

COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 4, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting. Council members and guests gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Minutes from the meeting held on April 6, 2015 was presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Bose McKinney & Evans LLP presented information on refinancing the 2000 water bond. The payment dates or amounts won't change but with the reduction in interest rate a savings of \$270,000 will be realized. Brian Garrison questioned what the cost of refinancing would be and was told it would be approximately \$124,000. The cost would be paid when the bond is closed. We do not have to proceed with this until the interest rate is in our favor and we are satisfied with the savings amount.

Authorization is needed as the first step. The second step in this process will be the bond ordinance followed by pricing and offering. We could probably have first reading on the bond in 45 to 60 days. John Bennett made the motion to proceed on the bond process. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mark Zimpher reported on the new subdivision. Paperwork should be wrapped up this month. After the 18<sup>th</sup>, stakes and flags will be set and will be ready to start. Prints will be brought to the June meeting. John Bennett questioned if part of the \$62,000 offered to Zimpher Development could be in-house. John stated he felt there would be times in-house work and cost on supplies could save all involved in the project. Brian Garrison and Richard Traeger requested copies of minutes from January through July concerning the development. Mark Zimpher stated he was not present to ask for money. His purpose in attending the meeting was to update the status of the project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2015-2. Dangerous Dogs. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2015-2 on second reading. Second by John Bennett. Brian Garrison questioned Steve Mullin if he was satisfied with the ordinance and Steve replied he was fine with the ordinance. Motion carried. (5-0)

Resolution 2015-1 Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$630,881.29 Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve resolution 1. Second by John Bennett. Brian Garrison asked if this was the budgeted amount for our share of the streetscape project and Mayor Strasser stated it was in our original budget. Motion carried. (5-0)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire: Darrell Sterrett stated an ISO Audit on the department will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Darrell stated the department is working on purchasing another fire truck. John Bennett asked if the truck is

already made. Darrell explained another truck is being built like the one the department wants and can be duplicated plus a new rescue system. Darrell questioned if the council will be willing to agree once the territory board makes a decision. Darrell also stated he wants the council more involved. It takes a lot of time in between territory board approval and then going back to the council. Darrell also feels the council could be better represented. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month. Darrell questioned the expedition of the sale of the LaFrance truck by Mayor Strasser. Darrell had a buyer that was told he did not fall within the time lines. John Bennett requested information on the selling price of the truck and Mayor Strasser reported it was \$1,300. Darrell stated the Fire Territory did not want the money considering how this was handled. Mr. Jenkins stated he had contacted the sites Mayor Strasser had used for listing the truck and found this had not been done. Mayor Strasser stated this was not the information he had given Mr. Jenkins and Mayor Strasser took exception to the remark. Richard Traeger and John Bennett felt we should know if it was legal for us to sell the truck. Nelson Smith stated the truck has been sold and it would not look good for the city to back out of the deal. Leanne stated the only issue for her was what she could and should do with the check. Leanne will talk with SBOA to receive instructions on procedure to follow.

**STREET:** Aaron Lyons stated they had been busy. Alley work with grading had been done. A lot of time had been with Riley Park. Three trees had been removed and paving stones installed. The leaf machine and salt machine was serviced. Thirty one tons of trash had been picked up on spring clean up. The swinging bridge had been inspected.

**WASTE:** Dick VanSickle reported the tile floor in the lab had been replaced. Three times issues with rags had to be addressed at the Market St. lift station. The lift station on 39 had issues with the pump.

**POLICE:** Steve Mullin reported letters had been written to owners with issues concerning debris and cars. The grant for the SRO officer for the next year has been approved. A dog owner was cited this evening. A written report was given to council members.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Kevin Kologinsky gave council members a written report and made the following notations:

Bidding in October on Floodgates

Bidding in October on Interurban

Celebration for Freedom Bridge

Facades going well

Gateway I over budget due to RR

Gateway II will see more engineering due to soft soil forcing changes.

Owner Occupied Housing is requiring new paperwork. IHEDA will monitor the grant on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May on the first phase and then we can proceed to phase II.

Opera House has a completion date of August. 150 years ago a ball was held for returning soldiers at the opera house.

Downtown lofts will be done by the end of September.

Brian Garrison questioned if this was the third time we were paying engineer cost on Gateway II. Kevin stated he did not think that was so. Mayor Strasser stated it was the third change just approved but that was due to the state giving numbers for estimates. Brian stated they (HWC) are the engineers and it does not seem like we should spent another \$44,000 on redoing their own work.

WATER: Craig Myers reported his department had painted the hydrants and the color of paint is coded for water flow. There had been three water leaks and they were fixed. 34.5 million gallons of water was pumped last month.

AIRPORT: John Gingrich stated fuel had been purchased at the end of the month and they had lowered the gas price. Brian Stirm is no longer the manager of the airport and they will be looking for someone to replace his position. A tractor is needed to pull the mower at the airport and Mayor Strasser had worked with John in making changes to the present budget that would allow the purchase of a new tractor. Carolyn Pearson questioned if John had worked with the clerk. John reported he had not but had worked with Mayor Strasser. Leanne responded she had not seen these figures until she saw the reports for the council but the figures do work and she can make the transfers now. Richard Traeger made the motion to adjust the budget figures for the 2015 budget. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0)

John Gingrich addressed the cost of the tractor to pull the mower and a new 0 turn riding mower for mowing around the hangars. The total cost for the two would be \$40,939.54. This will be paid out of the airport in 5 installments. Richard Traeger made the motion to purchase the tractor and mower. Seconds by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0) Carolyn Pearson abstained.

Mayor: Mayor Strasser reported IDEM released vacant lots (old Loy Quinn) with no restrictions for residential. Mayor Strasser thanked John Julien for attending on the bond issue and noted 30 days ago Umbaugh had a presentation on Stellar noting although bids had come in higher, we were staying on budget. Nelson Smith questioned John if he could see anything to put citizens in a bad place. John stated strongly he felt we were in an excellent position with our funds growing across the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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Richard Traeger, President

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