

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 3, 2000
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

Mayor Bailey stated the police department building report and Alexander Prince would be at the next month meeting.

Danielle Ray representing the Day Care came before the Council to explain about the \$278,000 outstanding note the Day Care has at Fifth Third Bank. The Day Care is asking the City to take out a loan to cover the note. Because the City owns the building the Day Care cannot take out the loan. Danielle stated they have only been paying on the interest. Their books go from November to November and at the end of the year they were in the hole according to Danielle. Danielle stated they are licensed for 99 children and they have the room for 125. They are working with the State to try and get their license up to the 125 children and to be open 24 hours as they had originally planned. Council ask for Danielle to get any financial statements possible for them to review. City Attorney stated that he wasn't sure if the City would be able to take out a mortgage since they have just issued a Bond for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council tabled this until later.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2000-15, Budget 2001. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2000-9, Salary Ordinance for City Employees. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2000-10, Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Bruce Tressler to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2000-11, Salary Ordinance for Utility Employees. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2000-12, Salary Ordinance for Elected Utilities. So passed.

Mayor Bailey stated that they had a meeting that morning in City Hall with the County Commissioners and the County Commissioners had planned on putting a 48" pipe on 46 West going from Al Reynolds Olds-Buick to Muddy Fork Creek. They were asking the City to pay the difference of a 54" pipe versus the 48" they had originally planned. Darren Burkhart of HNTB stated that this pipe would not benefit the City in any way. There are no actual cost figures at this time, but Darren stated it could cost \$100-\$150 a foot. Erosion may be a problem if they go with

the bigger pipe. City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. told the Mayor and Council to have the County Commissioners to prove in writing what and how this could benefit the City.

Mayor Bailey told Council that there were 10 summer hires in students. Sewer department has 3, Water 2, Street 3, Police 1 and Fire 1. Mayor stated they are really good workers.

Police Chief Keith Gay told Council that with the gasoline prices going so high that the police department will have spent their budgeted \$14,000 by the end of August.

Fire Chief Dan Manus stated to Council that Wal-Mart is going to raise funds for a helmet for their hand held camera that Washington Township bought for them.

Bruce Tressler stated he had gotten a letter from Southeastern Indiana Group that works on grants and would like to have a follow up on this.

Kathy Crippen talked to Council of the long term plan by HNTB for \$75,000 instead of \$80,000.

Mayor stated that John Pratt of the Board of Works is going to contact some other Engineer firms to see what they would charge. Mayor Bailey stated he himself is happy with the Engineer firm HNTB and the work they have been doing for the City.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve Tax Abatement for Greensburg Hotel Partner, LLC and Resolution 2000-5, for a 74 room , banquet facility for 400 and 43 additional jobs motel. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to move Insurance monies from general to police equipment repair. So passed.

Mayor Bailey told the new elevated water tower is done and ready for painting.

Update was given on the Northwest Side Sewer project and Gas Creek.

Mayor Bailey told Council that Deanna Wooly will be starting in the Water Office downstairs next week and Chris Johnson from the Water Plant will be moved to outside Forman.

Fire Chief Dan Manus told Council that Andy Witkemper will have his first year in July 12th, 2000 and will then be moved to status first class firefighter.

Herb Hunter brought up having annual employee reviews.

Mayor Bailey stated he has finally had a call from Cable TV Insight and they are going to meet.

Subject of trimming of trees around the square was brought up. It was stated that at one time the City Street Department trimmed the trees and several of the merchants didn't care for the way they were trimmed, so it was left up to the merchants to see to it that the trees in front of their business be trimmed.

Ed Dwenger stated he has had two calls on the car situation on West Street. Ed stated he had a request for a street light on the south east corner of South Ryle Drive in the Ryle Addition. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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