

COMMON COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2020
4:00 PM
ELECTRONIC MEETING

Mayor Shane Evans called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Gayle Conner, Spencer Kingery were present. Mike Isley and Sandy Flora were absent. Also participating guests include Ron Allbaugh, Cory Dunbar, Abigail Deiner, Anita Werling, Cynthia and Inger, Debbie Lowe, Erin Jubril, Julia Leahy, Kate Layman, Mark & Trish Mendel and Bill Bradshaw.

Mayor Evans noted the need to finalize the details on the Delphi Small Business Resilience Grant. It is proposed each business would be eligible for a grant of \$5,000 toward COVID-19 related expenses. The grant through OCRA would be for \$198,600. Mayor Evans introduced *Proposed Resolution 2020-9, Resolution Authorizing Application Submission*. This resolution would allow the Mayor to apply for the grant. Mayor Evans noted his opinion the Common Council would fund the businesses even if not receiving the grant. This grant will be awarded very quickly. The only cost to the City of Delphi would roughly be \$4,000 for grant administration and this would come from an EDIT line item. Mayor Evans asked for a motion and second to pass *Proposed Resolution 2020-9* on first and final reading. Spencer Kingery made the motion to pass Resolution 2020-9 on first and final reading. Second by Gayle Conner. At this time Mayor Evans opened the floor for discussion.

Gayle Conner asked about the \$4,000 and Mayor Evans replied it would pay KIRPC for administration cost.

Kingery – no questions.

Nelson - no questions.

Mayor Evans asked for a vote on Proposed Resolution 2020-9.

Gayle Conner – aye.

Spencer Kingery – aye.

Cody Nelson – aye.

Motion carried. (3-0)

Mayor Evans introduced *Proposed Resolution 2020-8, A Resolution Concerning the Small Business Resilience Grant Amid the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*. Mayor Evans asked for a motion and second prior to discussion for passing *Proposed Resolution 2020-9-8*. Cody Nelson made the motion to pass Resolution 2020-8. Second by Spencer Kingery.

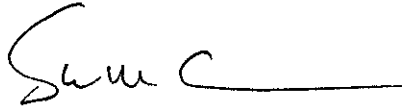
1. Mayor Evans questioned if \$5,000 is enough to be awarded to each business. All three council members felt it was. The guest all stated it would be very helpful and appreciated.
2. Mayor Evans questioned if \$198,600 was a sufficient amount available to be awarded. All council members felt it was sufficient.
3. Mayor Evans said he had received interest from 3 members of the Council to serve on the scoring committee. Mayor Evans asked if a 4-member committee consisting of 2 from the Council, 1 from the County Chamber and 1 from the City Chamber. Gayle Conner expressed

her desire to see all 5 members of the Council on the scoring committee. Both Spencer Kingery and Cody Nelson agreed with her.

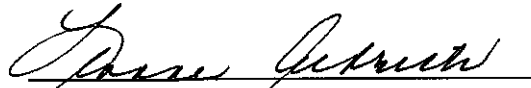
4. Mayor Evans produced and shared a potential scoring rubric. Mayor Evans asked for satisfaction or other criteria that should be considered. Gayle Conner stated that some from other cities made businesses with unpaid taxes unable to apply. The application will cover this situation. Everyone felt the scoring rubric looked good.
5. Mayor Evans asked if franchises would be eligible. Gayle Conner felt franchises should not be eligible but Dr. Norman's, used as an example, would be eligible. Both Cody and Spencer felt all could apply and the scoring would solve the issue.
6. Mayor Evans questioned the Council concerning governmental units. A no response was received from all three council members.
7. Mayor Evans asked about non-profit organizations. Gayle Conner felt not the first round, possibly the second round. Gayle noted the Opera House had received \$15,000 from Deer Creek Township and the Canal had received \$10,000. Both Spencer Kingery and Cody Nelson felt non-profit organizations should receive funding in the first round.
8. Mayor Evans questioned about businesses located in Delphi but doing the majority of their business outside city limits. All three council members felt applications could be filled out and then scoring would solve issues.
9. Mayor Evans questioned about two or more businesses owned by the same owner. Gayle Conner felt each business is own entity and Spencer Kingery along with Cody Nelson agreed.
10. Mayor Evans asked if total employees should have anything to do with the application. Gayle Conner noted the applications from other cities that she had studied had 20/25 employees. Spencer Kingery felt 20/25 for full and part-time was a good number. Cody Nelson agreed.
11. Mayor Evans asked if the council members asked for types of businesses that should be eligible or ineligible that have not been listed. Council members did not have a thought either way. There were two comments from guests. Anita Werling asked to clarify about the \$15,000 received from Deer Creek Township. Anita noted this was a budgeted amount from the Township and has been a part of the Opera House's budget process for several years. Anita also stated that at this time, the funds have not been given to the Opera House. Anita has discussed this situation with the Township Trustee and was told payment might be received in June and December. Erin Jubril is concerned she has been in business less than 6 months.
12. Mayor Evans asked if April 24th at 4:30 PM would be sufficient for businesses to submit their paper work. All members of the council felt it was good.
13. Mayor Evans asked if all paperwork is in by the 24th, can all scores be compiled by the following Friday. All members agreed.

Mayor Evans asked for any further discussions or suggestions. With no further discussions, Mayor Evans called the question as to passage of Proposed Resolution 2020-8. Gayle Conner, aye; Spencer Kingery, aye; Cody Nelson, aye.

Mayor Evans noted a need to adjourn was needed. Cody Nelson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Gayle Conner. Gayle Conner, aye; Spencer Kingery, aye; Cody Nelson, aye. Motion carried. (3-0)
Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.



Mayor Shane Evans



Leanne Aldrich, Attest