

COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2012
7:00 P.M.

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

Carolyn Pearson, Dick Traeger, Nelson Smith and John Bennett were present for the meeting. Brian Garrison was absent.

Nathan Pierce of HWC gave a slide presentation and led the discussion during the public meeting on HH Development Plan. The purpose of the study done by HWC was to analyze the impact of HH on Delphi and to plan ahead. Many items need to be considered and some of the more important are wastewater, water, transportation and drainage. A copy of the presentation given at this public hearing is filed in the Clerk Treasurer's office.

Minutes from the February 6, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carries. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Parking. John Chapman could not be here for the meeting and the committee for downtown parking will be meeting tomorrow night and more information will be available at the following meeting on April 2, 2012.

Fire Territory Purchase. A new purchase contract has been written by Mrs. Cynthia Harmon, attorney for Fire Territory, and language addressing environmental issues was added to this contract. John Bennett questioned Mrs. Abigail Diener, city attorney for her opinion. Mrs. Diener stated the contract is good and the reports from IDEM as well as the test wells being abandoned makes it as clean as it will get. Mayor Strasser feels we could have issues if contamination is found again. Carolyn Pearson remarked she feels the Fire

Territory has done their homework and made the motion to move forward with the purchase of the Shaffer property. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0)

2012-1 Vine and Wabash. This ordinance will place 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Vine and Wabash Street. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass ordinance 2012-1 on second and final reading. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carries. (4-0)

2012-2. This ordinance provides for funds to be taken from Rainy Day Fund to pay F & K Construction \$33,395.00 for the project on Cook and Wabash Street. \$750.00 is to be held out until the reseeding is completed. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2012-2 on first reading. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carries. (4-0) Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules and pass 2012-2 on second reading. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (4-0) Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2012-2 on second and final reading. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (4-0)

Purchasing Policy. Mayor Strasser had met with department heads prior to the council meeting in order to get input for the purchase policy. A copy of his proposed purchase policy had been given to the council at the February meeting. After discussing different dollar amounts in regards to stages of the policy, a final decision was not made. John Bennett and Nelson Smith felt that the \$50,000 level for supplies, materials and equipment was too high. Council members would like to see other examples of purchase policies. Carolyn Pearson remarked this matter should be tabled until the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Delphi Redevelopment Committee Report. Anita Werling, President, informed the council an organizational meeting was held and meeting dates were established. Meetings will be held at The Opera House Gallery on the 2nd Monday at 5:15 P.M. and the 4th Tuesday at 5:15 P.M. Laura Walls was present at their 1st meeting and explained the TIF district as well as steps for hearings and approvals.

Laura is working with Carroll County Redevelopment and offered to work for Delphi Redevelopment. Work needs to be done with city financial advisors, legal counsels, Bingham & McHale and Sue Beesly. A budget will be put together and the council will be asked to supply funds. Mayor Strasser and Anita agreed these funds could be paid back to the city out of TIF when established. Mayor Strasser asked the committee for monthly reports.

Stellar Grant. The City of Delphi is one of the 7 finalists out of 60 applicants for this grant. The city has been awarded \$10,000 to form a strategic plan. A letter of intent containing the area of focus must be submitted by April 19th, 2012. Committee meetings and meetings with consultants will determine the projects that will add value to the focus area. Anita Werling explained the focus area will be the downtown commercial district with spokes branching out to parks, canal, trails, etc. Façade restorations as well as infrastructure can be accomplished in a 3 year period. The Opera House will be a part of this total plan and this will be for upper story housing. A committee meeting will be on March 12, 2012 and will be a session of information and will be held at the Opera House.

Conflict of interest notices will be ready for the next meeting with explanations and must be accepted by the council and then copies sent to State Board of Accounts.

Redistricting of council districts within the city must be completed by the end of the year. Effort will be made to have this completed by this fall. Cost for this project was not addressed in the budget.

Department Heads:

Clerk: The financial report for the city was completed and advertised before March 1, 2012 as required. The new debt report was also completed on time.

Wastewater: Dick reported work has started on the lift station. The cement was poured for the base today and Geiger was setting up to bore under highway. Chemical treatment at the plant is going well. A written report was submitted to the council for wastewater and water.

Street: Dick Traeger and Aaron attended a meeting with CCRC. Burlington dislikes the program and may drop out and this will increase our cost. A written report had been submitted to the council.

Park: Anita Force was not here for the meeting. No report given.

Police: John Chapman was not present for the meeting but submitted a written report. Two different bid proposals were included with John's report and they were for the purchase of narrow banding radios. John wants to move forward on this issue but did not have this item budgeted and needs to know how to pay for this purchase. Darrell Sterrett said the fire department worked with a dealer from Topeka, KS and they began this process over three years ago.

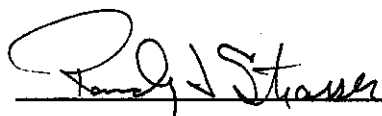
Area Plan: John Bennett attended the meeting. Discussion of parking trucks in zoned agriculture area was the topic at this meeting.

Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett written report showed a slow month. Darrell thanked the Council and Mayor for their help with purchasing the Shaffer property.

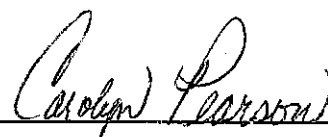
Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky reported the Floodgate grant is delayed by 2 months and the Inter Urban grant has been delayed due to environmental studies. The grant for Safe Routes to Schools is proceeding to plans.

Mayor: Mayor Strasser gave a written report and noted a letter from Home Service had been received by many residents. The letter introduced a plan for insurance to cover water lines. The City of Delphi does not endorse this plan. Mayor Strasser announced the special Torchbearer Award given to Carolyn Pearson for her leadership and service to her community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

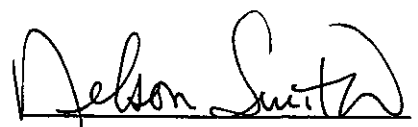


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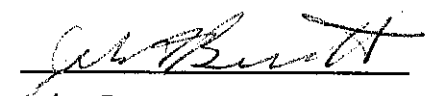


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