

COMMON COUNCIL
2d Floor City Building, 202 S. Union Street
August 7, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich called the roll. Present were Sandra Flora, Spencer Kingery, Cody Nelson, and Dave Weckerly. Mike Isley was on Zoom, but could not be seen or heard and was therefore not counted as present. There being a quorum in the room, the meeting proceeded.

Nathan D. LaMar was sworn in as Chief of Police by Mayor Werling. Many family members and guests were present for the ceremony.

Minutes from the July 3, 2023 meeting were presented. Cody Nelson moved to approve the minutes as read. Second by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried. (4-0)

REPORTS

Without objection the department reports were incorporated by reference to the minutes for this meeting. There were no other reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jake Adams, Executive Director of the Carroll County Economic Corporation updated the Council on progress made during the 2022-23 contract period. During the period from 2021-2023 more than \$33.5 million in private investment has been made in Carroll County and \$56 million in new housing construction. Among the programs touted were Leadership Carroll County, Early Learning Alliance, Lake Freeman Economic Impact Study, and others. On the housing front, the CCEDC has worked with Delphi to attract a 68-unit apartment building, establish an RTIF, and work with Greater Lafayette Region on a Housing Study. Adams presented a proposal to return to a four-year contract for services. The current per capital rate of \$11.50 per each of the 2961 residents (2020 census) resident would increase by \$.50 per year for each of the four years beginning with \$12.00 in 2024 and ending at \$13.50 in 2027. A formal request will come at a later meeting.

Community Development Director JT Doane presented the details of the City's Rain Barrel project modeled on the one offered in Monticello as described by Bob Lindley at a December council meeting. Delphi has an initial supply of 35 drums from the Ball Manufacturing plant in Monticello. The barrels initially contained a non-toxic soap agent. To request a barrel, residents may email rainbarrel@cityofdelphi.org with their contact information so that delivery may be arranged. Currently, the limit is one barrel per address. Doane explained that a diverter kit would need to be purchased by the resident to collect rainwater and attach a hose to the barrel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief LaMar updated the Council on the status of orders for patrol cars. The 2023 budget assumed the purchase of one car ordered from Bloomington Ford November 14, 2022 at \$42,882. \$20,724 was encumbered from 2022 and \$35,000 budgeted in 2023 totaling \$55,724. Once outfitted, the price for the police car was projected at \$62,289. In discussions earlier in 2023, the Council consented to

instituting a take-home car policy and to purchasing two additional cars in 2023 if funds could be secured. LaMar reported that Bloomington Ford had several white Explorers that had been ordered for another police department which canceled their order. Chief LaMar said that three cars could be purchased and outfitted for \$184,670; four cars for \$247,944. The order for the cars would need to be made quickly, but was not binding should the city decide it couldn't fund the purchase this year. Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich indicated that an application to USDA for funding of the additional cars was unsuccessful, but that the City could reapply for the next cycle. Aldrich questioned whether there were adequate funds to proceed with purchase of the additional cars without taking on debt indicating that Security Federal would likely provide a loan for purchase and outfitting of the cars. Following further discussion Spencer Kingery moved to approve ordering four Explorers from Bloomington Ford and to continue to seek funding for additional cars with the understanding that the order for the additional three cars might need to be canceled. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)

Ordinance 2023-7 Authorizing Bonds for the Front Street Apartment project was presented as amended on second reading. Spencer Kingery motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-7 on second reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Kingery asked why the limit had changed from \$1.5 million to \$1.7 million. Mayor Werling explained that the bonds would be purchased by the developer who wished to include interest in the amount of the bond raising it to \$1.7 million. Motion carried. (4-0) Spencer Kingery moved to pass Ordinance 2023-7 on third and final reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

A request from Craig Myers to vacate two alleys adjacent to his property on Arnold Street was presented as advertised in the May 24, 2023 issue of the Comet. Mayor Werling asked if anyone wished to speak on the topic. Laura Blaydes with the law firm Withered Burns stated that the neighbor at 301 N. Arnold Street did not object to the vacation of the alley, but wished to note that the property being vacated would be split equally by the adjacent property owners. Attorney Robeson confirmed that that was the understanding. Dave Weckerly moved to approve the vacation of alleys. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)

Mayor Werling introduced the MOU prepared by Attorney Robeson whereby the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce would administer a revolving loan program for businesses located within the corporate limits. \$30,000 from the 2023 EDIT budget would provide the initial funds from the Delphi Main Street and Promotion line items. Julie Leahy and Amy Beechy described the revolving loan program initially funded with a \$99,000 grant from the USDA which had resulted in \$129,000 in loans being issued to Carroll County businesses. USDA has announced an additional \$99,000 will be granted to expand that program. The City of Delphi's \$30,000 will be placed in a separate fund; the same review panel will be utilized; businesses with less than two years of operation will be required to attend the BizExcel program and prepare a business plan; minimum loans of \$5,000; present interest rate of 3%; interest accruing on the account would go to the CCCC for administering the program; the CCCC would provide reports on loans issued, repayment status, etc. The CCCC will submit an invoice for the \$30,000 to be on the BOW docket August 21. Spencer Kingery moved to approve the MOU. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0)

The Council agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16 for a 2024 budget workshop.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Spencer Kingery noted the positive feedback he had received regarding the presence of police in the downtown.

Sandy Flora stated she had a resident question her about a contractor working on a lift in the downtown without proper safety measures. Mayor Werling indicated that it was the building owner, not a contractor. Attorney Robeson stated that the owner had the liability, not the City. Flora noted the high number of fake 911 calls. Kingery responded that all community dispatches were seeing increases in false 911 calls whether due to pranks, misdials, or improper requests for non-emergency information. Mike Isley asked about a concern raised regarding dogs kenneled in a residential area. Mayor Werling stated that Animal Control had visited the location as had local police, however, no actionable violations were found.

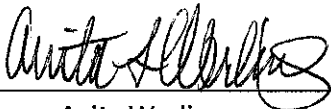
Cody Nelson asked for an update on the broadband project. Mayor Werling offered to get an update for Council at the August 16 special meeting. Julia Leahy noted that Broadway Broadband was having a ribbon cutting at their East Main Street building on August 15.

JT Doane reminded the Council about the Old Settlers Festival running from August 10 through the 13th with setup beginning on August 8.

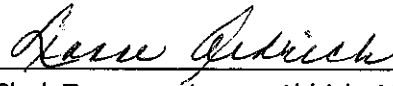
Julia Leahy announced that Governor Holcomb would be attending the Indiana Bacon Festival on Saturday, August 26 and would at 4:00 p.m. would make a proclamation.

Mayor Werling announced two dates: September 6 for dedication of the Monon High Bridge Trail project and September 19 for groundbreaking for the apartment building. More details as they become available.

There being no further business, board or public comments, Spencer Kingery moved to adjourn. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest