

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2003

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present:

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

Scott Pitcher and Sue Alexander of Fortune Management was present to show slides and talk to Council about what they do and have done in downtowns at Kokomo , Marion and Anderson . Afterwards they answered questions. Several residents were in attendance and ask questions. No decisions were made at this time.

Members of the Downtown Development Corporation were present and ask for Councils permission to take out the little trees around the square and put in concrete planters, new benches and trash cans. They stated that they would maintain the planters as long as they had the funds to do so.

Council members did not have a problem with replacing the benches and trash cans, but several voiced their opinion on the taking out the trees and replacing with planters.

Mayor stated he would check with the City's insurance company and Council decided to table this until next month.

Tom Flora of Insight Communications gave the Council an update on their services and the high definition broadcast.

Dr. Hirt of the Animal Control Board was present along with members Don Nelson and Bud Ryle. Dr. Hirt told the Council that the County had stated they would put \$125,000 in their budget for 2004 for the construction of a new shelter if the City would meet it. They have secured a grant of \$5000 from the Community Foundation and are working on a grant with USDA. USDA needs to have conformation that the City will also be backing the construction and construction for both grants would need to be done by December 31, 2004 . They have had some donations towards construction and feel that they will receive more once people know that it is a go ahead project.

Herb Hunter stated that he is behind the project and feels that it is needed and the city is fortunate to have a shelter to help take care of the animal problems. Herb stated that once this is built then he would like to see an endowment started.

Other Council members stated they also were in favor of the monies for the project.

Mayor stated that the Council would begin working on the budget for 2004 and since they had put \$50,000 in a fund this year from the 2003 budget then they would have \$75,000 left to make the \$125,000. Mayor stated the Council is behind the project and will see what their budget will allow.

Don Nelson ask if they could go ahead and get the plans and information needed going to finish up for the USDA and Council stated yes.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve tax abatement renewals for: GECOM (6) and Valeo (5). So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2003-4 Greensburg Housing Rehab, RLF. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by David Leas to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2003-10. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2003-10. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on first reading Ordinance 2003-11 City Salaries. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on first reading Ordinance 2003-12 Elected Officials. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by David Leas to pass on first reading Ordinance 2003-13 Utilities Salaries. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on first reading Ordinance 2003-14 Elected Officials. So passed.

Council approved advertising budget for 2004 before any needed cuts are made.

Bill Meyerrose stated that they have an opportunity to buy the K-9 dog from the Marion County Sheriff's department for \$1000. Wal-Mart has donated \$750. Would cost the department \$250 plus \$1200 for a pen and car cage. Eric Blodgett would be the handler. One dog that the City has is 7 years old and will be retiring within another 2-3 years. Board of Works gave their approval at their morning meeting. Bill stated he has the necessary monies in the K-9 fund.

Fire Chief Mike Wells told the Council that two walls are bowing and he would like to try an expand. Mike stated that ARA is looking into Grants. HNTB and Schneider Engineers have been in to check the walls out.

Bruce Tressler brought up CINergy and the study done on broadband and wanted to know where this all stood on the \$50,000 that the City had invested with the presentation of being reimbursed from CINergy.

The Mayor stated that Sunman is ready to come in at their own expense. CINergy's is still in legal tie up.

David Leas stated that he is an officer on the Economic Development Board and will keep Council updated.

Mayor stated the Jewel of Greensburg project is on hold for now.

The Marriott Fairfield Inn ribbon cutting will be Tuesday at 4:45 P.M.

Joe Shields handed out a letter about the parking on the square to the Mayor and Council asking them to either enforce or take off the books.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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