

COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 7, 2012

7:00 P.M.

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

Roll call was given and the following council members were present: President Carolyn Pearson, Dick Traeger, Brian Garrison, John Bennett and Nelson Smith.

Minutes from the meeting held on April 2, 2012 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes with a correction being made to the last paragraph on page 2 to read "some meetings have". Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Parking: Bob Lucas appeared before the council with final recommendations for the parking changes. One thought presented was to take the 1/2 block on Franklin Street and change to all day parking. John Bennett questioned if Delphi Chamber endorses this plan. Bob and Dale Seward went door to door and assured the council business owners agree with the plan. Mayor Strasser questioned the "5 minute parking" for the city building and post office. Bob feels it is just practical and deters from long time parking. Mayor Strasser questioned if there had been feedback from Delmain Apartments. This area shows 2 hour parking and both business and residents need parking. A question was presented if possible to make all day parking on one side of the court house square. Dale Seward feels we need to educate businesses and employees not to park all day and signage is needed to direct people to parking lots. John Bennett expressed concerns about handicap parking. Mayor Strasser replied that first we solve the regular parking and later do an ADA plan. John Bennett also wanted to know about maintaining the alley that would connect the parking lot by Mitchells with the court house. Enforcement of the parking ordinance in bad weather has been bypassed. Dick Traeger feels each council member needs to think this out,

pass the new ordinance and enforce the ordinance. Mayor Strasser wants to know what the committee wants to happen. Bob Lucas noted we have a product from the committee and drafting of the new ordinance should come from this plan.

**Purchase Policy:** Nelson Smith noted the committee did not meet and feels that communication could be handled through emails and report back to the council next month.

**Stellar Grant:** Mayor Strasser feels the site meeting went well and we should hear results by the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. This is the second year for this program handled through Lt. Governor Becky Skillman's office. Stress is placed on downtown revitalization and housing. Delphi and Princeton were in the final six last year and both are in the final seven this year. John Bennett has had lots of questions from people in his district and feels we should have town hall meetings as well as newspaper ads to inform everyone what all is involved in this project.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Resolution-2012-1.** This resolution calls for \$30,000.00 to be transferred from the Edit Fund for payment to the redevelopment committee for budget use.

\$3,200.00 will be transferred from TLEO Fund to the police department for the purchase of vests. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2012-1. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

**Resolution-2012-2.** This resolution calls for the transfer of excess tax income from 2011-2012 to the Rainy Day Fund. The amount to be transferred to Rainy Day is \$138,070.47. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2012-2. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

#### Department Reports:

**Utilities:** Dick VanSickle reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> shipment of carbon source had been received and the rates are changing daily. The work on the lift station (HHH) is progressing with work being done on the interior walls. Geiger is working on

utility lines. Carolyn asked if the lift station is going to be landlocked. Dick noted a drive will lead to the lift station. The trailer for Thieneman Const. will be gone by the 10<sup>th</sup> and ditch work will start at that time.

Street: Aaron Lyons reported several trees were taken down and removed. The levees have been mowed. An advertisement was placed with the Comet and on our web site informing citizens that due to the holiday, trash would be picked up on the 30<sup>th</sup> and recycles would be picked up on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Police: John Chapman informed the council results of the grant application for vests should be known by the middle of the month. Justin Wilson will be holding the bicycle rodeo this year. Aaron Thompson has turned in his resignation from Delphi Police and will be taking a position for the West Lafayette Police Department. Brian Garrison wanted to know if there is a contract that would enable the city to recoup money paid for schooling if an officer left our employment. Mayor Strasser would like for our attorney to see if a contract could be enforced under these conditions. Nelson Smith made the motion for John Chapman to begin the hiring process. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Airport: Brian Stirm reported an inspection on the runway extension was done on April 5, 2012 and although it was not as smooth a surface as the parking lot, it passed and the inspectors will watch carefully. Lightning hit the airport and had made it impossible to get fuel reports. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the airport will be hosting a picnic and an invitation was extended to Mayor Strasser and council members.

Area Plan: John Bennett explained the meeting with IPC for the zoning on the 30 acres was just formality. There was nothing to report on the zoning ordinance.

Fire: Darrell Sterrett reported 35 runs during the month of April. The fire territory is the proud owner of the Shaffer property. Volunteers are busy cleaning up. No parking signs have been ordered. The fire territory board has requested contact with KIRPSE in order to obtain information on the grant process for a building. Word has been received FEMA denied a grant for air packs. John Bennett wanted to know what we have open for grants and will this interfere with the Stellar Grant. Mayor Strasser informed council members the Stellar Grants is set aside and doesn't interfere. Keep in mind there can only be 2 CBDG grants.

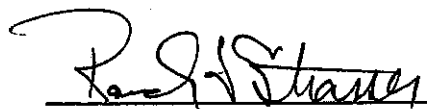
Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky reported that movement with some of the grants is slow. The bid process should start in late June for the floodgates. There are still questions concerning the interurban trail and it does not look like progress will be seen until spring of 2013. Freedom Bridge is coordinating with HHH and final presentation will be dramatic. Low cost lighting as well as a large sign will add interest. It is not known the cost of repair or the cost of setting the bridge at this time but should have estimates for the next meeting. A plaza, granite, solid limestone blocks and interpretative boards will all be part of the plan. Word will be coming soon on the Stellar Grant and everyone involved in this process is really excited.


Mayor: Mayor Strasser informed the council members preparations are being made for breast cancer awareness month. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Relay for Life will held at the football field. The town will have pink ribbons on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. A bake sale and car wash will be held. Donations will be taken at the intersection of Arby's and Dairy Queen. Mrs. Diener assured the council there would be no liability for the city. Brian Garrison made the motion to allow the volunteers to use the location between Arby's and Dairy. Second by Nelson Smith. (5-0) INDOT is ready to take down Anderson's General Store and Tri Cobb. It is quickly coming to a point that traffic is going to become an issue and addressed soon with a resolution.

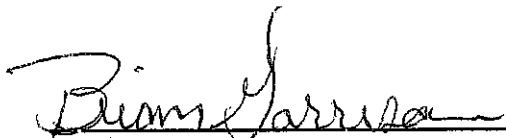
Clerk: Leanne reported the office is ready to purchase the software for direct deposit. Leanne noted there is some work that possibly needs to be done on the policy manual for city employees. The auditor for SBOA mentioned some areas of concern when he did a spot check on payroll. He advised he is not an expert on these matters and we need to look into this further. One area of concern is the SOP manual for police contains their benefits too. Other cities have the benefits for the police in with other employees. The only difference that needs to be addressed for the policemen is the short term disability policy. John Bennett questioned if the web site is going to be set to allow payments for water to be made on line. It can be a link but there is also software from Keystone that will allow debit or credit card payments as well as payments on line. We should know by the middle of June when that software and training will be available to our office.

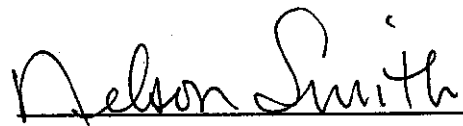
John Bennett wanted to know if the city updates our ordinances. Mayor Strasser explained the county must complete their ordinances first and then we will be in a position to finish our ordinances. Miriam Robeson was paid for this work last year but she can't finish until the county is done.

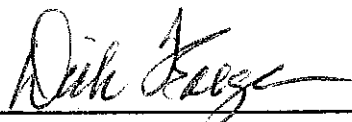
Brian Garrison made the motion to adjourn. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

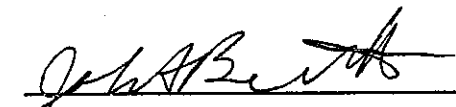
  
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RESOLUTION R-2012-1


Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more Money than was appropriated in the annual budget: now, therefore:


Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Delphi, Carroll County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the fund named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

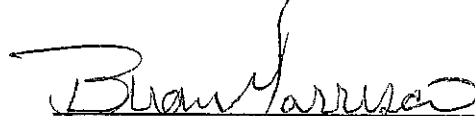
FUND NAME:	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
EDIT	\$30,000.00	<u>\$ 30,000.<sup>00</sup></u>
TLEO	\$ 3,200.00	<u>\$ 3,200.<sup>00</sup></u>

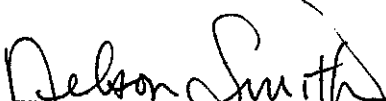
Adopted this 7th day of May, 2012.


  
Attest: Leanne Aldrich, Clerk-Treasurer

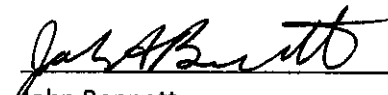
  
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RESOLUTION R-2012 (2)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF TAX REVENUE INTO RAINY DAY FUND FOR  
THE CITY OF DELPHI

WHEREAS, Certain extraordinary conditions are a result of the new local option income tax collection information given to the Indiana State Budget Agency by the Indiana Department of Revenue. The new information affects the distributions for 2011 and 2012.

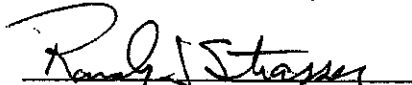
2011	Undistributed CEDIT	\$16,512.54
2012	Undistributed CEDIT	7,027.08
2011	CAGIT Certified Shares	66,878.39
2012	CAGIT Certified Shares	28,794.40
2011	CAGIT Property Tax Replace	13,026.61
2012	CAGIT Property Tax Replace	5,831.45


Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DELPHI, INDIANA, that for the expenses of the City government the following amount is hereby transferred to the account hereinafter named for the purposes specified subject to the laws governing the same, such sums herein transferred unless otherwise stipulated by law.

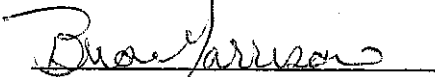
Section 2. Where it has been shown that certain existing amounts have unobligated balances which will be available for transferring as follows:


One hundred thirty eight thousand <sup>seven</sup> ~~two~~ cents transferred to the Rainy Day Fund.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.


  
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