

COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 5, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led all present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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

Minutes from the July 1, 2013 meeting was presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Dean Trenepold and Ken Ross of NGC requested an additional appropriation approval from the council in order for the airport to continue with the ongoing grant for runway extension. Land acquisition is needed in this phase of the grant. The money from the additional appropriation would be paid back to the city as the FAA and State of Indiana would make their payments in the years 2014 and 2015. The total grant amount is \$511,100 with a total contribution of local funds in the amount of \$38,332.50.

	FAA	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL
2013	\$300,000	\$8,333.33	\$25,000	\$333,333.33
2014	\$150,000	\$4,166.67	\$12,500	\$166,666.67
2015	\$9,990	\$277.50	\$832.50	\$11,100
TOTAL	\$459,990	\$12,777.50	\$38,332.50	\$511,100

The amount of the additional appropriation needed is \$202,766.67. This amount is determined by the total local match of \$38,332.50 and included the amount of FAA payments that will be received in 2014 and 2015 (\$150,000 and \$9,990) as well as the State payments of 2014 and 2015 (\$4,666.67 and \$277.50) In the present year, we would receive a payment in the amount of \$300,000 from FAA and a payment from the State in the amount of \$8,333.33. Nelson Smith made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$202,766.62 for land acquisition with repayment to the City of Delphi when funds are received. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (3-ayes with Carolyn Pearson abstaining)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Stellar: Mayor Strasser asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from the work session held for Stellar Projects. Carolyn Pearson reported the BOW had approved the remaining 6 contracts for owner occupied housing. No other comments were made.
- B. Utility Improvements: Mayor Strasser expressed the need to know what council members want to do in form of capital improvements before he can move on to bonds and rate hikes. John Bennett questioned if conversations had been held with stakeholders. Mayor Strasser informed members of the meeting with IPC to be held on Friday and on the 15th of August he will have the meeting with US Ag. John Bennett questioned if the numbers will change after the meetings and Mayor Strasser responded most likely to remain the same. Brian Garrison questioned if IPC and US Ag won't bring figures how that can be fair to the taxpayers to pay the bill. John Brand of BF&S informed the council members IPC had signed a contract 20 years ago to purchase 800,000 gallons. Carolyn Pearson responded IPC is our biggest user and are an asset to our community and our biggest employer. Carolyn hopes IPC will be responsive to our request for help. US Ag has us in the middle of this situation. Their mining operation does affect the needs of the city but it needs to be noted they have been responsive to our needs in the past. John Brand reminded council members we have to provide services to customers and securing another well field is of utmost importance. Jeff Watson, guest and resident of Delphi, wanted to know what % of revenue does IPC pay; is the increase same across the board. Jeff explained he had presented several questions to Todd Samuelson at the last meeting but still had not received a reply. Mayor Strasser explained the rate increase would be across the board. John Bennett questioned how our rates compare to other cities and was answered we are in the bottom 1/3 compared to other cities. John Brand noted it is our responsibility to figure out the short and long term solutions to water supply. John Brand explained this is Phase I and is based on needs and well 6 will help us hold our present capacity. Phase II will be expansion for future use. Phase I will take 24 months with 6 months to design and 12 to 18 months to complete. Again the question came to John Brand concerning the treatment of water in reservoir held by US Ag. John explained the cost would be so high due to installation of plant that would have to be manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mayor Strasser reported the timetable had been moved back one month to 6 weeks. If council members want a work session, let Mayor Strasser know and he will set up within 48 hours.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky reported he had been in communication with an interested party in establishing a hotel in our community. A meeting could be set up and council could ask questions. There are no commitments on this project; just searching out possibilities. Lofts: this is developing well. Kellar Construction would like to do the Bradshaw and DPS building. Stellar would do the facades and Kellar would do the downstairs for businesses to occupy and the upstairs with new loft apartments. Kellar would also like to build another new unit for seniors but upgraded from present senior housing. Purdue University is a great resource. Kevin has been working with Laura Walls on utilizing individuals from Purdue who would work with our community. Kevin announced we would be a partner with Purdue. John Bennett wanted to know when the grand opening for HHH from Logansport to Delphi. It will be on the 24th of October and a caravan will leave Logansport and travel to Delphi and

then return to Logansport. Phase I of Safe Routes to School connecting Armory Rd to North Street has been completed. No more money is available at this time. The Gateway Trail (S) will be good for school walkers.

Street: Aaron Lyons distributed a written report. Work is continuing on dead trees.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle informed the council members they had passed the lab check with 6 out of 6. Dick had submitted paper work for the FEMA grant.

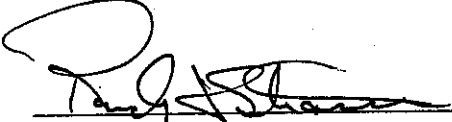
Fire: Darrell Sterrett reported many runs with 343 hours on a total of 29 runs. Darrell stated the capital improvement plan had been worked on and the department is planning on returning to billing fire runs. A package would be put together consisting of billing plans; capital improvement plans and delivered to council members. A fire meeting will be held on the 28th at 700 PM and hopefully council members can attend. John Bennett wanted to know how the Rossville station visit turned out. Darrell reported it was almost a duplicate of what was proposed for Delphi and the next station visit will be at Clarks Hill.

Police: John Chapman was not present.


Mayor Report: Mayor Strasser reported our police department does great work. A recent robbery was solved and the robber caught within 2 hours. Special thanks go to police and fire department for their excellent work. Mayor Strasser has had several meetings with a developer and would like to hold an executive session on the 19th of August at the city building at 6:00 PM. On the 15th of August a public hearing on the Floodgates will be held. On the 9th of August Mayor Strasser will have a meeting with IPC and on the 15th a meeting with US Ag is scheduled.

Area Plan: John Bennett informed the council a cub committee had been established to deal with executive and personnel issues. They are looking into a code enforcement officer that would serve county wide.

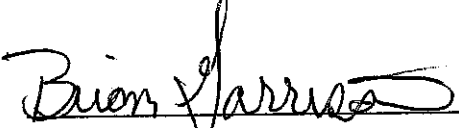
Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM



Mayor Randy Strasser




Carolyn Pearson




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John Bennett