

COMMON COUNCIL
DECEMBER 7, 2015
7:00 PM

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: Brian Garrison, Richard Traeger, Carolyn Pearson and John Bennett.

Minutes from the meeting held on November 2, 2015 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Strasser discussed the status of Stellar projects. There are a few small items being worked on downtown and after that is accomplished the contractor will be done for this year on Washington St. After the first of the new year work may start on the storm drains on Franklin, Market and Main Street. On the South hill we might see clearing and installation of piling for the trail. Pre constructions meetings are not set up yet on Gateway II. John Bennett stated he might be confused but questioned how we do pilings when we have not had construction meetings. Mayor Strasser explained the process with first being the bids. After that, all information goes to the state and we have to wait to receive the notice to proceed. After that is received a preconstruction meeting is held. This meeting involves the City, the contractor and sub-contractors. The project can start with clearing and driving poles this winter. The time frame will not be known until the construction meeting is held.

NEW BUSINESS:

Indiana Bicentennial has a committee formed with Bonnie Maxwell as the chairperson. Bonnie explained Lee Hamilton and Becky Skillman are co-chairs. Lots of projects are in the works. Each County will receive a special flag to be displayed on the 11th of December which is the day Indian became a state in 1816. Fourteen projects are already approved. Camden will have a bicentennial park on 218 in the downtown area. Delphi Opera House will be doing a special project along with a documentary film of what James Whitcomb Riley meant to Indiana. A torch light run will start at Corydon and end at Indianapolis. This torch run will be through Carroll Co. on October 6th and we can have up to 20 people involved in carrying the torch. Purdue University is developing the torch. This Friday a proclamation will be read and the flag will be displayed for one year. Mayor Strasser read the proclamation.

Jane Miller, guest asked to be recognized with concerns. Jane wanted an explanation of a mechanic lien. Kevin Kologinsky and Mayor Strasser explained the legal points. In this case a sub-contractor has placed a mechanics lien on the contractor due to retainage money not being given to the sub-contractor. Mayor Strasser noted All Seasons Roofing was the agitated contractor. Jane Miller has concerns with this issue as it reflects on the Opera House. Jane also stated she wanted to be on record stating she feels the Comet reporter needs to be accurate and their personal opinions should be in an editorial only. Richard Traeger stated he had talked to All Seasons and once their retainage is received they will immediately release the lien.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle gave a written report to the council members. The trees are being planted along the effluent line and a walk through will be this Wednesday at 1:00. Dick said the project looks good and is functioning great.

Street: Aaron Lyons did not give a written report. Aaron noted they are coming to an end of the leaf season. The storm line and curb work is done on Washington St. Salt has been ordered for this winter. The grinder at the city park is wired. Aaron noted the Opera House was going to do some additional work in the alley behind their building and Aaron would like to address this area and fix properly. Brian Garrison questioned where the money would come from and Aaron noted his budget would allow the additional work. The opera house will be paying \$2,300 for their work and Aaron stated the project he wants to do will fix that section of the alley correctly will cost \$11,600. Trish Mendel questioned the drainage situation and Aaron stated his runoff will go to Franklin. The Opera House has addressed this issue and with containment the rain water has been redirected to the front of their building. Brian Garrison thought we addressed this issue at a special meeting and determined we would not fix this area behind the opera house. Brian questioned Aaron why this is now suddenly coming up. Aaron stated he has lots of alleys in need of work and has wanted to work on but had been put off. Richard Traeger feels we need to rely on Aaron. Aaron reported the next alley he would address would be the alley by Ives law office.

Aaron presented the state approved holiday dates for the 2016 year. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the holiday dates as presented. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (4-0)

Water: Craig Myers reported 3 water leaks had been repaired. A one-day training had been hosted by Delphi. The antennas have been installed for the new meter system.

Fire: Darrell Sterrett reported the resignation of Tim Oliver as an officer. Josh Disinger has been appointed to fill his station. Darrell stated he wanted to publically thank Dick VanSickle and Gerald Wamsher for bringing out equipment and helping with the accident resulting in a death. Wednesday night a joint meeting will be held with the council and the fire territory board to discuss the territory agreement and possible changes. Final specs for the body of the new fire truck is being addressed and should be delivered in July. John Bennett asked if a new approach off Union will be needed for the proposed new building. Darrell stated it will probably be needed but it is an unknown factor at this time

Police: Steve Mullin gave the council members a written report. The new car for the police department has been ordered. Mayor Strasser stated he wanted to elaborate on Steve's report. There are lots of miscellaneous items not on the report. The night shifts see a lot of action. We are a safe community because of the men we have working for us. Mayor Strasser wants everyone to know we can still feel safe in Delphi. Mayor Strasser feels it is very important for the officers to know they are appreciated.

Clerk: Leanne Aldrich reminded council members the special meeting for the additional appropriation will be held in the council room at 6:00 PM on the 21st of December. The amount of the additional is 1.7+ million. The swearing in ceremony for new and reelected city officials will be in the council room at 6:00 PM on the 28th of December.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky stated work is being done to receive the release of funds and we are waiting on IDEM for the Floodgate and Levee Projects.

The Interurban Trail will have a bid letting on 12-9-2015.

Freedom Bridge had new trees planted to replace the dead ones. We have been notified we could win a national award for Freedom Bridge for engineering.

Facades is almost done other than a few small details and one sign.

Gateway II is waiting on a notice to proceed from INDOT and should start this spring.

OOH is working on finding a grant administrator for the second phase.

Streetscapes has stopped work for now and will return this spring to finish.

Parking started with IHEDA promising \$1,000,000 and quickly cutting back to \$500,000. We have proposed several ideas but nothing successful yet. This grant will expire at the end of the year. The first of the year this situation needs to be discussed with the Lt. Governor since basically IHEDA went back on their word to Delphi and other cities of the Stellar Program. Trish Mendel questioned why we would have applied for a parking grant since Cory Whitesell of HWC stated we did not have a parking problem.

Kevin replied since we were involved with Stellar we would address parking as we feel there is always a need for parking.

At this time, Kevin informed everyone several years ago he had visited this area and had conversations with Anita Werling, Bonnie Maxwell, Dan McCain and Mayor Strasser. During the conversation with Mayor Strasser, Kevin saw the tears in his eyes as he discussed the City of Delphi and plans for the future of this community. This was the reason Kevin decided to move to this community and become involved. Kevin thanked Randy for everything he had done for the City of Delphi and residents.

Richard Traeger reported he had not received any calls from interested parties for the former Family Services building since he had offered to be point man for finding a new owner. Mayor Strasser stated there are several tracks of land that are involved in easements. These parcels came from the construction of the new highway. David McCain, Dan McCain, Kevin Kologinsky and Mayor Strasser went to INDOT to find information on the building. The state has first chance at the building and then goes to locals. It could be mid-February before they are ready to make any determinations. The Family Services building will be excess property surveyed off from the rest of the land. Mayor Strasser stated he was not happy with the editorial from our local newspaper. Mayor Strasser stated there has not been any negotiations with INDOT.

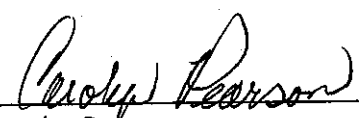
Jane Miller, lifelong resident of the area stated how thrilling it is to see the changes in Delphi. Jane feels the city looks fabulous and as a member of the Opera House Board and DPS Board it is exciting to show the town off. Jane thanked Kevin Kologinsky and Anita, outsiders, for bringing a vision to Delphi. Jane also thanked Mayor Strasser for helping to make that vision a reality

Anita Werling announced a celebration of achievement for Facades and Opera House will be this Thursday from 4 to 6 PM. There will be a ribbon cutting for both projects, tours and refreshments.

Mayor Randy Strasser reminded everyone this was his last council meeting. He wished good luck to the returning council as well as the new council members. Mayor Strasser extended his best wishes to the new mayor, Shane Evans. Mayor Strasser's final comment was: Good luck to all and God bless.

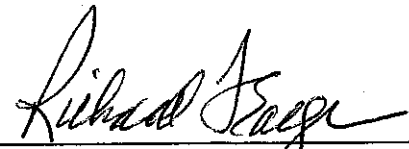
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Mayor Randy Strasser




Carolyn Pearson

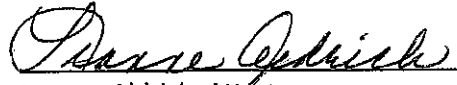
John Bennett



Richard Traeger, President



Brian Garrison



Leanne Aldrich, Attest