

COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 2, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the scheduled meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given and Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett responded.

Minutes from the meeting held on April 4, 2011 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brad Farrer from Regions Bank explained the details of the finance proposal offered to the Airport for their expansion project. Mr. Farrer explained no additional funds would be needed from the City and without city collateral. Mayor Strasser questioned the Council as to what they wanted to do about this project? Nelson Smith wanted information on the process. Ken Ross explained that FAA will approve the land acquisition and by the end of 2016 there will be a balance of \$300,000.00 due. FAA has excess funds and our airport could apply for part of these funds. FAA will not approve the runway until they see a need for progress. Approximated \$30,000.00 will be revenue to the airport from existing hangers and the new hanger with 6 units. FAA, INDOT and the City must approve. Nelson Smith made the motion to approve the project. Second by Hannah Germond. Carolyn Pearson noted she must abstain from voting. Aye: Nelson Smith and Hannah Germond. Nay: Brian Garrison and Dan Sterrett. Mayor Strasser refused to vote and break the tie. Carolyn asked if more information would help. Brian Garrison responded no and Dan Sterrett responded no. Mayor Strasser asked Ken Ross to consult with FAA to see what alternatives are available and Mayor Strasser will check with legal. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

Mayor Strasser wanted information on the Street and Water situation. Carolyn Pearson explained the meeting was mainly with the Fire Territory. It was the first meeting with Council and Fire Territory and a lot of information was discussed. Budget issues and dates as well as a possible new building site were discussed. The need for a separate building for Street and Water depends on the decision of the Fire Territory.

VS Engineering gave an update on the levee certification. Engineers are preparing a report; the survey has been completed as well as the geo tech analysis. Corp of Engineers certification report identified deficiencies including our closing structures and need for pump station. The pump station prevents flooding within. Floodgates must be in place in order to certify the levee. Our floodgates are not holding properly. OCRA needs to fund us on the floodgate project and we are waiting for approval. FEMA does not want to see documents till all problems are repaired and completed. We will miss the deadline for June and additional time of eighteen months will be given. Possible expenditures of \$300,000 to \$500,000 could be needed to replace floodgates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strasser would like for all members to look over the project update list for 2012 and determine what you prefer to address.

Budget meetings with departments will start in June and July. All work needs to be completed on next budget by end of August.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Waste: Dick VanSickle reported the plant is functioning better due to the use of different chemicals. Due to recent flooding issues increased pumping at the plant has been implemented in order to alleviate sewers. Carolyn Pearson had questions about the Acheson home and the family directly across from the Acheson property. Dick assured Carolyn and council members it was rainwater only.

Street: Aaron Lyons confirmed the completion of cement work by Solomon building. Aaron informed the council our insurance will only cover \$3,750.00 on the chipper that was stolen. A price has been quoted on two different models and Aaron prefers the bigger bed as heavy use is a concern. The cost of the larger chipper is \$41,000.00. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to purchase the larger chipper for \$41,000.00 less the insurance reimbursement with the difference being taken from the Rainy Day Fund. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carries. Paul Coats contacted Aaron and is still in a need for a name for "Old East Main". Discussion led to the approval of "Samuel Milroy Road." Nelson Smith questioned Aaron on spring clean up. Aaron informed the council that volume is down.

Parks: Anita Force informed the members that summer rec will be start on June 6 with hours of 9 to 10:30 and last for 3 weeks. The walking program has 31 teams of 6 participating. New grass at the Annex may have been lost in recent high water. Delphi Educational Foundation will be using Riley Park on the 13th of August for the 2nd annual basketball tournament.

Police: John Chapman was not present but left a report for the members. John left information concerning vest for department that would be funded through a grant. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the purchase of vests. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn reported on her discussion with John concerning parking in the downtown area. A survey taken by Main Street for the needs of the downtown produced -PARKING-PARKING-PARKING. Carolyn and John agreed to mark tire and make the police more visible to the issue and perhaps this would alleviate the problem.

Airport: Brian Stirm reported 50 fire fighters attended classes held at the airport on fires and rescue operations. Young Eagle Rally will be on June 11th at the airport. 366 gallons of fuel was sold in April.

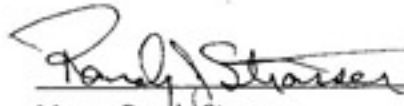
Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett, Fire Chief was not present.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky was not present but sent a written report to members.

Mayor's Report: A written report was given to members. Dick VanSickle, Craig Myers and Mayor Strasser met with reps from US Agg, BF&S and Peerless Midwest discussing well projects. A report on future plans by Peerless should be back within 60 days. A meeting held by FEMA at the Canal Center displayed new flood maps for the county. Dick VanSickle and Mayor Strasser met with IPC on current and future utility issues and projects. David Terrell of OCRA met with Mayor Strasser concerning

levee grant and other projects that they would be able to fund. Meetings with DPS and others concerned about Main Street Program has led to great ideas for future direction.


Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



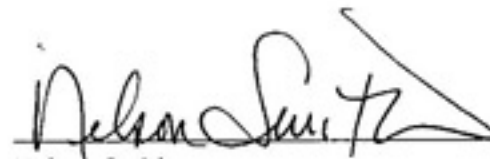
Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson



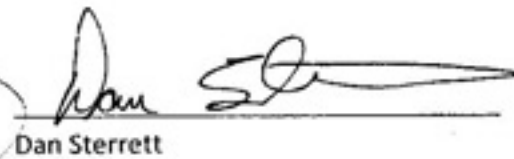
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