

COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Roll Call: Dale Seward, Brian Garrison, Carolyn Pearson, and Mike Shockley were in attendance. Dick Traeger was absent. Marilyn McKnight was taking minutes for the meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held on the 7th of January 2019 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried (4-0).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE: Chief Mullin reported 2018 statistics and the January of 2019 statistics. In January of 2019 there were 11 arrests, 246 calls for service, 45 incident reports, 41 vehicle stops, 6 citations, 5 written warnings, 11 crash reports, 16 parking tickets, 1 handgun license, and 6,491 miles driven. Chief Mullin attached January news releases with his report.

STREETS: Aaron Lyons stated the Street Department had been removing a lot of snow in January. When they were not removing snow, they were working on fleet maintenance and stripping, sanding and priming the merry go round.

WATER: Craig Myers provided his monthly report and stated they had more frozen meters and leaks over the weekend. Mike Shockley asked about the storm drains at the corners of Market and Adams, Monroe and Market, and 800 W and Hamilton Street.

WASTEWATER: Dick VanSickle highlighted they had been doing maintenance on the front end loader, the Cottage Street lift station, and that there had been some freezing at the plant.

MAYOR: Mayor Evans highlighted that the Community Crossings Grant application had been submitted, the City of Delphi was not awarded a grant for an elevator, and letters were sent out to property owners who had a poorly rated sidewalk or curb abutting their property.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION: Dale Seward stated they elected officers at the January meeting and that they are still working on hiring a director.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mike Shockley stated the Grand Opening will be March 2nd and that Dale Seward is working on putting together the meeting minutes for Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich.

MISCELLANEOUS: Carolyn Pearson highlighted the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and all the work they've been doing over winter break and for other events pertaining to great family activities.

Mike Shockley said there is not a sign at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets which denotes what is E. Main Street and what is W. Main Street if you are approaching the intersection from the south heading northbound. Mayor Evans and Superintendent Lyons stated they will take a look at it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2019-3, *A Resolution Initiating a Zoning Amendment or Change of Zoning for Trinity Life Mission*. Mayor Evans explained that this resolution would be directed to the Area Plan Commission for a recommendation on how to allow Trinity Life Mission to operate in the Peters Industrial Development site. Jeff Watson stated he thinks that it would be allowable under I-2 zoning as the ordinance currently reads. Mayor Evans asked him if he was referring to the Delphi Zoning Ordinance or Carroll County Zoning Ordinance. Anita Werling stated that the owner may have to look at soil conditions if the property will be used for residential uses. Dale Seward asked the Council to approve the resolution and that it would help with substance abuse in the community. Dale Seward moved for approval. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried (4-0). Mayor Evans stated he would send the Resolution to Al Auffart.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mayor Evans stated that the Council had discussed having a special meeting to review proposed Ordinance 2019-2 which recodifies Title III of the Delphi Code. Brian Garrison moved to hold it on February 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried (4-0).

Mayor Evans explained it may be possible to apply for the Next Level Trails Grant without committing any city finances. He explained that the application is due by February 15 and the application would be submitted without any matching funds coming from the City of Delphi – rather, they the matching funds would be from work already completed on the trail or work that is anticipated to be completed using grant funds from different agencies. Jeff Watson asked if the project would flood his land. Dale Seward asked if there are studies that show trails provide economic development benefits. Carolyn Pearson moved to express support for the project with no city funds being contributed. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried (4-0).

Mayor Evans informed the Council that the City of Delphi was not awarded funds for the elevator for ADA accessibility. He asked for recommendations from the Council on how to proceed and where to hold meetings. Mike Shockley stated that we have a brand new building down the street – it may be a little more difficult for the Clerk-Treasurer to bring her paperwork down there but it may get more people to meetings. Brian Garrison stated that the money we put in to help build the Community Center is likely the money we would have matched the elevator grant with anyway and that we should meet at the Community Center. Dale Seward asked if we have a financial estimate for the cost of the elevator. Mayor Evans explained the estimate we have is likely higher than if the Council pursued an elevator using only local funds because the grant provides for prevalent wages and other contingencies due to the money coming from the federal government. Carolyn Pearson stated she does not believe we needed all the amenities that the engineer put in our proposal. Mayor Evans stated he will prepare a document for the March meeting which expresses that the Community Center will be used as Council Chambers. The Council will meet at City Hall at the March meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dale Seward asked where we are with the trolley. City Attorney Martin said she has all of Brian Stirm's contact information and we will have something next month.

Brian Garrison stated he thinks there are 7 empty buildings downtown and thinks it's because we don't have a Community Development Department. He stated our buildings are getting empty and we need to work on getting buildings full and getting a Community Development Director.

Mike Shockley asked how the Christmas Party was paid for. Mayor Evans stated that originally it was paid out of water and sewer funds as tax funds had been used for the party the two previous years, but was informed that SBOA did not permit utility funds to go toward the expenditure so the Promotional Fund reimbursed the water and sewer utilities.

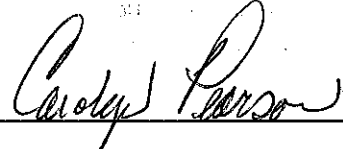
Mike Shockley asked what had happened with the properties that were to be sold. Mayor Evans explained the city went through the process required by statute in 2018 and did not hear from any interested buyers. He said he has talked to City Attorney Martin about the next steps in the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:


Jeff Watson pointed to items in the insurance policy that are no longer owned by the City – the Stone Barn, the bathroom at Trailhead Park, and that the Community Center is only insured for \$253,700. Mayor Evans stated he would talk to Johnson & Williamson.

With no further business, Carolyn Pearson moved to adjourn. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Shane Evans




Carolyn Pearson

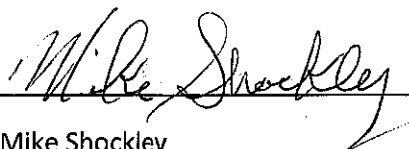


Brian Garrison

Richard Traeger



Dale Seward, President Pro Tempore



Mike Shockley