

COMMON COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016  
7:00 P. M.

Mayor Shane Evans opened the meeting with leading 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, Richard Traeger, Brian Garrison, Mike Shockley and Dale Seward.

Minutes from the January meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson noted the one correction made and motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Evans informed the council he had invited Brandt Hershman to attend the next meeting and wanted to make sure there were no objections.

**Clerk Report:** Clerk Treasurer noted the budget approval from DLGF had come back with a small reduction to the city budget as well as a reduction to the fire territory budget.

**Police Report:** Steve Mullin stated the parking ordinance is continuing to be enforced. Six new rifles had been received by the police department. Steve also noted they had a lock down at Camden Elementary when the robbery in Flora occurred. Brian questioned what would happen with the old guns. Steve explained he was waiting on SBOA for information on how to dispose of the old guns. If they can be sold, the money would go back into the TLEO line item the new guns were purchased from.

**Fire Report:** Darrell stated the department had 18 runs in December. The fire board is working on the agreement with the city and there is a meeting this Thursday night to draft the new proposal. Work is proceeding on plans for the new building.

**Street:** Aaron Lyons informed some pot hole work had been done. Work on park buildings had been completed. Lots of salt has been used.

**Wastewater:** Dick VanSickle noted the need for replacement check valves for the lift on 39 is needed. The line behind Body Works has lots of debris and Dick thinks this situation is a cause of problems when we have heavy rains. Carolyn Pearson questioned why we are paying for the check valves. Dick responded he was not sure who to go to, the engineer or the supplier or the contractor. First he needs to determine if it is an engineering error or what is the cause. Dick noted he has already replaced three impellers.

**Water:** Craig Myers reported 34,499,000 gallons of water were pumped in the month of December. The project on Masonic Street is almost done. Construction at well #6 should be done by the middle of March if weather cooperates. Mike Shockley thanked Craig and Dick for helping Jack Wilson with his issue.

**Community Development:** Kevin Kologinsky gave a status report on several grants. He stated we should soon have approval and permits from the Corp of Engineers on the floodgate project. On the Interurban Trail, Reith Riley was \$50,000 over bid. Freedom Bridge needs trees and lights replaced and therefore the grant cannot be closed out. Owner Occupied Housing II has a bid date of February 15, 2016 for facilitators for the project. Streetscapes II should happen early next week. One side will be done first and then work will begin on the other side of the street. Gateway Trail will have signs up for

construction area and trees will be coming down. For the blight elimination project, a bid of \$11,000 was received by Extreme Contracting for 315 N. Union St. Kevin is coordinating with the firm that oversees this project. Mike Shockley expressed concern with the contractor not being responsible for the sidewalk. Kevin stated we are also working with Habitat, the new owner of the lot when the project is completed, and perhaps they have money for this.

Mayor Evans informed the council they are responsible for a member to serve on the Planning Commission. Brian Garrison volunteered to serve on the Area Plan. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the appointment of Brian Garrison to Area Plan. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mayor Evans stated he will have an appointment to the Zoning Board by next meeting.

Laura Walls of Delphi Redevelopment brought an information packet to the council members. In April a financial statement will be ready. Laura noted Drew Sandora had resigned and Jerry Holsapple informed her he did not want to continue to serve. Mayor Evans requested council members to work within their area and find possible replacements for these two seats.

Mayor Evans would like to serve on the Northwest Solid Waste District in order to determine what is actually involved and possibly appoint someone else in the future. Richard Traeger made the motion to approve the appointment of Mayor Evans to the Northwest Solid Waste District. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

In regard to the changing of times for the BOW meetings, Mayor Evans requested the BOW can set their own time. Mayor Evans will have an ordinance ready for the next meeting to enable a first reading.

**Park, Rec Board:** Dale Seward met with Jane Abbott and requested Jane present her proposal. Jane stated she strongly believes there is a need for a park board and explained some of her thoughts. Some grants require a park board is in place. Other cities our size have park boards and produced good results. A park board is a good liaison for community members. A park board could slow down vandals and help with student involvement. Jane feels Mayor Evans proposal of making the BOW members the park board is giving one entity too much control.

Mike Shockley questioned who was responsible for reserving park rentals. He noted a personal friend had talked to four different people and ended up going to Lafayette.

Brian Garrison needs to know an opinion on what a board function is. Dick Traeger feels we need to study this issue more. Mayor Evans proposed Mike Shockley, Anita Force, Anita Werling Chris Neuman and Dale Seward continue to address this issue and report back to the council. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Meeting locations: Mayor Evans stated the Delphi Community School offered their building multi media room. If acceptable, this would require a suspension of the present ordinance. Brian Garrison made the motion to work with school and continue to make progress in the city building. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Brian Garrison made the motion to suspend the ordinance requiring meetings to be held in the city building. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Traeger made the motion to authorize our city attorney to draw up an ordinance for garbage receptacles.

Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)


HWC: Cory Whitesell plans for the downtown placed a stop sign on Main and Union. Data on traffic and accident data shows a need. Mike Shockley stated he had an issue with the bump outs and felt it was causing a problem for the fire department. Mike feels a 2way or 4 way might be better. Brian Garrison doesn't understand a stop sign one block before the stop light. Cory reminded the angle parking on both sides of the street will be an issue. Richard Traeger feels Cory should communicate with the fire department and then get back to the council.


Aaron Lyons reported the gauge on the highway for water levels when flooding is a possibility has been gone since 1977. The data from this gauge tells you how to handle the gates and slices. Purchasing the gauge would include training and allow us to log into web site as well as receive notifications. The city and USGS would split the cost. The initial cost is \$15,000, making the city cost \$7,500. The yearly maintance on this contract would be \$4,500. Carolyn Pearson questioned if we have not had this gauge since 1977, why is it so vital now? Carolyn Pearson made the motion to table this purchase and more discussions is needed with Aaron. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)


Mowers: Aaron Lyons requested permission for purchase of a new mower for the parks department from the park non reverting fund. The purchase price of the mower is \$9,839 with a \$2,000 trade in. Brian Garrison made the motion to approve the purchase of one mower. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)


Mayor Evans requested questions or comments from council or guests. Dale Seward requested financial information on Stellar grants.

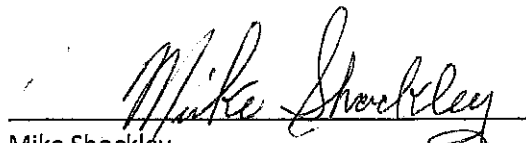
Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn and all agreed.

  
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