

COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 4, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led council members and guest in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was given and the following members were present for the meeting: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Dick Traeger and John Bennett. Nelson Smith was absent due to a death in his family.

Minutes were presented for approval from the February 4, 2013 meeting. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes noting a couple of type errors had been corrected. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Stellar paperwork is moving forward with bids on owner occupied housing coming in high. A team meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been cancelled and scheduled for next Monday, the 11th. We are waiting on grant agreements on streetscapes and trails to be signed. Dick Traeger and Mayor Strasser will sit on the interviews for the construction manager for the opera house project. Contracts for the construction manager will be brought back to the BOW meeting.
- B. Parking Ordinance and map was looked over by city attorney, Abigail Diener, and she reported that all is in order with map work reflecting ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Land Use/zoning update shows the surveys detail land annexed in the 90's but zoning had never been done. The Methodist Church has been the only issue and the possible Zimpher development on Dayton Road could be another issue. John Bennett serves on the area plan and noted he is not sure what the city wants around the Anderson area. Area plan has made a favorable recommendation for this land to be zoned residential. Area plan members have formed a subcommittee to better understand role of Kathy Mylet's position. They are also looking at the current budget noting \$300,000 had been taken from the area plan budget and placed in general but ear marked for area plan. Area plan has made a recommendation to follow city zoning realizing the city is concerned with fringe areas annexed last and the need to have appropriate zoning. John Bennett questioned if there was a need to have a public meeting when we have correct maps available. Mayor Strasser noted that was appropriate procedure since there will have to be an ordinance to redo zoning.
- B. Resolution/matching funds on floodgate project. Mayor Strasser asked the clerk for the resolution and Leanne replied she did not have a copy but would go get one. Mayor Strasser noted it will be ready for the next council meeting.
- C. Mike Turchi from BF&S reported on the well system. He presented a document that had been given to council members last September and noted most of the short term needs listed were

underway and had been approved by the BOW. The test well is scheduled for the first of April. It is possible the city's need for water could double within the next five years. This test well, if successful will be tied into the present system. In the future, water from the TAZ valley laying ^{to} 3/5 miles out and would need to have lines brought back to Delphi or the use of surface water at US Agg needs to be considered. BF&S will look into both ideas along with consulting with Peerless Wells and Umbaugh Associates. Agreements to begin this process will be brought to the April meeting. This process could take from 6 to 12 months to determine which process is to the best interest of the city and could be 3 years before water could be delivered to residents.

D. Department Reports:

Clerk: Leanne invited the council members and guest to come see the remodeling completed in the office. The city paid for paint and labor and Leanne provided the paintings and decorations. The financial report had been filed with DLGF and SBOA and was filed by 8:30 P.M. on the deadline. The debt report filed with DLGF was done 2 weeks before deadline. Work is continuing with online payments as well as credit and debit cards.

Police: John Chapman reminded the council members to look at the back page of the activity report he had given them. This report shows how hard the officers are working. Several of the officers are attending training schools. John has been waiting on a shipment of ammo since the first of January.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky reported if the bids are OK then Freedom Bridge will proceed and if not then will be relet without stripping down. The Interurban Trail is subject to "106 review" if 2 properties are changed. One building needs to be torn down and one building needs to be moved. So this will delay this project. Safe Routes will have a new application submitted on March 11th due to new easements needed.

Street: Aaron Lyons reported several trees were removed at the park and the stumps have been removed. The old chain link fence has been removed.

Utilities: Dick VanSickle reported the final walk through had been completed. Money had been held from Geiger (\$13,300) until the crack in the road can be repaired and this depends on temperatures. Thieneman has completed their work but the seeding of grass and it was agreeable to do this spring. The pump has been replaced and running. Brian Garrison questioned why he had been receiving complaints on smell and taste of water from residents on Cottage Street. Dick responded well #1 is being used and this is the problem. The water is tested weekly and is safe to drink and use. We will probably hear more complaints until we are done using this well. If there are any further complaints, please notify Dick or Craig Myers.


Mayor: Mayor Strasser reported he was not prepared to give the outline of the state of the city that he would be giving Tuesday night at 6:00 P.M. at the Interpretative Center. Mayor Strasser explained there will be two rounds of owner occupied housing and there are also some programs for rental property owners. There is a possibility we can extend money before we get out of Stellar. We may have to figure out how to get creative in order to fix up these homes.

Mayor Strasser questioned if there was anything else from the Council. John Bennett noted the fire department had not been asked to give their report.

Fire Department: Darrell Sterrett reported on the 34 runs in February and 177 hours of work. At this time James Bishop, passing out a copy of a letter asking for Mayor Strasser to resign from the

Fire Territory Board, was stopped by Mayor Strasser explaining this was not the correct time to do this. This meeting is for department reports only. This should be taken outside of city council chambers. Brian Garrison interrupted and noted this was general knowledge in Delphi as well as Lafayette. Everyone knows what is going on so we need to address it and get on with city business. Brian explained this was not an issue to be determined by the council. Darrell explained he did not want an answer to the problem; he was only making the council aware of the issue. Brian recommended the fire territory needs to do research into the state codes and follow through. Brian Garrison also requested the common council to excuse his outburst.

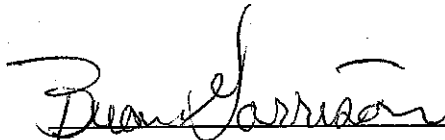
Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (4-0) Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson



Brian Garrison



Dick Traeger



John Bennett