

COMMON COUNCIL

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 6th 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 10th through 13th. 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 20th of July. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the closing of Indiana Street from Main to the alley on the 20th 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 3rd 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 27th 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 1st.

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 4th parade. Purdue University will be working with the parks to save the ash trees.

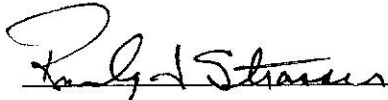
Police. John Chapman feels that Aron Thompson, our new officer, is doing very well and will be transferring to nights. Chief Chapman will be going to the Commissioners with concerns over the dispatch contract. Work on the parking situation is continuing with John Newman and Jack Cross. A solution to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

Airport. Brian Stirm reported the parachute program is in its 3rd 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.

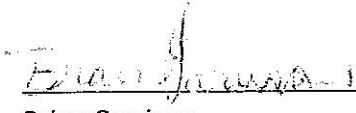
Fire. Darrell Sterrett thanked the city and employees for the help with the memorial for John Patterson. Darrell requested the tornado siren be moved and would like to obtain 2 quotes for project. Mayor Strasser stressed that the strategic points of location must be top priority in this endeavor.

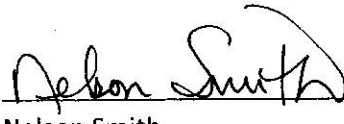
Mayor Strasser introduced the new legislation concerning illegal aliens. Our police department must be in compliance.

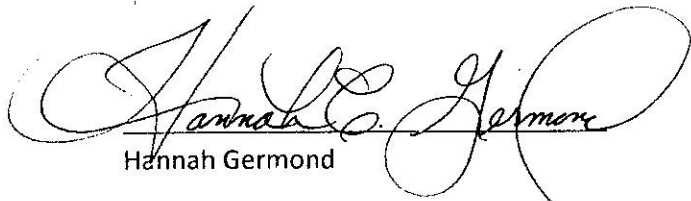
Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.


Mayor Randy Strasser


Carolyn Pearson


Brian Garrison


Nelson Smith


Hannah Germond


Dan Sterrett