

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 7, 2014

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: Carolyn Pearson, Dick Traeger, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith and John Bennett.

Minutes from the meeting held on June 2, 2014 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Mark Zimpher will be at the next meeting with final plans. Mayor Strasser reminded council members they had approved \$62,000 towards the project. Mayor Strasser feels this contribution should come from EDIT funds. Leanne reported fund 271 in general has not been used for the last several years. According to SBOA if a fund has been inactive for more than two years the fund can be retire and the money goes back into the general operating fund. After discussing the issue, council members agreed the money should come from EDIT. Mayor Strasser also noted we will need invoices to be shared with us before we may payment to Zimpher Development. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to take \$62,000 from EDIT. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)
- B. SRO Officer: A copy of the agreement with Delphi Community School for a resource office has been sent to each council member. Steve Mullin, Police Chief, stated he feels the hiring and supervision of the SRO officer would be handled by his office. Brock Dawson, city attorney, noted this agreement has be passed by the school board and if agreed to by our council the school could proceed with the grant and hiring could be done in time for the beginning of the school year. Carolyn Pearson asked Brock to elaborate on indemnification. Dick Traeger questioned if this would affect the city's insurance. Mayor Strasser noted this would not be any different than what we are doing presently. The employee will be working directly with administrators. Mayor Strasser stated he does not agree with indemnification clause. Carolyn Pearson stated she has an issue with this employee being under Steve and the school is still involved in the hiring and duties of the officer. Steve Mullin stated the local agreement spells out the duties and responsibilities and feels the agreement is well written. Salary would be \$37,000 to \$40,000 with benefits. This employee will also work some shifts for the city during the summer. The employee will also receive 2 weeks of paid vacation. It is stated in the contract the school will be responsible and absorb all costs that are not covered by the grant. Carolyn noted her appreciation of Brian and Nelson working on the committee with the school. Brian stated he agrees with the idea but is not convinced it has to be through the city. Nelson Smith feels it is a better situation than what we have now. Brock Dawson stated another possibility is for the school to hire their own employee as other schools have done. John

indemnification and does not agree it will be a forever grant. Ross Striebeck stated it will be a contract employee and the employee cannot come back for unemployment. Brock Dawson stated the council could go to plan B and strike the indemnification clause and take back to school for approval. Carolyn Pearson stated she is still not sure the city should be involved at all, feels this is a school issue for truancy and discipline. Mayor Strasser stated we have an agreement and need to make a decision. After discussion and realizing a negative motion could not be offered, Nelson Smith made the motion to approve the agreement with striking 7.06 A, B and C. Second by John Bennett. A hand vote was taken. Nelson Smith, John Bennett and Dick Traeger signaled yes. Brian Garrison and Carolyn signaled no.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Paul Dunbar, representing Hippensteel Funeral Home informed the council of plans to purchase the Church of Christ located at 405 Cottage St. Zoning would change from residential to business. This plan has been presented to Area Plan and they are favorable to the plan and now it is up to the city. John Bennett wanted to know about available spaces for parking. Paul stated there are 48 spaces at present time and another lot could be paved for additional parking. John also questioned Aaron Lyons about storm drains and Aaron reported there is not a storm drain. Paul stated if there is a problem he would have snow removed and hauled away from the premises. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the zoning from residential to business. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)
- b. Kathy Mylet, Area Plan, noted the area on Main St. for the loft apartments is presently zoned U and needs to allow residential units in the downtown. Mayor Strasser reminded council members this is just information for tonight and Kathy will be working with Cindy Harmon and Brock Dawson and then bring the amendment to the council members. Krista Watson questioned where proper parking for these apartments would be. These issues will be handled through Stellar Streetscapes and an amendment to the parking ordinance.
- c. Airport: A need for an amendment to the resolution for financing of the new hangar. Lower interest and a better finance plan had been offered by another local bank and the previous resolution stated interest rate and bank. Dick Traeger made the motion to amend the resolution for financing as approved by the BOAC. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (4-1) Brian Garrison voted nay.
- d. Confirmatory Resolution 2014-3. This resolution follows the declaratory resolution previously passed by the council and approved at a previous meeting. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the confirmatory Resolution for the loft apartments on Main St. and the building on Market St. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)
- e. Kevin Kramer, President of the Education Foundation requested permission of the council to use Riley Park for the annual 3 on 1 basketball tournament on the 8th of August from 4 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Kevin would also appreciate sponsorship by the city. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve use of the park for the Settler Slam. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0) Brian Garrison made the motion to sponsor center court for \$1,000. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0) Money for the sponsorship will be taken from EDIT funds.

- f. John Brand and Make Turchi of BF&S along with Shawn Cain of KIRPC explained the process needed for the Floodgate Project. John Bennett questioned where we are with the Underhill property. Shawn Cain stated we are starting over and working with the Underhill family. A date will be set soon for the appraisals. This will be a 90/10 grant. The acquisition for well 6 must be separate due to federal money and bond money. Brian Garrison questioned how many times are we going to go through this process and each time costing the taxpayer more money. Shawn Cain noted several issues had held up the grant process. Shawn stated the grant comes first and then the purchase of land.
- g. Anita Weirling presented an update on the Opera House. There has been a release of funds. KJG has sent out notifications to contractors. A preconstruction meeting will be held this Wednesday, the 10th at 9:00 AM. Soon a ground breaking announcement will be made. Anita also supplied a copy of the amendment for \$235,179 additional cost covered by The Preservation Society requested by John Bennett at a previous meeting.

After discussing the budget process, it was determined the council would meet on the 21st and 22nd of July at 6PM for review of the department budget submitted for the 2015 year.

Department Reports:

Clerk Treasurer: Leanne explained the requirement of both SBOA and bond compliance to keep 2 months working capital in the general operating accounts of the water and wastewater department bank accounts. The excess funds should be placed in the capital appropriation line. Concerning the bonds, water has a surplus and can put the 10% required for debt reserve. Wastewater has made the last payment on the old bond and the money he held in that debt reserve could be transferred to cover the amount needed for his new bond of 2013. Additional funds could be transferred to his operating account. Leanne requested approval from the council to handle these items. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to the funds as stated. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Police: Steve Mullin informed the council the new police car had been ordered and this time a black impala would be the new addition to the department. Carolyn questioned if the old car would be traded in and Steve reported a final decision had not been made at this time. Two new laptops and software had been ordered and will have a 5 year warranty.

Street: Aaron Lyons stated his curb work was completed and looks good. Several trees had to be removed in the park area. John Bennett asked when the pavers would be installed on Washington St. Trail and Mayor Strasser stated when they arrived they will be installed.

Utilities: Dick VanSickle reported the 2 lift stations at Clyde and Wilson had been replaced.

Fire: Darrell Sterrett reported hose testing was almost completed and some failures were found. The new cascade system is due to arrive this next week. New lockers had been installed for the firemen.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky submitted a written report to the council members. A copy of the report will be in the file of council meetings in the clerk's office. Kevin stated there had been an issue with Freedom Bridge passing inspection and that has delayed the installation. The HHH will have to close down for up to a week for the bridge to be installed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



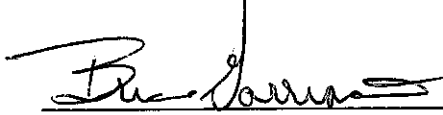
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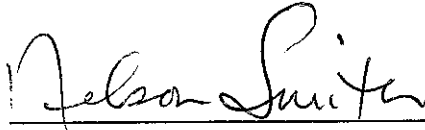
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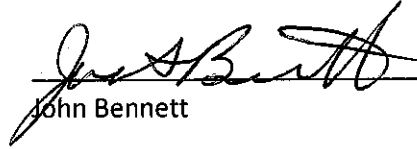
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