

COMMON COUNCIL
DECEMBER 4, 2017
7:00 P.M.
FORMER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Shane Evans called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given and the following were present: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Dick Traeger, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley.

Minutes from the meeting of November 6, 2017 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

Written reports were distributed to council members prior to the meeting. Mayor Evans asked if members had any questions for the department heads. Dale Seward asked Chief Mullin how many citations, written warnings and parking tickets had been issued in November. Chief Mullin stated there had been 6 citations, 0 written warnings and 13 parking tickets.

Dale Seward, serving on Area Plan, noted the APC is dealing with small animals and working on resolving for unincorporated towns. Dale also stated the APC provided a favorable recommendation for vacation homes.

Mike Shockley reported the walls of the Community Center had been foamed. Drywall had been delivered to the site and he thinks the drywall will be hung next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance 2017-19, *Ordinance Repealing Delphi Code Sections 30.25, 30.26 and 30.27 regarding Community Room*. Dick Traeger made a motion to pass on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance 2017-20, *Ordinance Permitting Vacation Rentals by Owner within U-1 and U-2 ones within City of Delphi*. Brian Garrison made a motion to pass on first reading. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. Mayor Evans asked if council desired to proceed with 2nd and 3rd reading. Carolyn Pearson stated her desire to wait to give the public a chance for input.

Proposed Ordinance 2017-21, *Ordinance Amending Common Council Meeting Schedule*. During discussion, Dick Traeger stated this was a clarification of what we are doing. Carolyn Pearson stated she did not feel meetings should be scheduled around one individual's schedule. Dale Seward noted being unfavorable to section 3. The council members amended the proposed ordinance to remove the third and last "Whereas" and amended subsection C (1) as follows: "The Common Council, at the regularly scheduled December meeting of each year, shall pass a resolution identifying the regular and stated meetings of the Council to be held the following calendar year. Regular and stated meetings of the Common Council should be held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Regular and stated

meetings may be held on dates other than the first Monday of each month if the first Monday of the month is a City Holiday." Dale Seward motioned to pass on first reading as amended. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Dale Seward moved to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for passage on the same day as introduction. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Carolyn Pearson moved to pass Ordinance 2017-21, as amended, on second reading. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Carolyn Pearson motioned to pass Ordinance 2017-21, as amended, on third and final reading. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

2018 Meeting Schedule. The August 13, 2018 Budget Workshop meeting time was amended to 5:30 p.m. from 6:30 p.m. Dale Seward motioned to approve the meeting schedule as amended. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

2018 Holiday Schedule. Mayor Evans presented the dates for holidays for the year 2018. Mike Shockley made the motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule as presented. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Ratings. Mayor Evans asked council members for updates on the sidewalk project. Carolyn Pearson stated it was hard to rate some as part is good and part is bad. Lots of streets in her area do not have sidewalks or curbs. Carolyn also stated she has time to do this homework but not all council members do. Brian Garrison reported struggling with his part even with the help of Mike Shockley. Brian stated he will try to have his area done by end of year. Mike Shockley noted the further you go from the center of the city, less sidewalks exist. Brian Garrison agreed but also stated there are areas within a few blocks of the Courthouse that need to be replaced. Carolyn Pearson feels residents should be willing to share in the cost. Carolyn emphasized how many streets have no sidewalks or curbs. Mike Shockley noted his neighborhood was constructed in 1978 and does not have one curb or sidewalk. Mayor Evans offered to look at curb, sidewalk and drains on Terrace Lane and get an estimate. Mayor Evans would like to have all reports by the end of the year. Mayor Evans and Aaron Lyons will put together a spread sheet and priorities. There are federal grants available but they have a 5-year lead. If we apply now, we would receive in 2022.

Community Cleanup. Mayor Evans asked the Council for recommendations on locations within the City of Delphi in need of a clean up and if there are organizations the Council could contact that would participate. Carolyn Pearson stated Leanne Aldrich had used the help of Delphi Business Women to cleanup the flowerbeds in the downtown area. Carolyn Pearson stated that maybe the business owners could help keeping the beds clean. Mayor Evans will write a letter to the businesses and ask for their help. Mike Shockley stated the Hamilton Street Hill is constantly littered.

Abandoned and Vacant Buildings. Mayor Evans asked the Council for suggestions on how to identify vacant or abandoned homes with the City of Delphi. Leanne Aldrich suggested it may be accomplished

through the water department's records and that it is possible for a report on inactive meters could be generated by the utility clerk.

Future Documents Desired. Mayor Evans asked the Council if there are other documents the Council would like relating to the 2017 calendar year or for planning for the 2018 calendar year. Dale Seward stated he believes things would flow better at budget time if each council member worked with a department head. He feels purchases would not be a big surprise when the budget for the next year is addressed. Carolyn Pearson stated the BOW should not be involved in the budget process. Brian Garrison noted at one time, the City had a five-year plan for capital expenditures. Mayor Evans stated he would like to introduce this again and then purchases for departments would not be a last-minute surprise.

Improvements 2018. Even though it was short notice, Mayor Evans asked for areas or situations the council members felt could be improved. Mike Shockley asked if the packets could be delivered earlier in the week. Mayor Evans stated he could get a lot of the information in the packets to the council members earlier in the week and would do so, but some of the packet info may not be available until Friday. One issue could be the meeting dates of Area Plan and the docket for the BOW. Carolyn Pearson stated there is room for improvement but she was not going to address this now. Mayor Evans asked if she could meet with him to discuss her feelings on this issue and she responded, maybe.


Legislative Goals 2018. Mayor Evans asked the council members for opinions on legislative goals or other areas of interest that should be the main focus of the council for 2018. Dick Traeger said he might have ideas by the next meeting.

Dick Traeger complimented the Street Department on cleaning up leaves.


Brian Garrison informed the council members he would be absent from the meetings held in February and March.

Sharon Milburn asked when the alley between the Rock Shop and the Crosby Hotel would reopen. She stated it was supposed to be closed a couple weeks and it has been closed for two months. Mayor Evans stated he would text the building owner and let Sharon know the next day.

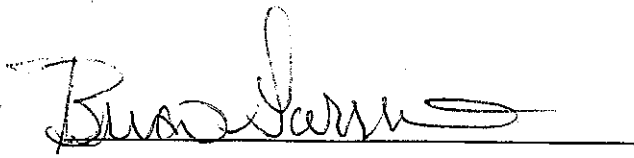
With no further business, Carolyn Pearson motioned to adjourn. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



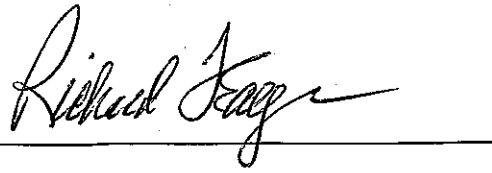
Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson



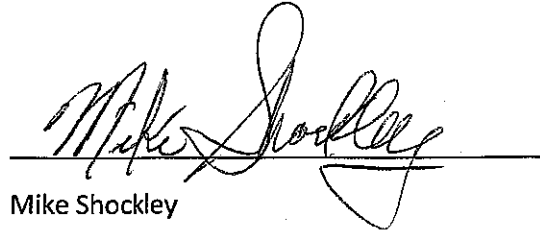
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Richard Traeger



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