

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

February 7, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich took the roll call:

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

Mayor Werling asked for a moment of silence in memory of fallen Carroll County Sheriff Deputy Noah Rainey and Jail Deputy Dane Northcutt who lost their lives in service to the community and who have been laid to rest.

The minutes from the January 3rd regular meeting and the January 25th special meeting were presented for review. Both sets of minutes were initially passed when it was determined by attorney Robeson that there was not proper quorum without a majority of Council members physically present in the room. Cody Nelson indicated that he could attend in person. The meeting was suspended and resumed once Nelson arrived. Cody Nelson moved to approve the January 3, 2022 minutes. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried. (3-0) Gayle Conner moved to approve the January 25, 2022 minutes. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Without objection the reports from Department Heads were incorporated into the minutes.

At 6:11 p.m., Mayor Werling suspended the regular meeting and opened the public hearing on the City of Delphi's ADA Compliance Plan and Title VI Implementation Plan as advertised in the Comet. Werling stated that drafts of the plan had been posted on the City's website and available at the City Building. There being no one wishing to speak on the matter, the public hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m. and the Council meeting resumed.

Mayor Werling asked for a change in order of business to consider the resolutions regarding the ADA Compliance and the Title VI Implementation Plans. No objections were heard.

Resolution 2022-3 Adoption of the ADA Compliance Plan was presented. Mike Isley moved to approve. Second by Gayle Conner. Cody Nelson asked what instigated the resolutions. Werling replied that the City's ADA Plan was adopted in 2013 but subsequent compliance plans were not filed as required. Many other cities were notified of their status at the end of last year and that compliance would be required for eligibility for federal grants including Community Crossings Matching Grant program. Butler Fairman & Seufert has assisted the City in updating its plans. Dave Buck from BF&S elaborated. Conner asked if the resolution could be passed without the self-evaluation having been completed. David Miehle, an ADA consultant for BF&S, responded the etiquette handbook was a critical piece for department heads to review so that they understand what is needed for compliance. The self-evaluation is ongoing and the City will continue to implement the guidelines. For example, the website will be reviewed for

terminology that might need to be updated. Similarly, the Code of Ordinances will be reviewed and amended as needed. Resolution 2022-3 was approved. (3-0)

Resolution 2022-4 Adoption of Title VI Implementation Plan was introduced. Cody Nelson moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried. (3-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Returning to normal order of business, Mayor Werling indicated that Krista Watson had asked to bring a parking issue to Council. Watson was not present.

Armory Road. Superintendent Lyons updated the Council on the study that had taken place following the January 3rd meeting at which Council expressed the desire to explore the installation of speed bumps on Armory Road. Lyons contacted BF&S—the City’s consulting engineer—and LTAP for assistance. Both indicated that speed bumps were not recommended for Armory Road, first because the road is classified as a major collector; secondly because there is a medical facility on the road and speed bumps slow down emergency vehicles. LTAP recommended calming measures such as mini circles or chicanes to slow traffic. Lyons said that some of these could be introduced short term but others would need to wait for reconstruction of Armory Road. Lyons and Werling indicated that the engineering work for Armory would begin to plan for curbs and sidewalks, storm sewers, and traffic calming chicanes or mini circles. Bump outs at the crossings could slow traffic and create shorter travel distance for pedestrians. LTAP and BF&S recommend signs at crosswalks with multiple flashers. Lyons introduced possibility of beacon flashers that could be programmed with up to 16 changes per day allowing the school or city to set the flashers for evening events, etc.

Council members discussed other possibilities including stop signs on either side of the crosswalk, yield signs, crossing guards, pedestrian-activated stop light, and others.

Sharon Milburn suggested second crosswalk close to US421. Lyons responded that would be too close to the highway.

Richard Hawkins stated he liked the idea of stop signs but agreed that people won’t stop; stated he liked the idea of the beacons; encouraged action before someone gets hurt.

Dave Buck was asked for his recommendations short term: Enforcement of speed limit; use of crossing guard at peak times; red flasher announcing speed turns green when proper speed reached; flashing beacon—can be activated at night during school events.

Gayle Conner made a motion for Superintendent Lyons to order and install the programmable beacons at the beginning and end of the school zone on Armory Road. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SBRG IV Review. Mayor Werling asked if the Council members present had completed a review of the 31 applications. Conner: no; Isley: yes; Nelson: yes. With only two members present who had reviewed the applications, the Council could not proceed to evaluate, rank, and decide on awards. Werling asked if Council would meet in special session the week of January 14th so that awards could be determined. Tuesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. was decided by those present.

Businesses receiving awards would then be passed on to K-IRPC to confirm income eligibility with a goal of having the grants on their own docket for BOW on Wednesday, February 23rd. Should K-IRPC find any businesses ineligible, Council might need to meet briefly on Tuesday, February 22nd to make any changes

to the awards. If approved by BOW, or approved with amendment, checks could go to businesses by the end of February.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-1 was introduced on first reading to accept the recodification of the City of Delphi Code of Ordinances. Cody Nelson moved to approve. Second by Gayle Conner. Motion carried. (3-0.)

Gayle Conner moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of Ordinance 2022-1 on second and third readings on the day of introduction. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (3-0.)

Gayle Conner moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of Ordinance 2022-1 on second reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (3-0.)

Gayle Conner moved to suspend the rules to allow passage of Ordinance 2022-1 on third and final reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (3-0.)

Bobcat vs. Truck. Superintendent Lyons had budgeted to purchase a new truck in 2022 however trucks are not obtainable for the rest of this year. The Streets Department had planned to budget in 2023 for a Bobcat that could also assist with trail maintenance. The Bobcat is available if we place the order immediately at a cost of \$55,893. We ask consensus from Council to allow this switch in budget items. The incremental \$893 will come from Tools and Equipment. Consensus from Council was to switch the budget years for Bobcat and truck.

BOARD COMMENTS

None

CLERK-TREASURER COMMENTS

None

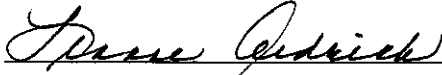
PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

There being no additional business, Gayle Conner moved to adjourn. Second by Mike Isley. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest