

# COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

December 2, 2002

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

Alex Crowley of Insight Communications was present to answer any questions that Council members had concerning the cable franchise agreement. Insight was purposing a 12-year agreement.

Council members wanted a shorter-term agreement. They were willing to go with a 10-year agreement. Council members stressed the need for more contact and more benefits. Council ask about digital and high speed internet.

Mr. Crowley stated that the digital and high speed internet will be buy the end of January 2003, willing to commit to a 10-year agreement, will make quarterly reports at council meetings.

Mr. Cooper of the Culpepper Group was present to answer any questions on the City's health insurance and present the renewal. Mr. Cooper ask that the City give the partially self-funded plan three years to really see the savings. After discussion **motion was made by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to renew the City's health insurance with all benefits the same for 2003 as the current year with Culpepper Group/Central Benefits. So passed.**

**Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by David Leas to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2002-29 Code of Ordinances. So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.**

**Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Bruce Tressler to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings Ordinance 2002-29. So passed.**

Eric Frey of ARA was present on the Senior Citizens Grant that was awarded to the City November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Carrie Riley will be the contact person working with the City.

The grant contract will be sent down from the state for signatures.

Bidding process will probably be around the middle of February 2003.

The grant allows 18 months to complete the full process of everything including construction.

Council had questions of what could happen if the old police building sale should become apartments and what about the parking situation. Kathy Crippen stated that some of the concerns would have to meet City code.

Question was also raised of what about having the water office moving there or being utilized by one of the other departments, that the senior citizen building site would be of higher value to sell rather than move the water office there.

If we don't get an acceptable bid the City does not have to accept. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of bids must be 90% of value.

The sale will be held January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Works meeting at 9:00 A.M.

**Motion by David Leas and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass Resolution 2002-18 Sale of Old Police Department Building. So passed.**

The closing of an Alley located at 428 North Carver Street was discussed. Kathy Crippen stated that Ralph Land Street Commissioner has had several complaints of cars being parked there. It is a grassy area and there are no utilities except maybe local service.

**Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2002-30. So passed.**

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

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2002-30. So passed.**

Discussion was held concerning the additional compensation for the dispatchers from County 911 monies and longevity. County will be sending monies for the compensation to the dispatchers to be distributed in June and December 2003 with the longevity portion paid out of the 911 monies the city has.

**Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Ordinance 2002-31 Salaries for 911 Dispatchers. So passed.**

Mayor Bailey stated the Cinergy High Speed Internet has met some snags and Bond Council has been brought in concerning bonds for this and the legality.

The Christmas lunch/party for employees, Council and Boards will be at the Fire Department December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Herb Hunter gave the update on the Board of Works meeting held.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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