

COMMON COUNCIL  
APRIL 2, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

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

Council members present were: Carolyn Pearson, Nelson Smith, John Bennett, Brian Garrison and Dick Traeger.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 5, 2012 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Parking: Bob Lucas, speaking on behalf of the parking committee, reported to the council members the ordinance on record states the parking situation is the responsibility of the council. Signage in place now does not match the ordinance on record. The committee is not in support of proposed all day parking allowed in front of any business. The study and recommendations given first by John Neumann is favorable to the committee. The proposed plan that was produced later is not supported by the committee. The later plan would hinder the businesses in our community. John Bennett feels the committee needs to submit a definite plan now. Mr. Neumann stated the recommendations given from his study are in office of the clerk treasurer. Dick Traeger has attended the meetings and feels a written plan and drawing of the area needs to be provided. John Bennett stated he feels the council would be ready to act once a plan is submitted. Mr. Neumann agreed to write a practical and have the committee do a diagram and have it ready for the next council meeting. Copies will be available in the clerk's office to review before the meeting on May 7, 2012. Council agreed to Mr. Neumann's offer to submit his work again.

Purchase Policy: Mayor Strasser asked for two volunteers to work with the Mayor and Leanne in order to present a purchase policy for the city to follow. Nelson Smith and John Bennett volunteered to work on the purchase policy. Mayor Strasser informed the council members they will bring their presentation to the May 7, 2012 meeting.

Conflict of interest statements was noted from the following civil servants: Carolyn Pearson, Bill Shock and Pat Clawson. The council voted to accept the conflict of interest statements. (4-0) Carolyn Pearson abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Redevelopment Committee: Anita Werling provided an update on the work in progress of the redevelopment committee. The committee has met three times. The boundaries of the TIF district have been finalized. The committee has determined that \$44,000+ will be needed for budget needs. EDC has committed \$20,000.00 and the committee requests the City of Delphi provide \$30,000.00 for their

budget. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to provide \$30,000.00 from EDIT Fund through an additional appropriation. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Stellar Grand: Mayor Strasser reported the projects have been determined that will be submitted with our grant application. Each project will be outlined with a cost determined as well as match. There will be a meeting held in the Art Gallery on Thursday, April 4, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. with open discussions on explanations of the projects. Mayor Strasser will place a notice with the Comet.

Department Reports:

Clerk's Office: Leanne reported at this time only 68% of the participating units had filed the debt report with Gateway. The City of Delphi had submitted their report within the deadline. Financial reports had been finalized for both bond companies.

Utilities: Dick stated work is going well on the lift station and Geiger is working on the pipeline. The Stover Group is working with the plant as well as IPC on the compliance issues. The second fill of the carbon source has been received and the plant is doing well.

Parks: Anita listed the several projects being worked on. The plans for the walk program are done and sign up will be the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. Summer Rec will be held in June and a schedule for activities and help is almost completed. The park board is working on a contract with the canal association for mowing. Purdue brought students to the park to cut down the infected ash trees.

Police: John Chapman informed the council he had applied for a grant for car equipment in the amount of \$4,935.00. Chief Chapman would like to purchase 4 bullet proof vests that need to be replaced. One half of the cost would be reimbursed. He would also like to trade 2 shotguns in on a rifle. Brian Garrison questioned Chief Chapman why the cost of vest was not in his budget if he knew they needed to be replaced. John explained that he needed to keep his budget trimmed to work within the city budget. Chief Chapman requested these items be paid for out of the TLEO Fund. Leanne felt that an additional appropriation would need to be done in order to pay out of a fund. Nelson offered to give Leanne time to check on this matter, but to vote on it now in case this procedure was not necessary. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to purchase the 4 vests, trade the 2 shotguns in on the 1 rifle for \$3,200.00 out of TLEO. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

Airport: Brian Stirm is in Alaska and did not send a written report.

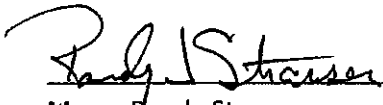
Area Plan: John Bennett went to the meeting but the meeting was cancelled.

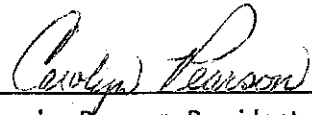
Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett was not present due to a fire.

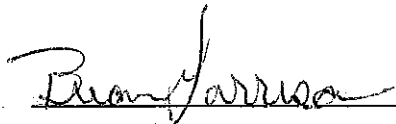
Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky reported the extension of time on the floodgates. HWC will have a report on the Safe Routes to School at the June meeting. Freedom Bridge is being kept in budget by DLZ. INDOT has allowed us to "waffle" on some parts. Kevin informed the council members we should be very proud of the effort put into the Stellar Grant. HWC and the volunteers have been great. Kevin would like each council member to get back in touch with him and list 3 to 4 people that could benefit from the senior housing project.

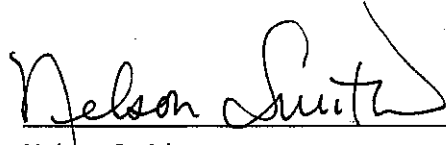
Mayor: Mayor Strasser noted that most of the month had been spent with working on the Stellar Grant preparations. This grant would mean so much to our community and deserves the time and effort spent on it. Some meetings <sup>have</sup> been held with BF&S and IPC on resolving the issues and reimbursement of cost incurred by our wastewater plant.

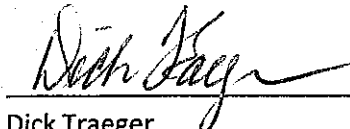
Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

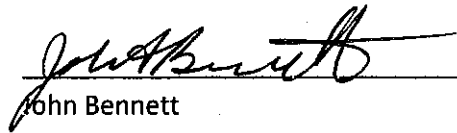
  
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Attested by: Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer