

COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF DELPHI
MAY 3, 2010
7:00PM

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led the Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Nelson Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2010 meeting. Second to the motion was given by Hannah Germond. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRASH: Report from Brian Garrison and Carolyn Pearson on meeting with Jeff Watson. There are three properties that require special attention and it is felt that the dumpsters, if provided by us, would be a solution and should be considered. The three properties are: N.Wells Street, 202 Davis Lane and 225 W Franklin. Indiana Waste did not report back with a cost of dumpsters through their company. There is not an easy fix to this problem and it is felt that at some time the ordinance will need to be updated. A proposal from Kurtis Fouts for a change to the ordinance was found to be in order. Brian Garrison emphasized that we need to follow the ordinance as written with the modification for Watson's in place. Jeff Watson thanked Carolyn Pearson and Brian Garrison for their time working towards a resolution.

S. WASHINGTON STREET PROJECT: Mayor Strasser reported the testing results indicated results that were barely over limit on fuel residue. Mayor Strasser will be receiving a conference call that will make the determination of what needs to happen.

GLOBE BUILDING: Mayor Strasser is working on the agreement while Aaron is working on the scope of projects related to the improvements. Aaron explained that it would take several months to get all the figures together. He hopes to have two bids with the breakdowns. Brian Garrison asked about the environmental status and Mayor Strasser stated that it is fine. Kurtis Fouts reminded the Council that the sellers would want an easement to the wells.

FIRE GRANT: Nelson Smith asked about the status of the fire grant. Mayor Strasser reported the grant will be active for six months and they feel it can be accomplished in three months. Mayor Strasser assured all it is ready to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: A preliminary draft was present to Dick VanSickle, Leanne and Mayor Strasser by our accounting firm. Reports from the street and fire department are needed to finalize the plan. There will be a workshop on May 17th at 6:00 PM and the Capital Improvement Plan will be presented to the Council. On June 14th at 6:00 PM a special council meeting will be held to look over the final plan. These will be strong guidelines but not mandatory to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Strasser will announce the new Chief of Police on May 4th at 4:00PM in the City Building.

May 14th Mayor Strasser hopes to be ready to announce the appointment of Community Development Director.

Carolyn Pearson proposed that Kurtis Fouts writes the amendment to the salary ordinance that will put the salary range in place.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Clerk's Office: Hanger rentals have been addressed and almost all past due accounts are in. The statements sent to hydrant rental accounts are all current with one exception. A tape has been placed in the cash register and the tapes are now placed with the daily work for accountability with State Board of Accounts.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported of the injury to one of his employees, John Williams. He is now on light duty. Two projects have been completed with help from both water and street departments (the 8" sewer line behind the water pole building and the inverted siphon project on Washington Street). Two pumps from Peerless were replaced at booster stations. Dick and Craig are working on water loss.

Parks: Anita Force reported that 33 teams (198 people) signed up for walk program. So far 8,400 miles have been walked. The top 10 teams are in the paper each week. The summer rec program flyers are at the printer and will go to the schools. This program will start June 7th. Gayle Conner will be in charge of the summer program. Chuck and Cassie are keeping up with the mowing.

Airport: Brian Stirm announced the Transportation Festival would be June 20th. Making some minor repairs. Fuel sales are down a little bit.

Street: Aaron Lyons has an employee retiring at the end of May. There is an ad in the paper and some applications are in. There is money for the sidewalk or curb program. The sidewalk or curb must be in city right of way to be part of the 50/50 plan. This program will be started soon.

Area Plan: No report.

Fire: The pancake breakfast cleared \$1,600.00 and the proceeds go to the Burn Camp at Camp Tecumseh.

Solid Waste: No report

Mayor: Randy reported on his meeting with the Clerk Treasurers from Flora and Camden along with Dan Coats for discussion on becoming part of the Tippecanoe County planning department in regard to federal aid for roads. The levee was inspected and a report should follow in 60-90 days. The Mayor Roundtable will be held in the Interpretive Center on May 19th and it looks like a good turnout.

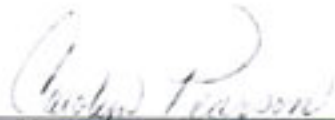
Nelson Smith had questions about an email distribution for city residences. Mayor Strasser reported that Marilyn had talked with Jason Rubsum. It can be done but money was not set aside for this project. Mayor Strasser thinks there are other ways to do this. The school uses a phone method. Mayor Strasser will get with Marilyn and see what she found and will email results to all.

Carolyn Pearson reminded all to be sure to vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson



Brian Garrison

Nelson Smith



Dan Sterrett



Hannah Germond