

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 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.

Bob Barker of the Parks and Recreation had approached the Mayor concerning a walk/bike path down Park Road to the park area, ball fields, swimming pool, skate boarding, miniature golf, bowling alley, fairgrounds and golf course.

Much discussion was held concerning this. This has been talked about for years. The pavement is 20 ft. wide and the City does have an easement of 50 ft. Some of the concerns are; if this will be safe enough and will it benefit those on the north end. It is felt that this should be part of the comprehensive plan and maybe not start at park road but somewhere thru town. How many use park road now and the answer needs to be part of a bigger picture. Suggestion of having some sort of inexpensive busing transportation was discussed. Part of Park Road is in the County. Park Road is 1.5 miles long.

Mayor requested permission from Council to write a letter to each of the property owners of Park Road and get their feedback. **Council approved.**

Mayor Manus has appointed Tony Owens to the Greensburg School Board.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-3. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-3. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2005-4 Abandoned Vehicles. So passed.

Glenn Tebbe asks that the Ordinance on sidewalk parking be addressed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Resolution 2005-12 giving the old 1929 fire truck back to the Historical Society. So passed.

The new Executive Director of HottCity, Dax Norton was present and introduced himself to the Council. Mr. Norton has been here two weeks and they are planning on moving to Greensburg. He is working on some projects now and landscaping and streetscaping is taking shape. Mr. Norton offered to work on anything that the City might come up with.

Mayor Manus told the Council that the wastewater department would like to have the three-sided garage that was built on the old senior center if whoever buys the old center doesn't want it.

Marc Haston questioned what about making the old senior center a city parking lot? Mayor stated that he would think about that idea.

Kathy Reynolds told that the developer of the Majesty Manor Subdivision had not paid his bill for the street lights for several months according to Mr. Schilling of the REMC. Mr. Schilling wanted to know if the City would consider taking over the street lights and he would take care of the months owed by the developer, so as not to have the street lights being shut off.

Kathy and the Mayor talked this over and decided that the city would take the street lights over as of May 1st if the Council was ok with it.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve the city taking over the street lights of Majesty Manor starting May 1, 2005. So passed.

Kathy requested permission to pursue and to force the developer of Majesty Manor to finish the streets properly.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve request. So passed.

Jill Nobbe, Tim Miles of ETC and Jim Mills were present to give a proposal to the Council for the City's business of telephone lines service, cable and internet. Their proposal looks very good and would save quite a bit of money for the city.

Council wants the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to make any decision after Verizon has been contacted to see if they have a better proposal for the city than what the city presently has.

Mayor had a letter from Bill and Tammy Leak and they were present. They request to be able to put approximately two to three tables and chairs out on the sidewalk for patrons and take them in at night.

Concerns were of making sure there would be no stopping of the traffic flow from them. Sunnyside Café has already done this very thing.

Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief would like to see the Ordinance reviewed.

Dax Norton stated that he would be glad to help with this and Kathy Reynolds and Dax are to research this.

Kathy Reynolds gave the traffic report. Brian Brewsaugh and Mike Novak are requesting a street closing of right a-way in the Lee Addition out by the new Elementary School. Sewer line goes down the center.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve closing with stipulation that it stays a driveway and the city has a reserved easement access. So passed.

Complaints have been received with vehicles being parked on East Main Street between Franklin and South Michigan and this interferes with the turn lane. Indot recommends a no parking on both sides after surveying this area.

Council agreed and Mayor signed the recommendation of Indot.

Steve Barth and Drew were present to discuss Billings's school for a new city hall. New findings, regarding the tunnel under the building that deals with the air flow would increase the cost to over \$1,900,000 to renovate the present structure. Steve feels that the building could be torn down and rebuilt for a cost of a little over \$1,000,000.

Council needs to think this all over. It was decided to hold another Council meeting May 19th at 6:00 P.M. at the Courthouse to discuss the proposals. Clerk-Treasurer will check on the courthouse room and advertise.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

