

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 2003

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by David Leas to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2003-1 traffic ordinance amending 1987-8. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2003-3 municipal redistricting. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2003-3. So passed.

Mayor Bailey brought before Council of the tax abatement that had been afforded to Baytowne Investment and Management Company for the 12,600 square ft. strip mall at the intersection of 3 By-pass and US 421. They have not been able to meet the 30 employees as of right now and Mayor Bailey wanted the opinion of Council of what they wanted to do. Mayor Bailey stated that he will get with City Attorney and Auditor Janet Chadwell to see what options the City has. Mayor Bailey told Council that the Parks and Recreation are asking the City to waive the \$270 variance and building permit fees for the construction of a new building at the top of the hill at the park. Kathy Crippen stated that she would need documentation.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by David Leas to pass a Resolution to waive said fees. So passed.

Mayor Bailey stated that he had gotten a letter from INDOT changing the speed limit to 40 mph from the by-pass to 250 ft. north of Vandalia Road and that INDOT is going to help fix the turn onto Vandalia Road off of 421 heading south.

Insight has the broadband and digital up and running.

Herb Hunter gave an update on the board of works meeting.

Bill Meyerrose stated they have a doctor contacted for the physical fitness that was discussed at the executive session.

Mayor stated that he needs to appoint someone to the emergency management committee.

Jean Johannngman, Hugh Miller, Joe Shields, Don Blankman, Stan Richards and Doug Lewis were representing the downtown merchants concerning the parking lot off of West Main behind several businesses. Jean read a letter from Rick Meadows, President of the Downtown Development Corp. concerning this parking lot. The group is asking the City to help financially to be able to buy this lot. Jean stated that two businesses together would pay \$ 7,500, Doug Lewis stated he would pay \$ 5,000, the Downtown Development would pay a portion and they would like the City to pay the remainder, being around \$ 30,000. Hale Feaster bought the lot for around \$ 25,000 and is asking \$ 50,000 for it.

Mayor stated the lot has been appraised for \$ 48,000.

The group stated that they have tried to deal with Mr. Feaster with no success and they would be willing to pay for two appraisals. Several Council members felt the two appraisals should be ones that have not appraised the property in the past.

Mayor Bailey stated he would see about getting two appraisals for them. Bruce Tressler stated that he feels spending Edit money is and would be appropriate toward this.

Helen Gardner feels they need to get the appraisals done and then get back to the Council and Mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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