

COMMON COUNCIL
DECEMBER 7, 2020
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER, 311 N. WASHINGTON STREET

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. This meeting was conducted over Zoom.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich took the roll call:

Present were Gayle Conner, Sandra Flora, Cody Nelson, and Spencer Kingery; Mike Isley joined later.

Minutes from the meeting held on November 2, 2020 were presented for approval. Gayle Conner moved to approve. Second by Sandra Flora. Motion carried. (Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, and Nelson; Nays: none.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance 2020-9, An Ordinance Regarding Unsafe Buildings. Gayle Conner moved to pass the ordinance on third and final reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried. (Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, and Nelson; Nays: none.)

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Resolution 2020-19 to adopt the schedule of Common Council meetings for 2021 was presented. Gayle Conner moved to approve. Second by Spencer Kingery. In discussion, Cody Nelson asked is the meeting time might be changed from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The consensus was to leave the start time at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried. (Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, and Nelson; Nays: none.)

Proposed Resolution 2020-20 Concerning Round Two (2) of the Small Business Resilience Grant program amid the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency was introduced. Round Two would utilize the remaining \$110,520 in funding from the CARES act grant received by the City of Delphi through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Spencer Kingery moved to pass the resolution. Second by Cody Nelson. Council members reported that businesses they contacted in Delphi were largely still feeling the impact of COVID and were concerned about what the rise in cases would bring; all welcomed another round of grants. Changes discussed for the implementation of Round II included: use 25 or fewer full-time-equivalent for the number of employees; request that applications be typewritten; require business to meet Governor's mask mandate; the income verification form required to determine eligibility for funding through the OCRA grant to be included in the application packet. Concerning scoring of the applications, PPT Conner suggested that the scoring rubric be revisited by Council members and guidelines put in place to ensure members are using the same criteria in ranking. Conner will poll members on availability and ask that a work session be scheduled before scoring begins. Motion carried. (Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, and Nelson; Nays: none.)

Proposed Resolution 2020-21 regarding reimbursement for Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with CARES Act funding was introduced. Gayle Conner moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried. (Ayes: Conner, Flora, Isley, Kingery, and Nelson; Nays: none.) Mayor Werling indicated that the funds reimbursed needed to be spent before the end of the year. Department heads are putting together requests and quotes for items in support of essential services which will be presented for approval at the December 21 meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety; potential items include a police car, emergency generator for a wastewater lift station, respirators, defibrillator for the City Building, etc.

Mayor Werling asked to suspend the rules to enable the Council to discuss possible legislation regarding enforcement of the Governor's mask mandate. PPT Conner said that she had contacted the Council's attorney Eric Burns whose opinion it was that it was permissible for the Council to discuss new business without specific legislation being presented. Mayor Werling returned to the matter at hand regarding enforcement of the mask mandate. The consensus of the Council was that an enforcement ordinance was not needed.

December 30th was set for a meeting for the Council to consider end-of-year encumbrances and transfers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Werling announced that the Governor would release awards for Community Crossing Matching Grants on December 8; the City has applied for several infrastructure projects. OCRA has announced a Phase III of CARES Act funding for which the City will be eligible to apply by mid-January. A VoIP phone system was approved by the BOW for installation by VisualEdge IT. KJG Architecture will conduct a structural review of the City Building along with plans for space utilization and future maintenance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mike Isley expressed interest in having Christmas decorations at Riley Park. Mayor Werling indicated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had that as a possible project and said she would send Isley contact information.

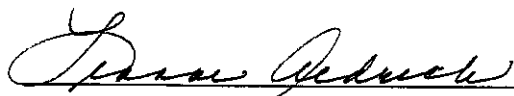
OTHER COMMENTS

Attorney Martin asked if the City wished to return to having all Council members sign ordinances and resolutions. It was determined that that was not necessary at this time, particularly with COVID numbers being high in the County and the City Building with restricted entry.

There being no further comments, Mike Isley moved to adjourn. Second by Gayle Conner. Motion carried. (Ayes: Conner, Flora, Kingery, and Nelson; Nays: none.) The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest