

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2004

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Insight Communications representative, Tom Flora was to come and explain to Council the letters the City had received about the increase that will be effective July 1, 2004 to commercial customers.

The Mayor will try and contact Mr. Flora and set up the possibility of him coming to the July meeting.

Culpepper Cooper was present to give an update on the City's Health Insurance. He explained basically where the City stands on percentage of claims and told that he would have a better assessment of all of it to give a recommendation for the upcoming budget for the year 2005 in another month.

The Council approved compliance reports regarding five-tax abatements for Valeo.

Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief, introduced Jock Ralston to the Council. Jock had completed his year as a probationary firefighter on May 20, 2004 and had been approved by the Board of Works meeting, to firefighter status.

Scott told of the Fire Department being awarded three different grants. The EMA grant is in the amount of \$40,000 to be used to purchase a vehicle for a Hazemat response decontamination team. Don Meyer Ford does have a vehicle that would work for this and the Board of Works have given approval for the purchase.

A matching grant from DNR in the amount of \$3,500 would be used for purchasing pagers and radio.

A \$4,000 Safety First grant would be used to upgrade the fire departments defibrillators.

The Council had a school board appointment position to fill and they had candidates Doug Fry, Rebecca Barker and Larry McCammet to choose from for the Democrat appointment.

Larry Bower complimented on how fortunate the City is to have candidates of this caliber asking to be considered for the School Board appointment position.

Larry Bower nominated Larry McCammet to continue for another four years as the School Board appointment position by the Council and Gary Herbert seconded this.

Glenn Tebbe nominated Doug Fry for the School Board appointment position by the Council. There was no seconds to this nomination, the nomination died for lack of a second.

Glenn Tebbe stated he has nothing against Larry McCammet, he just knows what the Council went through to set up the guidelines and rules for the school board appointments and feels there needs to be turn over from time to time.

Helen Gardner felt Larry McCammet should be reappointed and that this will be Larry's last term for the School Board according to the guidelines and rules the Council has in place. Helen stated that she has had a lot of phone calls and visits from people in support of McCammet.

Ken Dornich, Larry Bower, Gary Herbert and Helen Gardner, ayes in support of Larry McCammet. Glenn Tebbe nay. So passed.

The Mayor had an appointment for the school board position and Marc Meyerrose and David Meyers were the candidates. Mayor Manus commented on both men being really good candidates and would do a very good job and feels that both would make good decisions.

Mayor Manus stated that he is reappointing David Meyer to the School Board Position for another four years.

Mayor Manus asks the news media if they would help clarify to the public about trash pick-up and holidays. **Trash is picked up every day and every holiday except CHRISTMAS DAY AND THANKSGIVING DAY.**

Mayor stated they are working on annexation for the NTN-BCA.

The City had gotten a refund check for \$92.00 from the Decatur County United Fund. Originally the City had given a match contribution to the Indiana Child Care fund Grant that Traci Eggleston had spoken to the City about on the Before and After School program that was organized by the Greensburg Community School System.

Tentative budget schedules were handed out.

July 3rd should be the grand opening of the new Adult Senior Center.

Permanent shifts for police department will begin on June 13 for a six-month trial.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Council Member

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ATTEST: _____ Clerk-Treasurer

