

COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2019
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY BUILDING

Mayor Shane Evans called the meeting to order and requested everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Carolyn Pearson, Richard Traeger, Brian Garrison, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley were present.

Minutes from the meeting held on the 1st of April 2019 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE: Steve Mullin, Police Chief, was not present but issued a written report.

STREET: Aaron Lyons was not present but issued a written report.

WASTEWATER: Dick VanSickle had distributed a written report and noted the new roof on the lab and office building had been installed by Johnson Roofing, a local contractor. His department is continuing to haul liquid sludge.

WATER: Craig Myers had a written report. Craig noted Milestone had patched some of the utility cuts for his department. The water department pumped 27,912,000 gallons of water and IPC used 22,428,000 gallons. Two water leaks had been repaired. Bowen is moving their equipment in this week and work will start next week.

MAYOR: Mayor Evans announced the award of \$1,275,000 for the Trail Grant from High Bridge to Sam Milroy Road. Mike Shockley noted Deer Creek township had given \$37,000 towards decking. Mayor Evans stated Deer Creek as well as others had already contributed to the project and this would count as the city's share. Dale Seward stated the grant for the purchase of Kevin Kologinsky's building did not go through and questioned the status of the Chamber Board 5 and who was on this board. Dick Bradshaw stated he was not sure who was on this board.

CLERK: Leanne Aldrich reported she had been contacted by PERF and they will be in the clerk's office on June 24th to do an audit on PERF records.

AREA PLAN: Dale Seward reported the resignation of the new hire, Mr. Mills. The process to find a replacement for this position will begin again.

COMMUNITY BUILDING: Mike Shockley stated again he is trying to put records for the minutes together.

EDC: Richard Traeger stated the Close-Up Magazine is going out to tell what is happening in our city and county.

Mayor Evans moved the Council to Proposed Ordinance 2019-4, *An Ordinance Regarding Unsafe Buildings*. Mayor Evans had submitted Version A and Version B to the Council members to study. Mayor Evans noted Mr. Mills of Area Plan was unable to attend and he would have been able to discuss as he had worked with Frankfort on these codes. Mayor Evans asked for questions or comments from the Council members.

Carolyn Pearson stated she felt we were being too intrusive to enter and control the interior of resident's homes. Richard Traeger feels it is our civic duty to address exterior issues as sometimes they are a danger to the public. Mike Shockley felt we are trying to have too much control over homeowners and yet he questioned if we should address the lack of a fence around the pond at the trailer park. Mike also stated we are a city of 3,000 not 10,000. Dale Seward stated it is a fine line between unsafe and how we live. Dale also he would not be compliant with these regulations with the home he recently purchased. Sometimes it takes time and money to handle all these issues. Richard Traeger felt it might be a benefit to all if time was taken to look at some of the homes that could fall under these guidelines. Richard also stated we should do research to find grants or sources of help as some of residents in this community would not have access to funds for home improvements. Mayor Evans asked the Council members to bring a list of what should be included.

Mayor Evans moved to Proposed Resolution 2019-5, *A Resolution Expressing Interest in Acquiring Property to Expand Morning Heights Cemetery*. Mayor Evans stated this would give him authority to purchase the land from the Mears family if the City Council approves. A section of this land would be reserved for their family. A total of around 1,300 spaces would be available and 20 to 35 of those spaces would be for their family. The family is asking \$7,500 for the first acre and the reservation of the 20 to 35 spaces for the second acre. Leanne Aldrich stated the plot book had been brought up to date by her office and at this time there were no spaces she felt could be sold without concern. Carolyn Pearson felt the price for this particular piece of land was too high and felt we should counter their offer. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2019-5 subject to renegotiating price. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

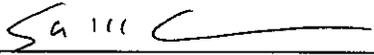
Mayor Evans moved to Proposed Resolution 2019-6, *A Resolution Expressing Interest in Acquiring INDOT Excess Land on the West Side of Freedom Bridge*. Mayor Evans reported the cost of the land would be \$1,375 and could be taken from Rainy Day. Mayor Evans feels in is in the city's interest to control this land. Mike Shockley feels it is more mowing would be making Aaron Lyons department handle. Dale Seward asked if we had a plan for this land and nothing was confirmed. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-6. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mayor Evans needs input on the future of the Delphi City Court. Judge Wellnitz has resigned as of the end of May. Mayor Evans reminded the Council only an attorney that resides in Delphi can fill this position. Mayor Evans will work with Makenzie Martin, city attorney on how to proceed. Mayor Evans stated he would like to recognize City Court Judge Craig Wellnitz on his dedication to Delphi. Mayor Evans asked for a motion to pass Resolution 2019-7, *A Resolution Honoring Judge Craig Wellnitz*, on first and final reading. Richard Traeger made the motion to pass Resolution 2019-7 on first and final reading. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

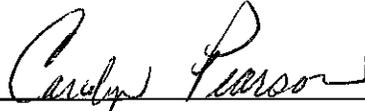
Mayor Evans moved to Council comments and requests starting with President Pro Tempore Dale Seward. There were none.

Mayor Evans asked for public comments and there were none.

With no further business, Mike Shockley made the motion to adjourn. Second by Carolyn Pearson.
Motion carried. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.



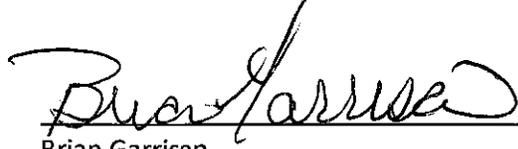
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Carolyn Pearson



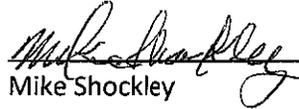
Richard Traeger



Brian Garrison



Dale Seward, President Pro Tempore



Mike Shockley



Leanne Aldrich, Attest