

COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strasser and he led council members and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call was given and the following council members were present: Richard Traeger, Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith and John Bennett.

Minutes from the meeting held in January were presented for approval. Richard Traeger noted the following correction needing to be made. Richard Traeger served on Economic Development not Dick Bradshaw. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Kathy Mylet was not present and therefore the rezoning issue on the residence of Claudanne Burke had to be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strasser and Brock Dawson had sent a copy of the possible revisions to be made to our present dog ordinance. We need a party identified to be responsible for the issues, either police, BOW or both. Some of the definitions in our ordinance might need updated. We need to check if our ordinance online is correct. Carolyn Pearson stated at one time we had an animal commission consisting of Flora, Delphi and townships. The county then became in charge of animal issues. The county determined not to fund animal control through their budget and Carolyn is not sure what became of the equipment when dissolved. Mayor Strasser stated we could have the first reading in March. Our city judge, David Weckerly had concerns with our present ordinance and wanted it cleaned up. Mayor Strasser stated if you have questions or suggestions, please contact Brock and then we can be ready at the next meeting.

FEMA – levee certification. VS Engineering did borings and elevations and put together reports and sent to FEMA. Repairs are needed and there is one spot that does not pass certification. The elevations of the tunnel from the area by Dollar General to Pizza Hut are not high enough. The backfill used at that time does not meet standards now. Congress ordered FEMA to certify what is good and work with cities on the bad parts. We had a meeting with INDOT and their engineers will work on this. A meeting will be held with FEMA on the 13<sup>th</sup> and we will give the projects and timelines. Jeff Watson questioned if we had received the floodgate grant. Mayor Strasser responded we had and in the amount of 1.6 or 1.7 million.

Steve Mullin reported he will be working on the Dare Program in Flora on Tuesday and Delphi on Thursday.

Dick VanSickle had supplied a written report but noted Accu Dig had done work for them. A broken line had been fixed by Craig Myers. An entry door had been replaced at the plant.

Aaron Lyons reported the salt barn is up and salt is stored and the men appreciate it. Cheryl Shockley thanked Aaron for the help around the court house. Nelson Smith asked how recycling was going.

Aaron has had at least 6 calls the totes are too big and asked to pick them back up.

Craig Myers stated Peerless is working on well #6. A large water leak had been found at P&R and another one on Riley Road. Mayor Strasser noted IPC was happy with the procedures followed by Craig with the leak as it does affect their business.

Darrell thanked Craig for his notification on the water leak. The antique LaFrance still needs a good home and Mayor Strasser is working on this issue. The fire department has designs and preliminary cost on a new truck. This new truck would replace the 505 Township truck.

Kevin Kologinski reported the floodgate grant is a go. Freedom Bridge is good. Interurban trail will be a year from now. Keller Development is working. The facades are working well and will be done in 3 phases. The Opera House is sitting good on private funds. Owner Occupied Housing will start in one week. A public meeting for streetscapes downtown will be held. Gateway Phase II involves work with RR to do a trail. We need to look at other sites for parking grant other than across from Wallmanns. Extreme Homes tore down the home on N. Union. Safe Routes has a \$10,000 grant for training programs. Officer Sharon Calles will work on this project. Bicycles will be bought for students and earned.

Mr. David Weckerly provided a 2014 Activity Report from Court and if there are any questions, please get in touch with Mr. Weckerly.

On February 23 or 24<sup>th</sup> a public meeting with final plans on Main St. rehabilitation will be held at the canal center with input on design.

County zoning ordinance – Mayor Strasser noted we want to be able to update our portion of the new Zimpher Subdivision and could have this done by end of this year or sooner.

Mayor Strasser had conversations with department heads to update their capital improvement plans. Mayor Strasser noted he has been working Nixel for four months to give information through phones, face book or emails. When we get our phone service updated we could possibly do through the new system.

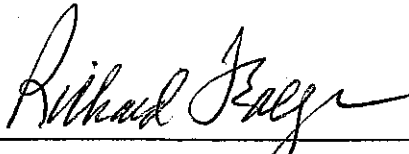
The hangar is complete and when warmer weather happens, the concrete can be sealed on the inside of the building and dirt work finished. Four of the six hangars are leased.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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
Mayor Randy Strasser

  
Carolyn Pearson

  
Richard Traeger, President

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Leanne Aldrich, Attest