

# COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 2003

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

Sherry Hadler, manager of Charlestown Square that has an address as Charlestown Court . There are 105 addresses. Because of all the problems that they have had there and that they are planning on doing some improvements they are asking to change the name to Briarwood Estates to help with their image.

Greensburg Postmaster told Council that he has talked with the manager with the problems they are having, but it costs the post office approximately \$2000 over a two-year period per address with street name changing. Thirty percent of the mail goes to private roads and addresses are based on what the 911 addresses are.

Council really has no say if they want to change their name, but they have an Ordinance 2003-9 controlling the naming and renaming of private roads currently recorded in the 911 addressing system or to be added to the system hereafter, that they are voting on tonight.

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2003-9 AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF PRIVATE ROADS CURRENTLY RECORDED IN THE 911 ADDRESSING SYSTEM OR TO BE ADDED TO THE SYSTEM HEREAFTER. So passed.**

Kathy Crippen stated that Fire Chief Mike Wells and herself went to a meeting on building codes and the State has ask for the cities to adopt an Ordinance adopting the new international codes. If this is not done then they can not use or site the State Codes.

**Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2003-7 regulating the construction, alteration, equipment, use, occupancy, and location of buildings and structures in Greensburg, Indiana; incorporating by reference building rules, codes and standards required to be enforced under IC 36-7-2-9; providing for the issuance of permits, inspections and penalties for violations. So passed.**

**Motion by David Leas and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2003-8 amending Ordinance 2002-10 to adopt and promulgates fees and required inspection costs, pursuant to the building codes of Greensburg, Indiana. So passed.**

The committee on tax abatements met on April 30 and approved a tax abatement for Larry and Carol Bishop, whom are planning on building a new Sears store behind Chili's.

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass Resolution 2003-2. So passed.**

Policies on cellular phones and assets were presented to Council for them to look over and if they have any input they would like to have implemented.

Mike Walker and David Fry talked to Council about Economic Development. Mike stated that financing is needed to establish an Economic Development Program. Asking for funds from Edit in the amount of \$50,000 and would like to have a Council member to set on the Board. If the funding cannot be done this year then maybe the City will try to include it in for next year.

Bruce Tressler stated that he feels there should be one establishment instead of several different groups. Bruce feels this is what the Edit money is for.

Helen Gardner ask how the Crown Jewel of Indiana and the Chamber of Commerce and Mike Walker could all come together.

Mayor stated they have all had a really good meeting and he sends the Chamber a letter to give them the information on his contacts. Mayor stated he is trying to get the smaller people while the Chamber works on the larger as well. Mayor Bailey stated that he has paid from Edit \$10,000 to Joe Newman, but has never signed a contract and will not be paying him the full \$15,000 and will see about giving \$15,000 to the Chamber.

Several Council members stated they felt the Edit money should be used for Economic Development as well as for the Chamber.

Mayor Bailey handed out a letter from Insight Communications about rate increases on basic, classic and labor services.

Mayor Bailey told Council that a firm out of Ohio came and evaluated the elevator lift ADA situation. It has been determined that the accordion doors are the problem and that can be fixed by taking them out and doing some minor repair and the City will be in compliance.

Going to get a letter together to be able to be sent to the Department of Justice.

Herb Hunter wants a written request sent by certified mail to the Department of Justice that we would be in compliance.

Mayor gave the Council the Edit Plan for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005. The plan consisted of 1. Water Mains on Lincoln 2. Networking City Building 3. Freeland Road Extension 4. City Signage – Welcome Signs 5. GIS – Invest into GIS system 6. Municipal Phones and Pagers for department heads 7. Advertisement expense for Chamber of Commerce publication 8. Marketing and Recruitment Plan for New Industry 9. IT Consultant for Economic Development 10. Road Improvements (general).

Herb Hunter gave a run down on the Board of Works meeting. Herb stated that Bill Wenning will be hired as a computer tech to handle all problems for the city as well as the GIS system. He will be paid half from the City and half from the water and sewer.

Mayor told Council that the City had paid out over \$16,000 repair on computers last year and Bill would charge \$30 an hour where others are a lot more per hour. Bill would be working on his off days from the fire department, about 20 hours a week not to exceed over \$25,000 for the year. David Leas ask the question if this \$16,000 was just City Hall? Clerk-Treasurer stated she did not know how much the water and wastewater spent last year, but the city paid out just over \$18,000 and over \$16,000 was for the computer service agreements for the police department.

On the parking lot issue, the Mayor stated that he had spoken with Hale Feaster and Hale had stated that he had a buyer with money in hand for the lot.

Discussion was held concerning back yard portable fireplaces.

Helen Gardner ask about the fire inspectors job. Fire Chief Mike Wells stated they had two applications and that the job description stated you have to be able to perform firefighters duties. Mike stated this is a Perf qualification.

Mayor stated that Jeff Whitaker wants to build a motor cycle/bar on a tax abatement. The Mayor had the IC code book and this does not qualify.

David Leas talked about a sidewalk from Lincoln Street out to the new elementary school. Discussion held.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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