

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2007
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Frank Manus, Glenn Tebbe, Gary Herbert and Larry Bower. Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Discussion was held concerning the Carousal Day Care and their request for financial assistance. Day Care representatives were present.

City Attorney Steve Taylor advised he had contacted ARA and a contact in Indianapolis concerning this Block grant and was told the City is locked for five-years before the real estate and building can be turned over to Carousal. He was informed that there may be a possibility that the City could refinance the loan in the City's name for them.

Council members understood the City cannot get out of the five-year lock in and until then the Carousal Board cannot refinance until they have the real estate and building in their name. Council questioned the County's commitment to providing additional financial assistance and also how much the Carousal Board would need financially to get through the 2007 year and what will they do if they do not get the \$17,000 each from City and County. Council recognized that too large of a rate increase could hurt the Carousal and questioned if that is in their best interest.

Carousal representatives stated that they have received one pledge of \$25,000 during the previous campaign to retire the mortgage on the old building. They have also done some restructuring and have a budget for the year 2008 without requiring City and County money. They have added a \$5 rate increase and are requesting any financial assistance. Without financial help they may be forced to reduce the number of children they accept and to reduce the number of some of their teachers and staff.

Carousal representatives advised that a lot of difficulties with their finances arose when by law it was required for a bus to be bought. They were given a grant but had to locally match the grant in the amount of \$7500. The State is making a lot

of required changes that increase costs but the state is also giving more time and some resources to help Day Care Centers out.

Mayor stated that if the City and County would each give the Carousal \$10,000 then maybe they could get through this year financially and work out any other monies they might need for next year.

Gary Herbert stated that he is not in favor of giving the Carousal \$10,000. He would be in favor of having the City Attorney look into refinancing for the Carousal and then the Carousal making the payments. Buying the bus was not in the best interest of the Carousal and he has a problem with serving only 53 children from the City and other people with children have to use other childcare.

Larry Bower stated Council has an obligation to all of the taxpayers and with just receiving the additional information tonight that Council should table any decision at this time to allow an opportunity to review the information.

Glenn Tebbe would also like for Council to look at all of this information in depth and not make a decision at this time.

Council members agreed to table the matter and to have the City Attorney to pursue and look into if the City can turn the building over to the Carousal and any other avenues to assist financially.

Mayor Manus announced that the name on the Upland Water Tower will be Greensburg.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2007-06-12 Vacation of Certain Right-A-Ways. All ayes. So passed.

An Ordinance establishing regulations for garage sales, yard sales and unused or unwanted items was discussed and questioned if this only applies to non-commercial areas. Some people leave their items set up and have multiple sales.

Councilwoman Helen Gardner had originally brought this issue up to Councils attention since Helen was absent it was decided they could pass this on the first reading and then hold discuss on any part of the Ordinance at the August meeting when all Council members will be present.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-07-13 garage sales. All ayes. So passed.

Salary ordinance were presented for the year 2008. The Council stated they usually pass these on first reading and then discuss them in depth before making any cuts for the final passing on third reading at the September meeting.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-07-14 2008 salaries for employees. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-07-15 2008 salaries for elected officials. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-07-16 2008 salaries for utility employees. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-07-17 2008 salaries for elected officials. All ayes. So passed.

Ordinance 2007-07-18 amends the subdivision control ordinance providing for the orderly growth in the City of Greensburg, Indiana. This ordinance amends Primary Plat, Secondary Plat, Streets and Stormwater sections.

Gary Herbert questioned whether portions of this Ordinance were discussed and if the developer could submit plans in a timely manner could the time frame then be cut down.

Larry Bower and Glenn Tebbe responded that these portions were discussed at the Plan Commission. This ordinance language is stating that the developers need to apply at least 30 days in advance. That would provide a two month approval for developers.

City Attorney Steve Taylor advised Council that this amending Ordinance will give the Plan Commission members the time to review the plans and understand all aspects and not put the Plan Commission in a position of having to make decisions without sufficient information from their advisors.

Gary Herbert stated that he would like to see the developers and contractors have this mailed to them.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-07-18 subdivisions control amended. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-07-19 Airport Development. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to suspend the rules and regulations. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2007-07-19. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2007-07-19. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to approve (11) Valeo Tax Abatement Renewals. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to approve (7) GECOM Tax Abatement Renewals. All ayes. So passed

Attorney Steven Teverbaugh approached the Council requesting Council permission for a beer garden at the Fall Festival. It would be set up, controlled, sponsored and operated by the Knights of Columbus. They would have orange fencing around it, one entrance and exit, a ticket would have to be purchased and ID would be required, they would provide for the insurance at no cost to the City naming the City and they would request to be set up on City property in the middle of Broadway Street.

Mr. Teverbaugh stated that he has been approached by a lot of people to have a beer garden and indicated several other festivals have beer gardens.

City Attorney Steve Taylor stated there is no way the City would not be liable and liability insurance is necessary.

Council questioned what made the Fall Festival committee decide to come up with the beer garden for 2007 after all the problems that came up last year. There were a number of ministers that were in opposition to this last year and

questioned whether the ministerial association had been approached this year. Mr. Teverbaugh answered that he has not approached the ministerial association and is not aware if any one from the committee has made a contact.

The Fall Festival Committee would like to generate more income to bring in more and better entertainment.

Council members felt that a decision could and should not be made until the public has an opportunity to come to the August meeting and voice their opinions.

A concerned citizen voiced their opinion in favor of having a beer garden.

Hugh Miller handed out a list of charitable donations that the Knights of Columbus donated to in 2006. Total cash and in-kind donations for 2006 were \$28,704.

Don Polston commended the Council for taking their stand to allow public input.

David Fry, Bryan Robbins and Scott Chasteen are the steering committee task force for the Greensburg Sesqui-Centennial. They handed out a list of positions and individuals that are on the steering committee. They would like a couple of Council members to be on the committee.

Gary Herbert volunteered to be one of the Council members.

A concerned citizen thanked the Mayor for addressing a truck problem he had in his neighborhood.

John Land told Council that the Legion is losing money and that they only have \$700 in their bank account.

Larry Bower named the four criteria he had written down from the Ordinance 2006-9 if a Private Club wanted to be exempted from the smoking ordinance for the Council to review.

1. The Club must meet the definition of a Private Club, as described in Ordinance 2006-9.

2. Admission to the Club's facility shall be restricted to members only, with limited guest admission for Club events. Ex: No more than one guest per member.

3. Club facility cannot be open to, or rented for, Public functions, including fund raising events for the Club or community. Ex: Hall rental not permitted.

4. Club must post a Smoking Permitted sign at the facility's entrance.

Glenn Tebbe brought up the audio public access and if Gary had any information.

Gary Herbert stated he has talked to the Radio Station and the Newspaper and they are interested.

City Attorney Steve Taylor reported that the appraisers have done the legal work on the Old City Hall and the Senior Citizens Center lot and the City should be getting the results soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

