Strasser and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

Roll call was given by Leanne Aldrich. Council members present were Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett. Nelson Smith was absent.

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with a correction to the spelling of Mrs. Charlesworth. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laura Walls, director of EDC gave her end of the year report. Work is continuing to consolidate the two TIF districts into one. Aggressive action has been implemented when attending trade shows. Existing industry remains a high priority with Laura's work. The physical year began on July 1, 2011. A request for \$29,789.00 for EDC budget is requested. This amount is down from the previous year. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the \$29,789.00 for the 2011 budget for EDC. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

Kevin Kramer appeared before the Council with a request for funding for the basketball tournament, "Settler Slam". Funds raised by the Educational Foundation are given back as classroom grants to supplement special projects. Brian Garrison made the motion to sponsor a ½ court in the amount of \$500.00. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried.

Dale Seward requested the closing of street, trash pick-up and water for the Old Settlers during August 10<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to accommodate Old Settlers needs. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Dale Seward reported on the firework display provided by the Delphi Chamber of Commerce. Attendance was up and a great display was enjoyed by all. The Delphi Chamber requests \$1,500.00 for help towards the expense of the fireworks display. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve \$1,500.00 to be paid from Edit (promotional). Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Mayor Strasser requested an invoice be supplied to the Clerk's office for payment.

Marsha Sledd requested the closing of Indiana Street for the annual water splash party provided by the Library. This event will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the closing of Indiana Street from Main to the alley on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barb Humphrey produced drawings for possible land acquisition from Sherry Mears for additional burial sites at Morning Heights Cemetery. Mr. Mears has agreed to sell two acres to the city. There are no more burial sites available at this time. Leanne Aldrich recommended the City looks into purchasing the land as well as increasing the price of burial sites and work along with the local funeral homes in regard to other fees that are charged by cemeteries. This additional information could help

offset the cost of maintaining the cemetery. Brian Garrison offered to contact both funeral homes as well as Bill Penn and will report back to the next meeting.

Water Street Storm Drainage. Mike Turchi informed the BOW that a maintenance plan is mandatory. A possibility exists for the possible replacement of the flap gate. A valve needs to be installed on this side of the levee enabling protection if the flap gate fails. Rain water accumulations would still need to be pumped out the the low areas in extreme cases. It could take up to 2 months to receive the parts and cost could range from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Salt Storage. Mayor Randy Strasser brought up the problem with salt storage. Aaron Lyons responded that he was not ready to discuss solutions at this time.

Levee Certification. Mayor Strasser does not have anything back on the status of this grant process. Final certification and inspection would be included.

Budget for 2012. Budget work session will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Darrell Sterrett requested the council members meet with the fire territory board members for budget discussion. It was decided the council members would meet with the territory board at 6:00 P.M. on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

Request on salt storage. Carolyn Pearson brought up the concrete slab behind P & R that the city had funded. She questioned Aaron if that site could become a place for salt storage if an agreement was worked with P & R. She also questioned if the present site could be purchased from US AGG and a new roof could be placed on the building. Aaron was directed to look into these two possibilities and report back on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Clerk Treasurer. Leanne reported on approval from the BOW to discontinue our coverage with AFLAC and move to Colonial with representation by Bob Reef. It would mean a savings to the City of \$1,400.00 as well as savings to employees. State Board has finished their audit of the books.

Waste. Dick related the plant ~~are~~ are running well. Test results are much better and the plant is slowly building up solids.

Street. Aaron informed the council the storms produced additional work for his crew. The new chipper should be arriving soon. The corner of Front and Washington is set for cement this week-end.

Parks. Anita reported that 59 children participated in the summer rec program. John Chapman and Justin Wilson helped with the bike rodeo. Parks participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Purdue University will be working with the parks to save the ash trees.

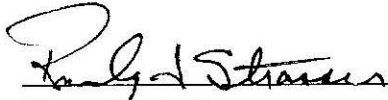
Police. John Chapman feels that Aron Thompson, our new officer, is doing very well and will be transferring to nights. Chief Chapman will be going to the Commissioners with concerns over the dispatch contract. Work on the parking situation is continuing with John Newman and Jack Cross. A solution to the parking problem may be ready and presented at next meeting.

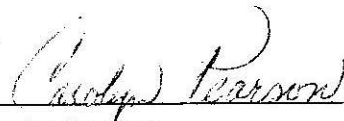
Airport. Brian Stirm reported the parachute program is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> week of operation at the airport. Ag fliers have been using the airport. Gas sales are up. Brian will be attending a fly in at Osh Kosh.

Fire. Darrell Sterrett thanked the city and employees for the help with the memorial for John Patterson. Darrell requested the tornado siren be moved and would like to obtain 2 quotes for project. Mayor Strasser stressed that the strategic points of location must be top priority in this endeavor.

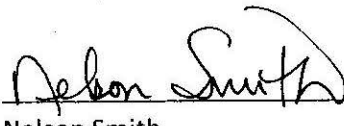
Mayor Strasser introduced the new legislation concerning illegal aliens. Our police department must be in compliance.

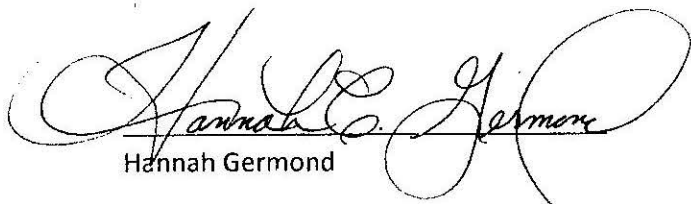
Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

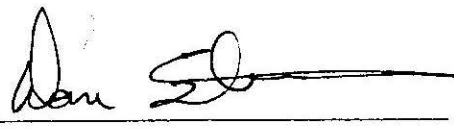
  
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
Carolyn Pearson

  
Brian Garrison

  
Nelson Smith

  
Hannah Germond

  
Dan Sterrett

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

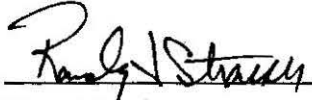
Mayor Strasser asked if there were any questions or comments on his written report. His report outlined the continued work involved on HHH as well as his work on the levee certification and floodgate project. Mayor Strasser informed the members he had received an invitation from the office of the Lt. 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 17<sup>th</sup> of September and the trip to Japan will leave on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

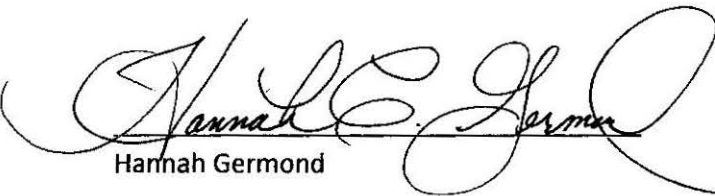
Brian Garrison made the motion to adjourn. Second by Nelson Smith. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Pearson

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Garrison

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nelson Smith

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hannah Germond

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Sterrett

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

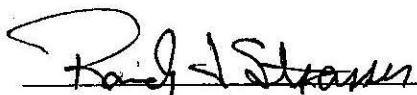
Street. Aaron Lyons reported sealing streets has been completed. Equipment is being prepared for picking up leaves. The recycle station on Washington Street has moved to the transfer station. It definitely improved the appearance of the neighborhood. Carolyn questioned Aaron in regards to his satisfaction 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.

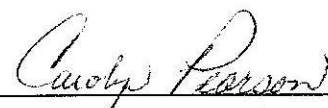
Utilities. Dick VanSickle attended a meeting with IDEM, Butler Fairman and engineers from IPC in regard to the compliance plan and how to proceed forward. Weekly meeting are being held with Milestone in regard to HHH. The plant continues to run better.

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.

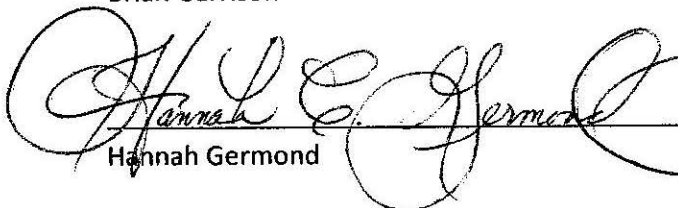
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

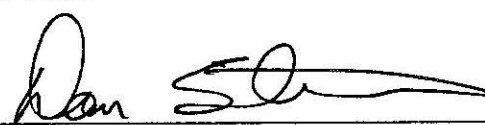
  
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
Carolyn Pearson, President

  
Brian Garrison

  
Nelson Smith

  
Hannah Germond

  
Dan Sterrett

## SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2011

## FINAL HEARING OF 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

7:00 P.M.

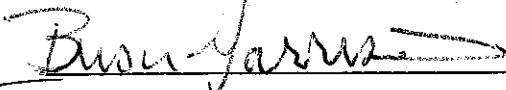
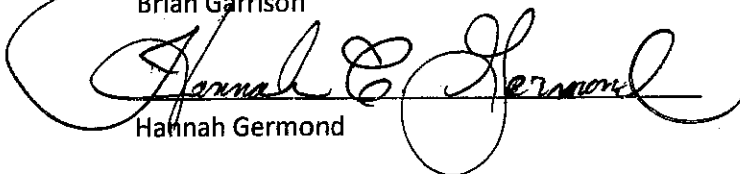
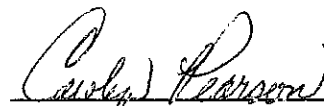
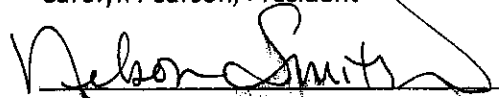
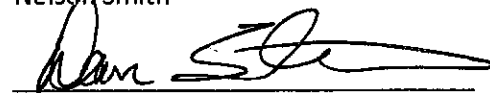
The special meeting held for the public in regard to the proposed budget for 2012 was opened by Mayor Randy Strasser. Council members present were: Carolyn Pearson; Brian Garrison; Nelson Smith; Hannah Germond; Dan Sterrett.

Debbie Lowe, reporter from Carroll County Comet, and Darrell Sterrett, Fire Chief of Fire Territory, were present for the meeting.

Mayor Strasser questioned if anyone had questions or comments on the proposed 2012 budget. There was no response. Mayor Strasser questioned the council members if they had any comments on the proposed budget. The council members did not have any comments.

Therefore, with no questions or comments from the audience or council, Mayor Strasser closed the hearing on the 2012 proposed budget. Carolyn Pearson questioned if approval would be given on the 31<sup>st</sup> as scheduled. Mayor Randy Strasser explained that due to the date allowance of time for objections from the public the approval would be on the 31<sup>st</sup> along with the additional appropriations that have been advertised.

Meeting adjourned.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Randy Strasser  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Garrison  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Hannah Germond  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Pearson, President  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nelson Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Sterrett



## COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 3, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting for business and led in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

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

Minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2011 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Review of budget dates and reminder given to members that the final public hearing on the proposed 2012 budget will be held on October 17, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.
- B) A list of considerations for the transfer of the Stone Barn to Delphi Historical Society was discussed. The earlier date of November 1, 2011 would release the City of responsibility. Insurance would be secured by the Historical Society. The park department can move at any time until construction or grants are implemented. A list of what is owned by parks department or city should be drawn up. Seniors would be allowed to use the building as previously discussed. The fire department needs to move their antique truck due to the anticipated use of this space for museum storage. Ms. Huffer will draw up the contract and secure title work. Brian Garrison made the motion to sell Stone Barn to Delphi Historical Society. Second by Hannah Germond. A question on if an amount was needed and it was determined to set the sale price at one dollar. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Laura Walls, director of EDC brought a 4 year contract and explained this is in addition to the one year contract we have on file. This 4 year contract is with the county as well as the city. The 4 year contract lays out expectations and results. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the 4 year contract between city and EDC. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. Laura mentioned a delegation will be going to Indianapolis and information will be given on sites that we have to offer for industry. The trip to Japan was good and it is felt that good things will come from this effort.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Wastewater. Dick VanSickle reported the new sludge pump was installed. Another meeting has been held with IDEM concerning plant operation and compliance plan. There was one release and the plant is back in compliance. Brian Garrison questioned why one of the new hydrants has a plastic bag attached. Dick did not know but would get an answer.

Water. Craig Myers submitted a written report on the gallons pumped and the work his department has been involved in.

Street. Aaron Lyons informed the council that work on all the streets has been completed. The recycle center has moved and the new location is working well. Nelson questioned if we have a schedule for picking up limbs. Aaron reported we work this in when we are picking up leaves. It is posted on our web site and there are information sheets in the Clerk's office. Brian Garrison inquired who would be responsible for tree trimming along the power lines. Aaron reported that the responsibility lies with the utility company.

Parks. Anita Force completed a tree program with DNR and must serve 15 hours community time in order to receive her certification and she plans to complete time in our parks. Restrooms at all park locations are scheduled to be closed on October 17, 2011. The park board has accepted a bid on repaving the circle drive and this will include free painting of parking spaces. New doors have been purchased and will be installed by Flora & Arion. These doors will be installed on the restrooms at Riley Park Annex. The park board will begin work on a schedule for maintenance for all the parks,

Police. John Chapman reported that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October applications would be taken into consideration for the 911 position. Negotiations are continuing with the county council in regards to the cost of dispatch.

Airport. Brian Stirm was not present for the meeting.

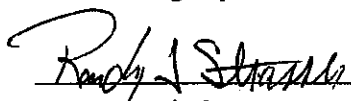
Area Plan. Nelson Smith announced that the October meeting of Area Plan will result with recommendations for the County Council in regards to zoning.


Fire. Darrell Sterrett informed the council members of Fire Prevention Week beginning next week. The fire department will be working with the schools with information and procedures. Nelson Smith commented on the kids positive reactions to the activities presented by the fire department.


Community Development. Kevin Kologinsky sent a report to each member containing updates on the grants and Main Street.

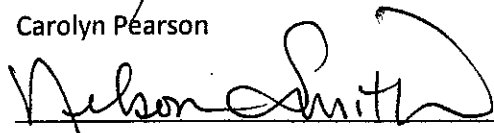
Mayor. Mayor Randy Strasser gave a written report and noted the following items. Region IV Workforce will be represented by 7 counties when they meet at the Canal Center. The purpose is to focus on education that will help industries established in our area as well as possible new industry. IACT will have the annual meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> of October in Indianapolis and Mayor Strasser will be attending.

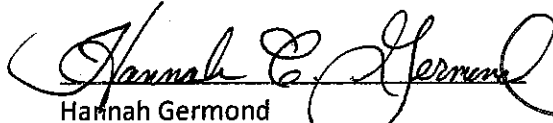
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

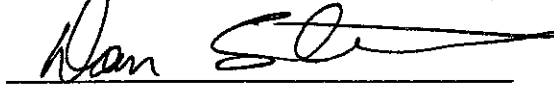
  
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
Carolyn Pearson

  
Brian Garrison

  
Nelson Smith

  
Hannah Germond

  
Dan Sterrett

883

COMMON COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 7, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led council members and visitors in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

The minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting and minutes from the special meeting held on October 17<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting on October 3, 2011. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on October 17, 2011. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

Anita Werling presented a demonstration of the proposed changes to the web site for the City. One Technology is in the process of finishing connecting the links to other sites. Someone from the City will need to be responsible for updating information. This web site has the capability of mass emailing. Everyone agreed on the proposed web site.

John Neumann presented the recommendations from the committee in regards to downtown parking. The committee sees a need to turn 70 parking spaces into unlimited parking, add 2 more handicapped parking spaces as well as some minor improvements. Unlimited parking would not override 3 to 6 A.M. and that would allow street cleaning and snow removal. Handicap parking is unlimited as long as a license is visible. Vehicles cannot park in alleys – load and unload only. A parking diagram was presented for approval. Mayor Strasser questioned the council if they were ready to put the recommendations to vote. Nelson Smith commented he would like more time to look at the diagram. Hannah Germond voiced her agreement with Nelson Smith. Mayor Strasser tabled the issue and will address again during the December meeting.

**Department Head Reports:**

Clerk Treasurer Office: Leanne Aldrich informed the council members that we have four employees who are experiencing a financial burden due to the change in insurance carriers and the deductible amount. We are looking at a savings on our premiums around \$45,000. These 4

families are looking at additional medical bills of 3 to 5,000. A request for help with this issue had been given to Leanne from the employees. An increase in the budget for insurance cost or an additional appropriation would have prevented this from being an issue. Mrs. Deiner, our attorney expressed that giving assistance to these 4 employees would set a precedent. Mayor Strasser agreed with our attorney. The council feels more information is needed before any decision could be made. Leanne also informed the council that an ordinance was needed that would span January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011. The police department had been paid in the past for holiday pay in two installments. The amount equal to their holiday pay had been included in their hourly rate. An ordinance will be ready for the next council meeting.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle will be attending the annual conference in two weeks. The numbers are good and in line. Dick feels we still need oxidizer to keep on track. There was a spike in gas consumption and this was due to use of vac truck to move liquids. Dick gave a written report on wastewater and water department activities.

Street: Aaron Lyons reported two unsafe trees had been removed and leaves are being picked up. Dan Sterrett asked about the salt storage situation. Aaron informed the council that he would be purchasing addition salt by the middle of December and it will be stored on the ground with a tarp cover. The new chipper is back in service. Repair was needed and the men in his department received personal training to guarantee this would not happen again. A written report was given to council members.

Parks: Anita Force, Park Superintendent issued a written report containing mowing record stats as well as maintenance. Chuck Foreman repaired the merry go round. Hannah Germond commented on the paving job done on the circle drive and noted how nice it looked.

Airport: Brian Stirm reported the pavement is done on the ramp refurbishing. This area will be painted after giving the new pavement a 2 week rest. This is a \$300,000 project and work is being done by Central Paving. Fuel sales are down. The trolley will be in the Christmas parade.

Area Plan: Nelson Smith did not attend the meeting.


Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett, Fire Chief, reported there had been 28 runs during the month of October including 8 emergency calls. The ladder truck is being sent to Global for certification. Carolyn Pearson questioned how often the truck was used and Darrell responded there is no way to foresee the possible use of the ladder truck but when it is needed, it is a necessity. One example of the necessity of the ladder truck was during the Kerlin fire.

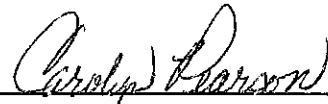
Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky report noted 7 meetings attended on flood grant, 3 meetings with INDOT for the safe routes to school grant and meeting concerning Freedom Bridge. Berea College has items for sale at the Opera House Art Gallery. An effort is still being made to entice youth engagement. It has been a busy and productive month.

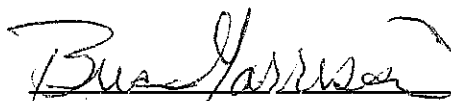
Mayor Strasser reported it's been a month of meetings-meetings-meetings. IPC is going to move forward with additional production. This is happening because the Commissioners have agreed to sell the adjoining property to IPC. Mayor Strasser noted this is very encouraging and more information will be available in another month.


Mayor Strasser asked if there were any questions or comments from council or guests. Carolyn Pearson mentioned that Norm Miller, a former teacher with DCSC offered extra credit to his students that attended council meetings. Perhaps this approach could be expanded. Students could record meetings for experience and interest. Hannah Germond mentioned that maybe Anita Werling could use the students to contribute to the web site.

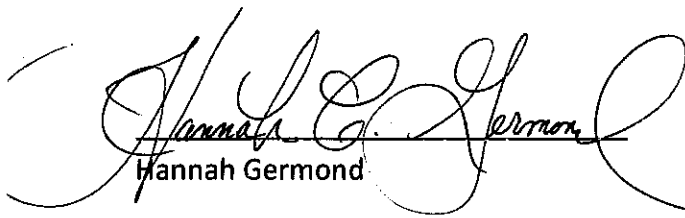
Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

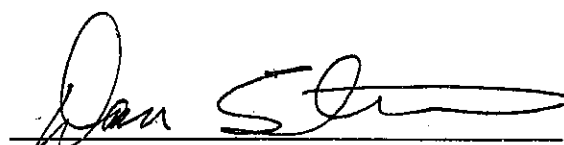
  
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
Carolyn Pearson, President

  
Brian Garrison

  
Nelson Smith

  
Hannah Germond

  
Dan Sterrett

COMMON COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 5, 2011  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led 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.

Minutes from the November 7, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Hannah Germond corrected the spelling of Berea College. Hannah Germond made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction to Berea College. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

New Business: Redevelopment Department Ordinance 2011-6

Anita Werling and Laura Walls were informative with a discussion on the proposed TIF district for downtown. This would encompass the court house square, N. Washington corridor and 421 out of city limits. This will create a funding pool for water mains, structure and landscape. The TIF district needs to be in place before new industry comes in order to ensure money is available. It is necessary to have this in order to attract interest in the Industrial Park (former Globe Valve). Once this is approved, a redevelopment committee would be appointed. Council would have final say on boundaries. Establishing the Board of the Redevelopment Committee is the first step and then the TIF could be set up. 1) Create a commission 2) Appoint a body 3) Determine area and plan 4) Back to council with results. The county has a redevelopment committee and they have used part of the city area and if we establish an area we cannot use part of county areas without county approval as they had been set up first. Money would not be compensated for serving on the board. Three would be appointed by the mayor, two appointed by the council and one appointed by the school board to serve on the committee.

Brian Garrison feels we have to do something – we can't just sit here and let opportunities pass us by. Hannah Germond feels that the negative feelings are mainly due to a lack of understanding of the process. Nelson Smith questioned if we are restricted by city limits. Laura Walls explained we could include county area but would have to have the approval of the county as well as school board. Sue Beesley related we are limited by city limits but inter-local agreements let us go beyond. Reassurance was given to the council that if the commission wants a bond the council must approve. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-6. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson motioned to suspend the rules and pass 2011-6 on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-6 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

The inter-local agreement does not need an ordinance. The minutes from the meeting will show approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the inter-local agreement between the City of Delphi and Carroll County. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.



Old Business: 2011-3 Police Salary.

This ordinance has an effective date of January 1, 2011 and the hourly rates reflect the holiday pay that is part of their hourly rate and no longer paid in two installments. Brian Garrison made the motion to approve 2011-3. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson motioned to suspend the rules and pass 2011-3 on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Hannah Germond made the motion to approve 2011-3 on second reading. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried.

New Business: Ordinance 2011-4 Elected Official Salaries for 2012.

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-4 for elected official salaries for 2012 on first reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend rules and pass 2011-4 on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-4 on second and final reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2011-5 Salary Ordinance for Employees for 2012

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-5 for city employees for 2012 on first reading. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules and pass 2011-5 on second reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-5 on second and final reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Mayor Strasser introduced a change needed in the personnel manual. The phrase "on call" needs to be added in regards to alcohol use in order to be compliant with our insurance carrier. Hannah Germond made the motion to amend the personnel policy of the city to include "on call". Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

Clerk Treasurer: Leanne reported that negotiations are continuing with our health insurance carrier as well as a competitor.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported the tank for hydrogen peroxide is ready to fill. The trench lines are dug and construction has started on the lift station. The Stover Group has been hired and will be here on the 14<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> to help with the issues of compliance at the plant. Dick thanked Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett for serving on the council.

Street: Aaron Lyons informed the council that leaf pick up is done. The salt spreader is set up and ready to go to work. Aaron attended the levee conference. A reminder was given to all present that beginning January 1, 2012 glass will not be recycled. Residents will need to take glass to the transfer station or put in trash bags. Hannah questioned Aaron about the flood gate at Pizza Hut. Aaron reported that someone had taken the gate out and the corp. of engineers found this and it had been replaced.

Parks: Anita Force reported that weather is slowing down and stopping lots of their duties. Two large trees had been cut down and removed. Cassie and Chuck hand distributed sand to the playground

Airport: Brian Stirm noted that fuel sales are down and similar to very early spring sales. Brian said it is the usual end of the year time for the airport. Brian noted this has been a frustrating year for him and if anyone is interested in talking with him, he would be willing to do so.

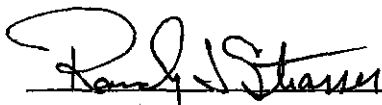
Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett reported there had been 25 runs in November and 10 were emergencies. It's business as usual and things are going fine.

Area Plan: Nelson was unable to attend the meeting.

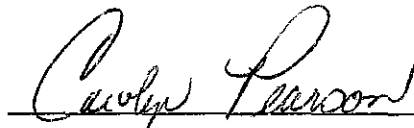
Community Director: Kevin Kologinsky informed the council that work will begin this summer on the levee and could take a year to complete. Freedom Bridge is moving along and should be completed by the end of 2012. The Tourism Committee will meet December 12<sup>th</sup> and would like to enhance the web site. Kevin also gave this thanks to Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett for their service to the City of Delphi.

Mayor Report: Mayor Strasser related the floodgate grant is not up and running. There are maintenance issues and this can't be figured in the grant. Aaron will be looking into this. It's business as usual and things are moving right along.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



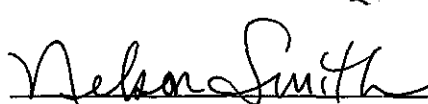
Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson, President



Brian Garrison



Nelson Smith

Hannah Germond

Dan Sterrett