

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2000
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Bailey, Herb Hunter, David Leas, Ed Dwenger, Helen Gardner and Bruce Tressler.

Minutes were approved.

Animal Control Board member Budd Ryle spoke before Council on enforcing the City Ordinance on Animal Control. Mr. Ryle stated that when they receive a complaint they have a form, which they mark and send to the owner. They do send a second time if necessary, but after that they have very little way of enforcing the City Ordinance. Mr. Ryle told the Mayor and Council of the ways they are trying to change in order to better serve the community and of the volunteer help they have now and next year they will have 2 wardens instead of one and plan on having longer hours the Shelter will be open. Mr. Ryle stated they have had a big increase in complaints on animal neglect of no shelter, food and water.

Joan Dwenger, Annie Campbell and Mrs. Bockleman were present. Mrs. Dwenger and Mrs. Campbell spoke of several situations of animal neglect, out in all types of weather and no shelter, food and water. They ask the City to please enforce the Ordinance.

Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. City Attorney stated it would be the police department to write a ticket for a fine and then the City would have to file a suit if the fine is not paid.

Council members asked several questions. Mayor stated that he, City Attorney and Police Chief would get together and see what they could come up with. Mayor stated he would then come to the next Animal Control Board.

Kathy Crippen spoke on behalf of the Traffic Control Committee. Kathy stated the By-pass and Carver area is controlled by the State and the State says there is not enough traffic to warrant a traffic light. Kathy and Helen Gardner had met with INDOT. Kathy stated they also ask to have the speed reduced in that section of the By-pass. Kathy and Helen suggest having a couple of street lights in that area to help light it up. The State could put signs up with flashers at Carver after they look into it.

Bob Herbert stated the intersections at Carver and the 421 are both very dark and hazardous. Bob suggest having INDOT approached of having reflectors.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to give Kathy Crippen approval to contact Cinergy/PSI to install a couple of lights. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve request for a street light at Carver and Gaston Drive. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2000-17, AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN STREETS AS ONE-WAY AND OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF GREENSBURG, INDIANA. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bruce Tressler to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2000-17. So passed.

Mayor gave the Council a new Edit Plan. The plan consist of Water mains on Lincoln, Police Department Building Plans, Dump Truck for Street Department, Police Department Building (new), Police Department Land Acquisition, YMCA Road and Sidewalk, Freeland Road Extension, City Signage-Welcome signs to be placed at community entrances, Municipal Vehicle for City Hall, Police Interceptor, Municipal Phones and Pagers for department heads, and Road Improvements (general). Mayor stated that it doesn't mean all these will be done.

Helen Gardner asked about the Freeland Road Extension. Mayor stated there are some monies left over in Build Indiana not a lot that the City could use.

Council was given a letter from Keith Gay Police Chief about the emergency public safety situation concerning their radio and the fact that they are not able to hear officers all the time or communicate with them. They stated a situation with Officer Larry Dance and a suspect that Officer Dance tried 3 times to get help and the Dispatchers could not hear his calls for help. Keith stated the Radio has been hit by lightening a couple of different times and been fixed but doesn't work so much of the time. The system went down on a Thursday night and all they had were their walkie-talkies. Keith stated he has not signed the agreement with MoBex as of yet because they have not gotten fixed several major problems. Keith stated MoBex is aware of and until the problems are taken care of the agreement will not be signed. Dispatcher Dan Mulford stated he has worked at the police department for 4 years and the system has never worked right and it makes their jobs tremendously hard. Keith stated a new system would run approximately \$100,000. Monies will need to come from CCDF and Cumulative Fire Funds. Keith stated they would contact the 911 at the County and see if they could help and would contact the insurance company.

Council asked how many applications they had gotten to replace the officer hired who quit. Keith stated 10 applications.

Mayor Bailey stated the GECOM expansion is not adding any jobs, but the K-Fab expansion is adding jobs.

City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. prepared a Resolution to be passed to have property appraised for the possibility of moving the police department to this area. Mayor Bailey stated this property would be purchased from Edit monies.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass Resolution 2000-8. So passed.

Mayor Bailey gave an update on Insight Cable. Stated they are planning on several changes.

Helen Gardner brought up that at the last meeting the City Attorney had ask the Council to look over the False Alarm Ordinance. Mayor Bailey ask Dan Manus and Keith Gay to go through and reduce the Ordinance.

It was stated of a meeting coming up on the Southeastern In. Agency and grant monies.

Bruce Tressler asked who is the appointed body of the traffic committee. Mayor Bailey had a appointed John Pratt of the Board of Works to be on the Traffic Committee, but stated if that should be a problem he would take another look at this.

Kathy Crippen stated the County wants the City to have the four areas surveyed that is proposed for the signs in the Upland Reservoir area.

Mayor Bailey gave an update on the proposed Welcome Signs for the City.

Julie Dance had several questions on the new health insurance. It was stated that there would be a meeting on the new insurance.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to have insurance monies received moved from the General Fund to the Police Repair Fund. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes prepared and presented by: L. June Ryle, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Greensburg