

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2005
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

David Valinez of the Sesco Group out of Indianapolis was present. Mr. Valinez spoke about the clean-up at the Old Senior Center. The site has old gas tanks. Liability insurance policies have a build in provision on clean up on different sites. Mr. Valinez stated they have a sister company that buys property that needs cleaned up.

City Attorney, Steve Taylor has reviewed the contract of the Sesco Group and is comfortable with the contract.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to approve and sign the contract with Sesco Group. So passed.

Lisa Lang Westenberger of ARA reviewed Resolution 2005-24, the Comprehensive Plan and Resolution 2005-25, the Rehab Housing Program Grants.

The City would have a 10% match and the Plan Commisision is paying the 10% for the Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor also has the authorization to sign any papers for the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2005-24. So passed.

Lisa explained that the City should put up a 5% match for the Housing Rehab Grant of \$300,000 which would be \$15,000. \$3750 would come from a pay back to the Housing Rehab fund and the City would need to come up with \$11,250. Lisa explained that this portion could come from Edit monies.

Gary Herbert thinks that Edit monies should not be used.

Ken Dornich and Larry Bower think that Edit monies should be used, because this would help to raise the value of the property

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2005-25. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Ordinance 2005-8 on 2nd reading. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Ordinance 2005-9 on 2nd reading. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass Ordinance 2005-10 on 2nd reading. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Ordinance 2005-11 on 2nd reading. So passed.

H.J. Umbaugh & Associate representatives were present to review the information concerning rate increases for water and wastewater.

Larry Bower voiced that he would like for the water and wastewater departments to be more cost effective with their operation.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-12. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-12. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-13. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-13. So passed.

Jan Bartels of New Directions was present to ask the Council to please consider putting at least \$10,000 in the 2006 budget. The building they have been in all this time free of rent has been sold and now they have to start paying rent. United Fund has reduced the monies they receive. Jan stated that if Council can give any more they would appreciate it.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Resolution 2005-23 for tax abatement for M&S Precision Machining. So passed.

Jean Johannigman, Jim Hawkins and Brad McCarter were all present about the Fiddle fest and Car Show. Jean had pictures and a letter from Judy O'Bannon and other information concerning the Fiddle fest and ask if Council would again allow them to close the inside south side of the square for a Fiddle fest for next year May 12th and May 13th.

Council did not see a problem.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve May 12th and May 13th of 2006 for the Fiddle fest and to close the inside south side of square. So passed.

Brad McCarter and Jim Hawkins gave a report on the Car Show. There were 941 cars registered and they turned away 125 cars that did not get registered in time. Five hundred and one cars were pre-registered. Everything went very smooth thanks to all that helped in anyway. They would like to have another Car Show next year around July 28th and July 29th and have the Friday night event along with the Saturday like they had this year.

It was decided to table this till the next meeting.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to approve a contract with the School Corporation and the police department for patrolling Big Blue and other school property including all parking lots. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to approve Ordinance 2005-14 on first reading, 2006 budget. So passed.

Steve Barth gave an update on Billings School. The roof is in need of some patching and Council told him to check with Tom Hunter on the warranty for the roof. They have gone through and figured out the electrical system, checked out west area through the tunnel, examined each room. The parking lot is cracking and plans are for limited renovations.

Mayor Manus checked on the liability for the playground and it is very inexpensive and so Council is planning on leaving it as is.

Gary Herbert brought up that he would like to have a cap of \$1,200,000 spent and this including the Bond cost for the renovations. Discussion followed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to cap total renovation costs at \$1,200,000, including bond cost for renovations. So passed.

The Water Company owes the City \$114,000 in lieu of taxes and the water company forgave \$48,000 on hydrants fees back when those fees were put on the residents that the City owed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to allow the Water Company to subtract off \$48,000 from the \$114,000 they owe and pay \$30,000 now and then the rest later instead of all at one time. So passed.

Mention was made concerning the sidewalk cuts that have been made on North and Fourth Streets. These did not have approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

