

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.

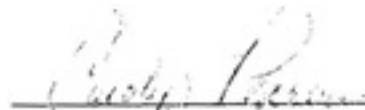
Nelson Smith wants the Council to start thinking about working on the fire department situation. Carolyn Pearson feels it would be appropriate to have this discussion when the council meets to discuss the airport.

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

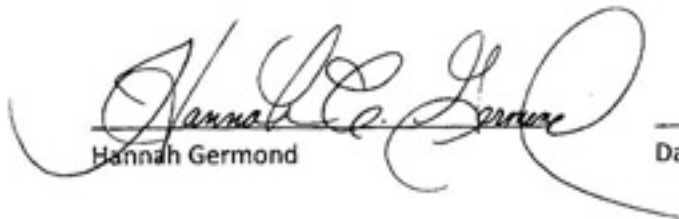


Carolyn Pearson, President

Brian Garrison



Nelson Smith



Hannah Germond

Dan Sterrett