

Common Council Meeting  
March 6, 2001  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Bailey, Ed Dwenger, Helen Gardner, Herb Hunter, ~~and~~ DAVID LEAS.  
Bruce Tressler *absent*.

Minutes were approved.

Dan Manus and Brian Wenning told of the 2001 Police and Fire Games to be held in Indianapolis June 8-16<sup>th</sup>. Brian told Council the Keith Gay, Jon Oldham and himself are all working on this. There is going to be a torch relay starting at the 4 corners of the United States and convenes at Indianapolis. The torch relay will be coming through Decatur County on June 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 A.M. at the Courthouse. There will be as of now 15 runners and/or walkers to take part here when the torch comes to Decatur County. Larry Dance is actually going to wrestle in the games in Indianapolis.

Herb Hunter gave the update of the Task Force on the Police Dept. Building. Mr. Hunter read the letter the Task Force had signed to the Council members. The committee recommends for construction being site #1 the South Broadway site and should that not be feasible then they recommend site #2 the Staples Family site along Randall Street and South Michigan Avenue. The committee recommended on the building being the needs assessment as presented by Chief Gay be included into a building floor plan that would be built using the highest priority of functionality as to the best construction, costs, and future needs of the department. It is also the Task Force belief a new building should also include as a top priority and as a necessary component, the instructions for any plans to include a requirement to meet ADA regulations.

Task Force is not recommending a plan, but want to be involved with the building plan.

Police Chief Keith Gay told Council he is concerned being so close to the railroad track and the chance of losing all emergency communications being so close to the Jail if there should be a tornado, train derailment or chemical spill.

Mayor Bailey stated he has talked to Mr. Burnworth and the police building and jail would not be on the same trunk. Mayor stated he has talked with the owner of the house and have come to an agreement.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to accept the recommendations of the Task Force Committee on the site and building and the #1 site being South Broadway with back up site being #2 Staples Family on South Michigan and Randall Street. All eyes. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by David Leas to approve contract for shopping center traffic control being Greensburg Plaza Co., Inc. owned by Thomas W. Kalb. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2001-4, Four-way stop at Washington and Lathrop. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2001-4. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve tax abatement renewals for O'Mara Poultry Co., Inc. - Green Sign Co., Inc. - Larry and Cindy McCammet - Daniel and Sandra McLean - Dennis and Joan Doerflinger - Greensburg Commercial Warehousing, Inc. (2) - GECOM Corporation (7). So passed.

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by David Leas to pass Resolution 2001-5 for tax abatement for Charles E. Shirk. So passed.**

**Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass Resolution 2001-6 for tax abatement for Larry and Cindy McCammet. So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve moving Insurance monies in the amount of \$2386.53 from the general fund to the police equipment repair. So passed.**

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer had given Council a letter back in November asking to be considered being allowed to be on the City's insurance even though she is a part-time help. Council and Mayor had stated they would look into this. Council discussed this in depth and decided they did not want to offer the City's health insurance to part-time help, but would consider her for full time help and then she would be allowed the city's benefits.

Police Chief Keith Gay told Council of the City receiving the COPS in School Grant. Keith stated the city would need to hire an officer, purchase a car, clothing, physical and gear. The grant monies would be over a three-year period and would be for the salary and benefits. The mayor would need to sign the award document and return it to the COPS office within 90 days otherwise the grant could be withdrawn and de-obligate funding from this grant.

Lt. Bruce Copple spoke to the Council and explained what they are doing in the schools. Bruce stated the schools have offered \$10,000 over a 3-year period.

Roberta Mock stated she could not speak for the schools, but wanted to give her own opinion. Miss Mock stated she has seen some real positive issues and lots of pluses with the kids. She also feels this is an excellent program and ask the City to support this.

**Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve the Mayor to sign the grant package. So passed.**

Clerk-Treasurer had information on rate increase from Insight Communications - Cable to come on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Clerk-Treasurer made copies and hand delivered them to the Mayor, City Attorney and Council members so they would be able to read over the information before the Council meeting for Tuesday evening.

Mayor and Council discussed the information and Mayor Bailey told Council he would contact insight and see about setting up a meeting.

Mayor updated Council on the Board of Works meeting held in the morning.

Helen Gardner gave an update and information on the Governor's Conference that Dan Manus, Randy Hoeing and she attended.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 P.M.

Presiding Officer: May M Bailey

Herb P. Hunter  
Council Member

Edward J. Dwenger  
Council Member

Helen R. Gardner  
Council Member

David Leas  
Council Member

*W. B. Bressler*

Council Member

Attest:

*L. June DeLoach*

Clerk-Treasurer