

COMMON COUNCIL
December 6, 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, Mike Isley, Spencer Kingery, and Cody Nelson. Sandra Flora was absent.

A quorum being present, the meeting was suspended at 6:07 p.m. and the public hearing on the proposed increase in the rate for curbside trash and recycling collection from \$10.00 to \$13.00 per month. There being no one wishing to speak on the matter, the public hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m. and the Council meeting resumed.

Minutes from the meeting held on November 1, 2021 were presented for approval. Gayle Conner noted two corrections. Cody Nelson moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Without objection the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Mayor Werling reported on the October 2th Fire Territory Executive Board meeting for November and December will be held December 8th.

The Carroll County Administrative Transportation Committee met in person focusing on review of survey questions for community input and census data.

Reporting on Area Plan Commission, Kamron Yates reported 40 new dwellings for the year. Family Dollar construction was progressing in Delphi.

Gayle Conner reported on the Delphi RDC was waiting for the MOU with the DCSC school board. The Airport Board had advertised for bids for a derelict plane on the grounds.

Cody Nelson indicated that the Northwest Solid Waste District meeting would be coming up.

Without objection department head reports were incorporated into the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Broadband.

JT Doane recapped that the Council had heard proposals from three providers of broadband services. Doane recommended that the Council enter into an agreement with Broadway Broadband and that ARPA funds be utilized for installation. Councilwoman Conner suggested that any agreement stipulate that the entire City would be covered, period of time that rates will be held, and cost to customer. Councilman Nelson asked what the cost to hookup would be for each resident. Doane will arrange a meeting with Broadway to get clarification on these items as well as references from existing customers.

Gayle Conner moved to designate ARPA funds for broadband installation. Second by Cody Nelson.

Motion carried. (4-0)

Proposed Resolution 2021-14 was presented to set aside \$2.5 million of reserves in a restricted fund to incentivize residential development in the Burnbrae Farms area. Spencer Kingery moved to approve. Second by Cody Nelson. Gayle Conner asked what the funds could be used for. Mayor Werling responded that surveying, drainage studies, preliminary engineering, designating phase I development and infrastructure planning were among expenses that could be considered. Spencer Kingery wanted

reassurance that the owner would not get City dollars and then not follow the development plan. Werling responded that a letter of intent and/or memorandum of understanding would be required with the owner before any funds could be committed. Motion carried. (3-1 Ayes: Isley, Kingery, Nelson; Nay: Conner)

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance 2021-15 setting the rate for trash collection was presented setting the monthly rate for curbside trash and recycling pickup at \$13.00. Mike Isley moved to pass Ordinance 2021-15 on first reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Gayle Conner reiterated her desire that trash collection be free. Cody Nelson reiterated his position that the City dollars could be better used for projects. Motion carried. (3-1 Ayes: Isley, Kingery, Nelson; Nay: Conner)

Proposed Ordinance 2021-16 was presented to adopt State purchasing policy. Cody Nelson moved to pass Ordinance 2021-16 on first reading. Second by Mike Isley. Conner indicated that the Council in 2012 voted more restrictive purchasing authority that allowed the coffers of the City to increase since then. When asked by Conner for reasons to change current policy, Mayor Werling offered that the department heads were all seasoned professionals accustomed to managing their budgets. Requiring three quotes for purchases over \$5,000 caused delays and additional costs for routine projects. The Council approved the budget and department heads should be allowed leeway to spend within those budgeted amounts. Should budgets be exceeded, Council would need to approve an additional appropriation of funds and transfers. Conner suggested tabling the matter to allow more time for research. Werling noted this was just the first reading and there would be two more opportunities to modify the ordinance. Ordinance 2021-16 passed on first reading. (3-0-1 Ayes: Isley, Kingery, Nelson; Abstain: Conner)

Proposed Ordinance 2021-17 to rezone properties on North Market Street from Industrial to Urban I was presented with a favorable recommendation from the Area Plan Commission. Cody Nelson moved to approve on first reading. Second by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried. (4-0)
Spencer Kingery moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of Ordinance 2021-17 on second and third readings. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)
Mike Isley moved to pass Ordinance 2021-17 on second reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)
Spencer Kingery moved to pass Ordinance 2021-17 on third and final reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)

Resolution 2021-15 to set the schedule for 2022 Council meetings was introduced. Cody Nelson moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried. (4-0)

2022 Council Meetings

Monday, January 3, 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 7, 6:00 p.m.	Monday, August 1, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 7, 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, September 6, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.	Monday, October 3, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.	Monday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.	Monday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Werling presented a signed letter of intent between the City of Delphi and Ryan Brown who wishes to donate a portion of his property on which the Centennial Marker and Monument are located. The City would pay to have a survey that will separate about .3 acres to include the monument and access to the Monon High Bridge Trail. An easement on the vacated section of Old Camden Road will also be donated. The City will pay to connect Mr. Brown's residence to the sewer system, the surveying costs, and expenses related to deed and easements. Gayle Conner moved that the City accept the donation of the property under the terms of the letter of intent. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)

Presented for information only were route maps and documents from Wabash Valley Power Association requesting easements on two City of Delphi parcels — one near Miller Park on the Monon High Bridge Trail and the second on East Main Street at the entrance to SR25. The Mayor and Miriam Robeson will meet with Brian Anderson of WVPA on December 15th to discuss the route and the appraisals for the options offered on the easement. Actionable items will likely be on the December 20th agenda. The City would have preferred a different route that would have kept the transmission line on the other side of SR25. While the City could fight the route, WVPA could exercise eminent domain and would likely win after much expense to the City in fighting it.

COMMENTS

Spencer Kingery asked about the status of the Small Business Resilience Grants Round IV. Mayor Werling replied that the application had been updated and posted on the City's website and a press release sent to the Comet. Notifications will be sent via Facebook and email to previous applicants.

Gayle Conner asked about the schedule for the Comprehensive Plan for which the City applied to OCRA for a grant. Werling replied that the announcement was expected December 7 and that requests for proposals from consulting firms would need to be sent out. The process was not likely to get underway until January 2022. A steering committee will be formed to assist with the project and community input will be gathered at several public meetings.

Richard Hawkins at 306 Armory Road complained about the number of vehicles speeding on Armory Road in the school zone. Chief McCain and Superintendent Lyons discussed measures to improve the compliance in the school zone.

Tony Brooks on Summit Street expressed his opinion that the \$2.5 million could be used for better purpose. Complained about a lawnmower driven as a vehicle on East Main Street and throughout town.

Sharon Milburn at 304 Armory Road said that the former police chief said that he could issue warnings to drivers based on photographs. Chief McCain stated that was not possible within code.

JT Doane recommended a sign that shows your speed to which others responded that one already was there.

Gayle Conner recommended speed bumps be installed on Armory Road in the school zone.

There being no further comments, Cody Nelson moved to adjourn. Second by Mike Isley. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest