

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2003

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

Diane Hart of the YMCA and local Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Steve Taylor came before Council asking for their support and financial assistance of \$5000 to be able to continue the Pace Alternative School for repetitive truancy, delinquency and disrupted behavior children. This program serves middle school youths, 6th – 8th grade. The school meets five days a week from 8:00-3:00 P.M. Focus is on improvement in academic performance, reducing school dropout rates and decreasing delinquent behavior. They have two staff and plan on hiring a couple of PT and some volunteers.

The County has agreed to give them financial assistance of \$5000 and they were still in need of \$5000 for rent of a facility. They are planning on renting the Old Daycare Center on West Street for \$600 a month plus utilities. They have been able to get some funding through grants. The Old Day Care Center would give a lease for one year. It will still be on the market and should the building sell they would give the Alternative School 30 days.

Mr. Taylor told the Council that he has prosecuted kids as young as ten years old. To date sixty-four students have completed the program. Of those, 87% have continued their education and there has been a 66% decrease in expulsions from school. Seventy-eight per-cent of the students have not committed any juvenile offenses since completing the program. Attendance has increased 6.5%. Overall, there was a 54% increase in academic test scores. All of the student's grades have improved. This shows that it does work and is a need for the community.

Council members ask where the City would find the funding and Clerk-Treasurer told the members that we should have the funds in the amount of monies that were put in the general budget for election since we did not have to pay for a primary election.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve funding of \$5000 for the Alternative School Program. So passed.

Council members set the trick or treat hours for Friday, October 31st, being 5-8:00 P.M.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2003-18. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2003-18. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2003-19 Speed Limit Fairview Addition. So passed.

Herb Hunter gave an update on Board of Works meeting.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose told the Council of the 75% reimbursement grant monies they have gotten back on radar and video and would like to be able to use that monies only it would take an additional appropriation to be able to move it from general fund and spend it. Bill is asking for Council's approval.

Council stated they would approve this additional and Clerk-Treasurer is to prepare the paper work.

Kathy Crippen told Council that Cinergy/PSI approached her about the lighting situation at the BPStation on North Michigan Ave.

Light is needed to help light the intersection at the Vandalia Road and State Road 421 North.

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of City taking over the drive at Kathy's Way back to the bridge that starts the YMCA.

Council will look at these next month.

National Fire Protection Week and the Chili supper on Friday night from 4-8 P.M.

Mayor Bailey told Council that himself, Mike Walker and Daryl Tressler had met and are going to try and meet with NTN/BCA and Union representatives.

Fire Chief Mike Wells told Council that ARA has started the paper work to do an on site feasibility study at the fire station.

Mayor Bailey told Council if they get a chance to drive by the new Senior Center location. The walls are up and it is coming along.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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