

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 02, 2001
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved with correction.

Mr. Terry Burnworth of Pyramid Architecture/Engineering firm was present. Mr. Burnworth had brought a couple estimates for soil boring work. The firms being Patriot Engineering for \$1950 and Geotechnical Engineering for \$1975. Mr. Burnworth stated he would recommend Patriot Engineering.

Discussion was held concerning having borings done on the property on South Broadway Property and if they looked good then to go ahead and have the property appraised. Plans were to have the firm also to do three borings on the McCamment property out by the YMCA.

Former Councilman Glenn Tebbe was present and addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Tebbe stated the perception looks as if the Council is on the fast track of a new police station. Mr. Tebbe stated that within a few short months the police station is in bad condition and that this was not the case last year and before that. Mr. Tebbe stated he is not against building a new police station but feels some time is needed in planning and feels that just two sites is not enough to choose from and there should be more. Mr. Tebbe stated he feels the site #1, property out by the YMCA is the main site that is being looked at. Mr. Tebbe told the Mayor and Council that he had a hard time voting yes to put the YMCA out in that area with the traffic and By-pass and no easy way for children to ride their bikes or walk. To build the police station out in this area would only compound the already congestion. Mr. Tebbe stated he feels it should be in the area of the downtown a two or three block area. Access and egress out at the site#1 is a major problem as Mr. Tebbe sees it. Mr. Tebbe talked about Civic activities and impact. Mr. Tebbe urged the Mayor and Council members to be cautious with a decision that will be affecting us for the next 25-50 years.

Assistant police chief Bob Herbert stated he didn't feel that downtown was the best site.

Police Officer Fred Huser wanted to know what Civic activities there are to keep the police station downtown.

Councilman David Leas stated that at the last meeting Council was told that the police do not spend time at the police station.

Councilman Bruce Tressler stated the whole package of downtown being the whole community. Mayor Bailey stated he would love to see the police station to stay downtown but does the cost of the South Broadway Property warrant the spending of taxpayers dollars.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve borings on the Site #2, South Broadway property and 3 borings on the Site #1, McCamment property out by the YMCA and if borings are favorable on the South Broadway property, then appraisal to be done. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by David Leas to pass with reservation Resolution 2001-1, Bac to .08%. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2001-2, High Speed Rail. So passed.

Drainage Ordinance --- Tabled.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2001-2, Vacation Benefit, 5 weeks after 20 plus years of service. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bruce Tressler to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.

Motion by Helen and seconded by David Leas to pass on 2nd and 3rd reading Ordinance 2001-2, Vacation Benefit. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2002-1, Designating Depositories. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Ed Dwenger to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to pass on 2nd and 3rd reading Ordinance 2001-1, Designating Depositories. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to designate Greensburg Daily News and Greensburg Times as the newspaper for publications for the City of Greensburg for the year 2001.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Bruce Tressler to nominate Helen Gardner as president of the Council for the year 2001 and Mayor Pro-Tem. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by David Leas to close the nominations. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Ed Dwenger to nominate David Leas as president of the Financial Committee for the year 2001. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Helen Gardner to close the nominations. So passed.

City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. presented the Mayor and Council with a contract for shopping center traffic control for Greensburg Plaza owned by Thomas Kalb, for review and comments. Mayor stated he would take this to Mr. Kalb for his input.

Mayor Bailey told the Council of attending a meeting at the Greensburg Airport and told Council they are wanting a support letter from the City as well as from Bayh, Lugar and County Commissioners. Greensburg Airport group are trying to get funds to resurface the Airport.

Troy Harmon and Ron Reynolds have completed their one-year probationary firefighter period and will be moved to first class firefighters on January 4th and 10th respectfully.

Jeff Smith will be having a vendor in to give a demo on GPS system.

Deed of Dedication for Mill Ridge Estates was approved for the streets and storm sewers.

Federal grant for a police officer in the schools was turned down and will be reapplied for. Helen Gardner brought up that Whitaker is trying to sell West Ridge Subdivision lots with cable hookup from Insight or Sunman. Helen questioned how Mr. Whitaker could do this when Greensburg has a contract with Insight.

Firefighter Steve Gommel and his wife spoke of their complaint of the new health insurance the City has. Mr. Gommel stated he has not had anything paid as of yet. They feel this insurance is not as equal and is not any better than the previous insurance. Mr. Gommel stated he has paid out over \$300 more than what he paid out on the previous insurance.

Police officer Fred Huser stated the mail in prescriptions cost is three times as much as before.

Connie Emsweller stated they have bills that are not taken care of. Connie stated that Mr. Best answer to them is that it is being taken care of and it is not.

Firefighter Bill Wenning stated he is having the same problems and has \$2500 in out standing bills.

Mayor Bailey stated Sam Best has taken care of the Emsweller and Gommel problems.

Councilman David Leas stated the Council had stated they would look at this Insurance if it was not working out.

Council members stated they would like to have a meeting set up with Sam Best and have the department heads or the department head to designate a representative from their department concerning the Insurance.

Kathy Crippen gave a report from the Traffic Control Committee. Kathy stated that since the Main Street sewer project is finished she has had a request for a four-way stop be permanent at Lathrop and Washington Street. Kathy is to prepare an Ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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