

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2005
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Mayor Manus brought up the two-hour downtown parking Ordinance issue and feels that either the City enforces it or eliminates it. The handicap with the \$50 fine should be enforced. The area next to the Courthouse belongs to the County.

Helen Gardner stated that they have talked about the two-hour parking issue for years and feels that it should be eliminated. Gary Herbert agrees. Larry Bower said he suggested this eight years ago.

Glenn Tebbe, believes that if we are not going to enforce it, then it should be eliminated, second the Hyett-Palma suggested enforcing it randomly, but, the City basically cannot afford it. Perhaps we should contact the HottCity group to get its input. We need to look at other areas regarding parking also. People pull on the sidewalks and that breaks them down.

Ken Dornich feels that it should be repealed since it is not being enforced, but also agrees with Glenn on some of his concerns.

Street Commissioner, Ralph Land also stated he felt it should be eliminated.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2005-3, eliminating the two-hour downtown parking around the square. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to accept into the City some areas that are now City/County owned, being 150 North, Montgomery Road and Sunset. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to authorize the Mayor to arrange the financing from the bank for the purchase of a new dump truck. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve Resolution 2005-11 and SB-1, five-year tax abatement for Valeo. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve using Edit funds to buy the house behind the fire station. So passed.

Steve Barth handed out a draft and then showed pictures of a walk thru of a wish list design for Billings School. Steve gave the history of the building of when built, 1955, new section added in 1985 and the backside was added about 1965. The windows are single pane and in very poor repair. The roof needs some attention to stop the leaking, interior needs major renovation. If the whole project was done with all the wish list, the cost would be approximately \$1,651,637. There are some areas that can be cut down to bring the cost down.

Some council members expressed concerns about where the reception area would be situated.

Mayor Manus questioned the time frame. Barth told the Mayor and Council after they approved the design then it would go out for bid and the whole turn around time would be about March of 2006 before it would be ready.

Mayor told the Council that Steve Barth has an estimated cost of \$15,000 for the design phase and the only place at this time that we can take the money is from the Edit Fund. He has no problem if Council has none.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to us Edit funds to pay Barth. So passed.

School Board candidate needs to be appointed by the June meeting. The Mayor asks for the media to please let everyone know that they are in need of candidates and they must be a Democrat.

Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief introduced the new firefighter, Jason Vawter and talked about the agility testing they held on Saturday at the Fire Station.

Ken Dornich brought up the original Tif list of priorities and asks the Council to go over these and see if anything needs to be added or changed and then he will get back to Lowell Rethlake.

Mayor Manus would like to have a traffic light at Montgomery Road added to the priority list and a Resolution would need to be prepared for that. The water line on Lincoln Street is a priority due to all the breaks.

Glenn Tebbe sited that the Lincoln Street project was the main priority for the Tif monies and was the main reason Tif was done.

Larry Bower does not feel the priority list has changed.

Glenn Tebbe brought up the request of Mike Walker that the city outline its expectations for EDC. He provided a listing of expectations for the Council to consider. These included responsibilities for economic development prerequisites, marketing and communication. Council will develop and finalize the expectations at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

