

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2004
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Greg Rust of the Hot City Downtown group presented the City with checks totally \$3515 towards the amount the city paid to IACT and the Hyatt/Palma program, to be put back into the Edit fund.

In turn Mr. Rust requested that the City, using Edit monies, matching \$1 for \$1 up to the amount of \$10,000 to fund the action plan. Primarily the funds would be used to hire a full-time director. Also the committee has contacted the County asking for a match of \$2 for \$1.

Glenn Tebbe felt this to be a very good idea and that the match is more than fair and would also be willing to make the amount be even more without the matching dollars.

Larry Bower supports the idea.

Gary Herbert likes the proposal but is against voting on this tonight and feels we should wait for 30 days and wanted to know what the money is to be spent on.

Greg Rust told the monies were to hire a person to oversee the whole project. Consultants felt that it would take \$45,000 - \$48,000 a year, but being from a small town the group didn't feel that it would take that much money.

Helen Gardner stated the City needs to be on board now and not wait for 30 days.

Mayor Manus stated that he had met last week with Hyatt/Palma and told them what and where things seemed to be at right now.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to approve the matching dollar plan. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to approve moving insurance money \$774.76 and \$2964.10 from general to police equipment repair. So passed.

Jeff Smith, Wastewater Superintendent gave Council two ordinances to review and make any comments of addition or deletion that they deem necessary. These are unfunded mandates by the Federal and State laws from 2002 and as far back as the late 1990's. These are storm water requirements. One ordinance will relate to Illicit Discharge Control and the second ordinance will relate to Erosion and Sediment Control.

The City will have a meeting with contractors to get them involved and get input regarding the proposed ordinances.

Daryl Tressler, president of the EDC told Council that their board had met after the last month council meeting and they do stand behind the letter they presented to Council. They would like to build a partnership and are concerned about what Edit monies are used for and want to maintain jobs and create jobs.

Daryl brought up the property that is for sale on the North West side of the City by the Interstate 74 and asks Council if they would be interested in buying this property?

Mike Walker of the EDC told that unemployment was running at 2.4% and had jumped up to 5% and is now down a little. Mr. Walker told of some of the programs that the EDC has going such as; 1. Plant manager's form and roundtables, 2. Linking up with Chamber of Commerce, 3. EDC training at Ball State and if any Council or Tiff member would like to attend, 4. Website, 5. Rail marketing and 6. Retention/expansion of existing industry.

Council stated they are willing to listen and to sign the confidentiality papers that the EDC brought.

IAC is presenting a planning and economic development school in Indianapolis at the Omni on October 19th.

Tiff members will be sworn in on Thursday at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Manus stated that he, the Council and Tiff members want to do what is best for Greensburg and create jobs.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to approve Tax Abatement for SDRC, LLC. So passed.

Glenn Tebbe brought up that the School Board is willing to sell Billings School to the City and there would need to be an identical resolution by the City and the School Board. Discussion needs to be held concerning funding and what needs to be done.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to approve having a resolution prepared. Gary Herbert nay. Ken Dornich, Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe and Helen Gardner ayes. So passed.

Mayor Manus told that the City has received a grant for an environmental study on the underground tanks at the Old Senior Center Building. This needs to be done before the City can put this area up for sale.

Fire Chief, Scott Chasteen told of this week being Fire Prevention week and them being at the elementary schools with the firehouse and a puppet show on Tuesday and Thursday and the Chili supper and puppet show on Friday at the Fire Station.

Gary Herbert explained his reason for voting no and if this means to raise taxes then he wasn't for it.

Glenn Tebbe explained to Gary that he was only asking for Council approval of proceeding with the resolution and a final decision regarding purchase and funding would be done next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest: _____ Clerk-Treasurer

