

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

May 06, 2002

Time: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved. Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by David Leas.

Tanya Zoellner of Pryamid gave an update on the Police Building. Still pretty much on schedule. Excess funds of \$130,000 right now. Bruce Tressler stated he thought the telephone poles were going to be moved. Mayor Bailey stated that the homeowners around made a fuss over the moving of the poles.

Dr. Paul Hirt, president of the Animal Control Board came before the Council on the request for the City to help with funding for expansion at the Animal Shelter. The cost is up to \$280,000. Over 195 dogs were adopted out last year.

Mayor Bailey stated the City would do what they could. County is ok with going ahead if City will ok. Larry Meyer is looking into grants and Federal monies.

Helen Gardner asked about Edit monies and the Mayor stated he would not be opposed to using Edit monies.

Would start construction as soon as funds are approved.

Brian Long was present for HJ Umbaugh and Associates on the hydrant fees the city owes to the water company. One solution would be to modify the rate ordinance to set it at \$120,000 per year and pay this at the end of the year from Edit funds. This would only take care of the current year. The other solution would be to have public meetings and then put these fees on the water bills.

Mr. Long brought up the refunding of sewage works bonds of 1992. This would save over \$70,000.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2002-13 Sewage Works Refunding Revenue Bonds of 1992. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Ed Dwenger to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Bruce Tressler to pass on 2nd and 3rd readings Ordinance 2002-13. So passed.

Representatives of STI came before the Council to ask for a retroactive tax abatement for 1999. They stated they employ 260 people and 40-50 temps. The company was started in 1988 and expanded in 1995 adding a warehouse in 2001. Plans to expand out to the sides of the present Building are for 3-5 years.

They were contacted by the State to apply for a new abatement since they have exceeded so greatly from the original abatement. They are asking for a 6 year abatement.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve Resolution 2002-6. So passed.

GECOM Representatives came before the Council on their compliance forms on their tax abatements. They employ around 1700 people versus 400 plus originally stated and pay \$30,000 - \$31,000 plus benefits. Council has several questions and they will meet with the abatement committee and then bring this back next month.

Mayor Bailey stated he would like to create a cleaning/maintenance position. Bruce Tressler stated he would rather pay \$8-\$10 an hour as a part-time position. This will be brought back next month.

Special Council meeting will be May 20th at 5:30 P.M. instead of 6:00 P.M. This meeting is on the casualty/property and workman comp insurances.

Mayor Bailey stated that Chad Miles from Sunman Telephone will be getting his report to the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve \$685 for York and Koons Roofing to repair wall on south side of city hall building. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Helen Gardner to waive all of the building fees and water fees for the Elementary School Complex and Renovation of the High School. So passed.

Mayor Bailey asked Council to look at the sidewalks and steps at City Hall with the thought of replacing them for \$ 3,331.55 by Case Construction.

Bruce Tressler stated he got a call from a Fairview Resident about the back up and that they had not received the letter they were to receive. Mayor Bailey stated he would see about this.

Helen Gardner brought up the Mayor's Edit plan and some of the items listed that they received after the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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