

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 1, 2013

7:00 P.M.

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

Roll call was given and the following council members were present: Carolyn Pearson, Nelson Smith, Dick Traeger and John Bennett. Brian Garrison was not present for the meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held on June 3, 2013 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Stellar Update: There will be a meeting held on July 15, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the City Building. KIRPC and HWC will give explanations and updates on the current projects selected as part of the Stellar Plan.
- B. Utility Improvements: There will be a public meeting on improvements planned for the utilities. This will be held on July 22, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Interpretative Center.
- C. Logsdon Property: The council did not resolve the issue of purchasing the Logsdon property during the last council meeting. The home has been torn down and the property has been purchased by the Youth Baseball League. The issue is resolved.
- D. Buy Out Program: Mayor Strasser asked Kevin Kologinsky to explain what information he had obtained from the grant administrator of Tippecanoe County. Kevin explained he had talked with the grant administrator and they are operating under a different policy that what we intend to do. It is a very long process with FEMA and is only reimbursed 75%. A new declaration by the State of Indiana looks like a better way for us to proceed. Our area has been declared a disaster area from the last flooding and money will be available to reimburse 50% of the cost we had incurred.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Laura Walls of EDC presented the request for the annual EDIT contribution in the amount of \$29,789.00. reflecting no increase from the previous year. Laura Walls also gave a brief report of the activities of her office the past year. Two projects, the IPC Health Clinic and the improvement to Delphi Industrial Park were completed. Twelve new jobs resulted from these two projects. Over the last few years 330 jobs have developed with work through EDC. Lots more calls of interest have been coming in the last 12 to 18 months. There is one project Laura feels really confident about. The water and sewer lines to the Gray Turkey Farm area made possible through Carroll County Redevelopment Commission makes this site more desirable. The work being done is making our future look better. Carolyn Pearson

- made the motion to approve the payment to EDC in the amount of \$29,789.00. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (4-0)
- B. Area Plan: Kathy Mylet was unable to be here due to a family matter and will present her information at the next meeting.
 - C. Delphi Chamber of Commerce: Krista Watson informed the council members there would be fireworks for the 4th of July celebration this year. She also requested the council support the fireworks as the council has done in the past. Previously the council has given \$1,000.00 to the Chamber to help with the cost. Krista also requested the closing of streets and trash service for the Old Settlers celebration. There is a possibility of a car show being included in the program this year. If this plan works out, the chamber has determined they would need at least two more half streets for the display area. The same carnival will be returning and the chamber has found them to be good to work with. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to give \$1,000.00 towards the cost of fireworks for the 4th of July. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0) Carolyn Pearson made the motion to allow extra street closings for the car show. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0)
 - D. Budgets: Department heads need to have their budget plans into Mayor Strasser and Leanne by Wednesday due to budget workshop being set for July 8th at 6:00 P.M. at the city building. Carolyn Pearson requested the copies to be given to the members before the meeting. John Bennett requested the spreadsheets used the previous year, be available. Department heads will present their budgets to the council members with explanations and be available to answer questions on their proposed budgets.
 - E. Stellar: The work session for Stellar will be held on July 15th at 6:00 P.M. in the council room of the city building.

Department Reports:

Airport: Dean Trennappold, President of the Delphi Airport and Ken Ross of NGC, consultants for the Delphi Airport reported the situation of the airport. One of the main objectives of the airport is to provide safe and efficient travel for community as well as visitors. Past improvements to the airport include; parking aprons, access roads, extended runways, hangars as well as general upkeep. Through help from NGC, the airport has received FAA grants to improve the airport. Land has been purchased that will allow for extending the present runway. In the near future, the airport board would like to build another hangar and hire a FBO as well as more terminal improvements. Ken Ross explained the FAA grant that would allow for an extension of the present runway. Land has been secured from Kelly and an agreement with the Pearson Farm is in place but at this time the FAA is short on funds. This occurred when 250 million was taken out of the program and that resulted in an 8 million dollar loss to Indiana. The FAA cycle ends on September 30th. Additional funds will be needed for the airport to proceed with present plans until the FAA kicks back in. John Bennett questioned if they will be present during the budget workshop to explain this plan. Dean answered he would be here.

Fire: Darrell Sterrett reported computer issues remain an issue for the fire department. The software needed for the reports submitted to the state is not working. The tech reps for the software company feel this is an issue with our server. The tech for the city server feels it is an issue with the

software company. No resolution found at this point in time. The month of May report shows 15 emergency runs and 9 other runs.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported lots of maintenance work done during the month. Lab reports have been good. A written report had been given to the council.


Street: Aaron Lyons reported on the streets that had been sealed. Riley Park will be done this fall. The summer rec program had been held and went well. Work on curbs will begin shortly. Nelson Smith wanted to know if the 2nd cleanup went well. Nelson had reports that it was good. Aaron reported the participation compared to the curb side we used to do is down. This last time volunteers went to homes and picked up items and took the material to the dumpster. Carolyn Pearson thanked Debbie Lowe for getting the volunteers and helping. Carolyn Pearson also thanked Aaron for having the summer rec program. Carolyn also noted the cost was down compared to previous years. She also noted Gayle Conner did a good job.

Community Director: Kevin Kologinsky reported the Floodgate Grant looks good and expects it to be awarded shortly. Safe Route is under construction around the school and local cement contractors are being used for the project. The Interurban Trail is at a standing point due to waiting on INDOT. Freedom Bridge iron has been moved. Ross Brown a local welder will do 50% of the work and the bridge will get reassembled at the site. The bridge is expected to be at the new site in the summer of 2014. Stellar has started the owner occupied project. Contracts for facades in the downtown are signed with KJG and the budget will be known when bids come in. Mayor Strasser reported developers are looking at our downtown. State offers set aside tax credits. Conversations showing interest in the Bradshaw and Culligan buildings have been held. John Bennett asked if tax credits were part of Stellar. Mayor Strasser replied it was state way of getting development going each year and lasts for 15 years. Six communities can have access to extra set aside money and Stellar communities would be considered first. Nelson Smith questioned Kevin if everything was in line for the Floodgate grant. Kevin responded there is an issue with one property and waiting on Faye Underhill to sign document. The grant is not awarded yet. The best case scenario is to go to bids in September or October with constructions beginning in October or November. Jerry White had informed Mayor Strasser it was as good as done. It will take 6 weeks to go through state offices and to sign off. Shawn at KIRPC thinks she can walk this through in 3 weeks. The project is shovel ready.

Mayor Strasser noted an increase in MVH funds. MVH will receive an additional \$23,000 in 2013 and \$23,222 in 2014.

Police: John Chapman reported on a robbery his men are working on. John is working with the school on a safety plan. The new police car has been picked up and getting equipped. Carolyn questioned if the old car was traded in and John informed the council the old car had been traded in. Ammunition previously purchased has to be returned. The bullet proof vests purchased are good.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



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