

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 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.

Rodney Dyerly is writing a third addition to the book, "The Final Flight of a B-26 Bomber", about a Greensburg native Lt. Jack G. Shriver. Mr. Dyerly talked with the Mayor and ask if the City would consider passing a Resolution in honor of Lt. Shriver and if the Mayor would consider writing a letter regarding a Posthumous Award for Lt. Shriver.

Mr. Dyerly will include in the book, the Mayor's letter and Resolution 2005-13 awarding a posthumous recognition of Lt. Shriver's heroism and sacrifice in saving the City of Pratt from certain devastation.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2005-13, honoring Lt. Shriver. So passed.

Iris Wilhoit told Council of a training session from 8:30 A.M. till 12:00 Noon on Saturday at the Greensburg Education Center regarding disaster. She asks to have a count of how many will be coming. The seminar will be put on by State representatives.

Kathy Reynolds will need to notify the residents on the vacating of street behind the high school within Greensburg.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2005-5 vacating streets within Greensburg. So passed.

Ordinance 2005-6 has to do with DNR Flood Hazard and Kathy asks for Council members to look this over and give their input. Kathy and the City Attorney have worked on this Ordinance.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve the publication for annexation of the NTN/BCA property which includes 43.68 acres. So passed.

City Attorney Steve Taylor explained the procedure of publication and then the waiting of at least 60 days before the Ordinance can be introduced. Property is 100% surrounded by the City of Greensburg. It is in District #4 and zoned I-1 and B-2.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve tax abatements for Tree City Tool, Rollin Harpring, K-Fab and Houck.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve 7 new tax abatements for Valeo. So passed.

Greg Rust reported the information gathered Dax Norton from the State Highway Department, that the City has jurisdiction of all sidewalks running adjacent to State Highway 46 and 421. Also, The Hottcity representatives will come to the August meeting to discuss a sidewalk Ordinance for the City.

Sunny Side Café owners Doug Rynard and Andy Wilson provided a letter and drawing to the council members requesting permission to install tables for a sidewalk café. The drawing shows square tables and chairs up partially under their canopy and having wrought iron fencing in coffee can-like containers at the ends; it also includes round tables with umbrellas and chairs and potted plants out by the curb next to the street which is a State Highway.

Council members discussed this in depth and having tables next to the State Highway/Street was of great concern for safety.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to not give approval for the design but allowing experimenting with putting tables outside on a temporary base and the City would monitor. So passed.

Councilman Gary Herbert talked of his goal to have at least three defibrillators, one per shift in a police car. He has been talking with Ron Clark, Scott Chasteen and Bill Meyerrose. The police would be trained on the defibrillator. The fire department has four defibrillators, in four of their trucks. Bill Meyerrose has applied for a grant. Defibrillators run about \$2000 each, but the City can purchase them for \$1217 and the State will pick up the cost difference. Gary asked that this be considered when budgeting for next year.

Mayor Manus received several letters and a signed petition that was received about a walking/bike path along Park Road. Twenty signatures were on the petition against. Many of the letters agreed that there needed to be a path, but it is going to require taking part of property owners front yards and most property owners would not be in favor of that.

Mike Walker thanked the Council for financial support and invited members to the EDC Annual meeting, Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 A.M. He informed them that a couple of projects were in the process.

ARA is looking into a housing grant which would require the City to put up \$15,000 for \$300,000 grant to help low-income residents fix their homes.

Several merchants voiced their concern for their businesses if the City has no parking on Main Street from South Franklin to 421 South. After much discussion it was decided to table this and have the traffic committee to look at and study this. The City does not want to hurt the small business merchants.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-4 abandoned vehicles. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-4. So passed.

Mayor told about the Clerk-Treasurer and him going to Chesterfield and seeing what they have done on renovating a school for their City Hall, Utility and Police offices.

Mark Keillor has offered his services to advise the City regarding renovation of Billings School. Mayor entertains any ideas on what to do and how much should be spent from the Council.

Helen Gardner asks what the options are, to renovate or demolish.

Mayor stated no to demolition.

Glenn Tebbe questioned if it was possible to demolish a portion. Consensus was that the oldest section of the building was the location of the mechanical equipment and therefore this was not very practical.

Gary Herbert mentioned having an open house and letting residents give some ideas. Gary stated that it is going to take some tax dollars.

Larry Bower does not feel an open house is warranted. The Council members are elected to make the decisions. The Mayor may need to come up with a committee.

Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief asks if the Council would be interested in another opinion. Originally the building was looked over by an Engineer and everything was really good and now he seems to have changed his mind. Scott feels a second opinion is needed.

Kathy Reynolds told Council that Tom Hunter has other Architectures that are coming up with their plans for the Greensburg Schools are not being charged. What about contacting Mr. Hunter?

Ken Dornich feels other Architecture opinions are needed and would like for Scott to contact the person he knows and then set a meeting date to discuss this.

Mayor Manus stated that he has talked with Tom Hunter.

Next meeting will be at Billings School, Monday June 13th at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the project.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen told about a new grant for staffing that is similar to the ones that have been for the police. It is a five year grant and he would like permission to pursue it.

Council agreed for him to pursue but did not make a commitment to accept a grant.

Bonnie Motz had a concern about the Lincoln Street proposal and her property at 301 Barachel Lane. People drive through a portion of her front yard now and would this be addressed when the project is undertaken. Council and Mayor assured her that this would be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer