

COMMON COUNCIL
May 3, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich took the roll call:

Present were Gayle Conner, Sandra Flora, Mike Isley, Spencer Kingery, and Cody Nelson (by Zoom, then in person)

Minutes from the meeting held on April 5, 2021 were presented for approval. Spencer Kingery moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Without objection the minutes as amended were approved.

Minutes from the special –called meeting held on April 6, 2021 were presented for approval. Sandra Flora moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Without objection the minutes as amended were approved.

REPORTS

Fire Territory Executive Board. Mayor Werling reported that the board met on April 28th. Chief Dulin presented an agenda and updated the board on equipment received. He reported a delay on delivery of the generator.

Area Plan. Sandra Flora reported a preliminary plat for a subdivision in Jefferson Township was denied. Mark Hammons rescinded his request to rezone the lot at Front and Market Streets owned by the Watsons after a dispute over the purchase agreement. Twelve new residential permits were issued. Year-to-date permits are valued at more than \$6 million.

Delphi Redevelopment Commission

Gayle Conner reported the DRDC set its budget for the year.

On the Airport, she reported that the board was seeking help with a derelict plane. Attorney Martin stated that she had sent certified letters to the owner's address, but he has not responded. Mayor Werling recommended that Ken Ross, consultant to the airport, be queried about lawyers familiar with FAA legal matters who might assist. Conner also stated that hanger rent for one of the tenants was more than \$6,000 in arrears.

Department Reports

Without objection, the department head reports are incorporated by reference into the minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Werling invited Joe Mayfield, President of Delphi Preservation Society, to update the Council. Mayfield presented to Council and Board of Works members copies of the Delphi Opera House Economic Impact Statement detailing the financial contribution to the community during the first five years of operation.

Mark Harmon was introduced as the new Code Enforcement Officer. Harmon retired from a career in corrections with the State. Since starting on April 19th Harmon has issued 54 warnings to 34 property owners for abandoned vehicles, abandoned properties, unsafe structures, tall grass and weeds, and other violations. Mayor Werling stated that the City plans to relicense the extra pool car from police to municipal so that Harmon can use that vehicle while on duty. Code enforcement software has been

purchased from GOGovApps.com. The cloud-based system will enable data and photographs to be entered via a tablet. Once up and running, Council members will be able to view the database.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Werling presented proposed Ordinance 2021-3 *Ordering Four-Way Stop Traffic Control Devices* at the intersections of Market and Monroe Streets, Washington and Monroe Streets, and Union and Main Streets. Mike Isley moved to pass Ordinance 2021-3 on second reading. Second by Spencer Kingery. In the discussion Spencer Kingery expressed concern about the backup of traffic at Main and Union Streets. Gayle Conner concurred and moved to amend proposed Ordinance 2021-3 to remove the Main and Union Street intersection. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried (4-1). Ayes: Conner, Flora, Isley, Kingery; Nay: Nelson. Gayle Conner suggested making Union Street one-way eastward from Main to Front Street and one-way westward from Main to Hamilton. Mayor Werling called for the question on amended Ordinance 2021-3. Motion carried. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance 2021-4 *Establishing Fund for the American Rescue Plan Act* was introduced. The fund is required to receipt and track expenses for the ARPA. The City of Delphi will receive \$610,000 over a two-year period with funds required to be spent by December 2024. Spencer Kingery moved to approve Ordinance 2021-4 on first reading. Second by Sandra Flora. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mayor Werling asked the Council to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2021-4 on the day of introduction. Spencer Kingery moved to suspend the rules. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried unanimously.

Gayle Conner moved to pass Ordinance 2021-4 on second reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Gayle Conner moved to pass Ordinance 2021-4 on third and final reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (5-0)

It was agreed to have a joint meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Common Council to review how the ARPA Fund might be spent.

Proposed Ordinance 2021-5 *Vacating an Unused Portion of a Certain Alley and Street* was introduced. Attorney Martin provided a map of the property in question including parcels along Monroe at Pearl to the west of Save-a-Lot. Pearl Street north of Monroe would be vacated; the associated alleys would be vacated so that the owner could sell the parcels. Spencer Kingery moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mayor Werling asked the Council to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 2021-5 on the day of introduction. Gayle Conner moved to suspend the rules. Second by Sandra Flora. Motion carried unanimously.

Spencer Kingery moved to pass Ordinance 2021-5 on second reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Spencer Kingery to pass Ordinance 2021-5 on third and final reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Board Comments.

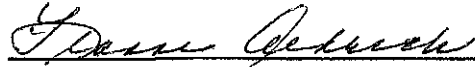
Gayle Conner asked for an update on the SBRG II; Mayor Werling stated that all final reports had been received except one; Bill's Rock Shop asked for an extension until July with the understanding that the business would not be eligible for additional funds until the report was submitted. Mike Isley noted that

some of the "blue" lights had been fixed and asked about the status of the others. Mayor Werling indicated that Duke had committed to replacing the 100 lights in Delphi that had the faulty diode. Sandra Flora encouraged all Council members to tour the Wastewater Treatment plant. Flora indicated that Dick VanSickle was very informative and that there were issues with the plant that would need to be addressed in coming months.

There being no public comments, Spencer Kingery moved to adjourn. Second by Gayle Conner. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest