

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 1st 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 5th graders from the book Barrio Boy.

Diamond Dash Karl Traeger informed the Diamond Dash will be held on Saturday the 17th 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 1st 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 9th and 16th 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 9th 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 15th 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.

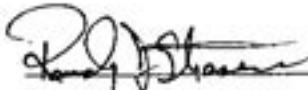
Airport Brian Stirm reported fuel sales of 304 gallons and that is back up to around normal. There are eight people on the airport hanger list. Two fire departments will come to the airport, look around for emergency call situations and have lunch.

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

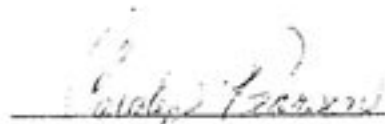
Mayor's Report Meeting with IDEM and Mike Turchi from BF&S and resulted in a suspension of fine and a plan of action for future months. Mayor Strasser and Laura Walls met with leaders from Andersons and future plans for their location. Miriam Robeson is working on zoning and held her

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.

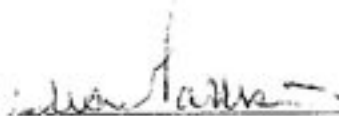
Meeting adjourned 8:35 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



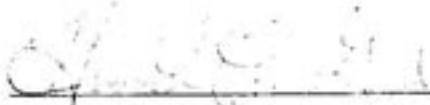
Carolyn Pearson, President



Brian Garrison



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