

COMMON COUNCIL

January 3, 2012

7:00 P.M.

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

Roll call was answered by the following council members: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, John Bennett and Dick Traeger.

Reorganization of Council: John Bennett made the motion for Carolyn Pearson to serve as President of the Council. Second was given by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Minutes from the December 5, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Nelson Smith. John Bennett had questions on the context of the minutes and felt you wouldn't understand the minutes if you read them six months from now. Carolyn Pearson noted that the minutes will make more sense as you spend time with the different details involved. Mayor Strasser remarked that it is impossible to write everything that is said at each meeting. Vote was taken on motion presented and seconded and motion carried.

The proposed meeting dates for both the Council and BOW was presented by Mayor Strasser. Carolyn Pearson motioned to approve the meeting dates as presented. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried.

Mayor Strasser presented his appointments for the 2012 year. Department Heads will remain in position. John Bennett and Kirk Germond will serve on Area Plan. John Bennett will serve on Board of Zoning Appeals. Joe Mayfield, Dick Traeger and Bonnie Maxwell will serve on EDC. Don Burkhalter will serve on ABB and Mayor Strasser will serve on KIRPC. Mayor Strasser questioned the council if ready to name appointments to the Redevelopment Commission. Carolyn and Brian had someone in mind. Mayor Strasser asked they talk to these people and if they are interested to report back to him as soon as possible.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer: Leanne reported that W2's will be done on the 6th of January and distributed with checks on the 13th of January. Encumbrances for departments have been completed.

Wastewater: Dick informed the council that Thieneman Const. had to stop working on the HHH due to the high water table. The Stover Group has been hired to work on the ongoing issues at the plant stemming from the nitrogen levels.

Street: Aaron reported that F & K will begin work on Cook and Wabash Street project on the 16th of January. The new flat bed truck is in and will go to Delphi Body for the bed to be installed.

Parks: Anita gave the details of the vandalism on the Riley Cabin as well as the bridge. Carolyn questioned if cameras were still in consideration as a solution to this ongoing problem. Carolyn also noted the need for more patrols by the police department to enforce curfews. John Bennett questioned

when John Chapman will be returning to work. John had been questioned by a citizen concerning vacation time, schedules, floaters and carrying over vacation time of the policemen. Mayor Strasser explained that while John Chapman has been off due to knee surgery he has been working on revisions of the SOP manual and will have that ready for review.

Airport: Brian Stirm reported fuel sales in December were slow, only 123 gallons and that is typical for this time of year. The work is completed on the runway other than some paint. The trolley was driven 1073 miles with 1198 passengers.

Area Plan: Nelson Smith reported that no meetings were held in December. January 5th at 6:00 P.M. and January 21st at 1:00 P.M. meeting will be held and the proposed area plan proposals issues will be discussed.

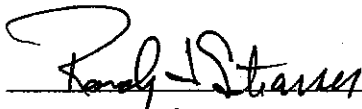
Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett reported on a slow month. Darrell is working on his capital improvement plans. John Bennett questioned if possible to encumber money. Mayor Strasser noted that the proposal to purchase the Shaffer property is on hold due to the need to check out environmental issues. Preliminary reports have been done but this needs to be cleared by IDEM to ensure the Fire Territory and the City are protected financially.

Community Development: Kevin presented a written report with the status of the grants that he is working on.

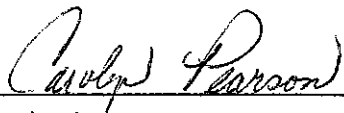
Mayor's Report: Mayor Strasser will be attending Boot Camp being held by IACT accompanied by Dick Traeger and John Bennett. Meetings are being held with department heads and boards for work on their future plans. This work needs to be completed before the budget process begins. All the planning spent on HHH is now coming together as one can watch the work and progress come together. The plans for Freedom Bridge are impressive.

Carolyn Pearson stated a date for the meetings with department heads on their 5 year outlook should be set for January 16th at 6:30 P.m. and again on the 19th at 6:30 P.M. The council members agreed to meet on these two dates.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 P.M.

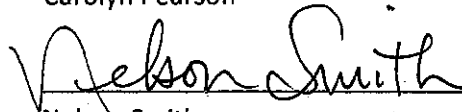


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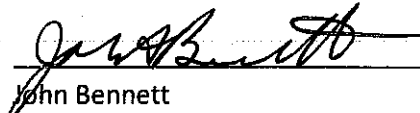
Carolyn Pearson

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Nelson Smith

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John Bennett