

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

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-6 Flood Hazard. So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-6. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-7 Annexation of NTN/BCA. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2005-26 Annexation. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-14. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-9 Elected Officials Salary. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-11 Elected Officials Salary. So passed.

Council tabled Ordinance 2005-8 and Ordinance 2005-10 employee's salaries until a special meeting on September 12th.

Dax Norton of HottCity gave an update on the recent meeting that was held concerning all the events that have been and are being held downtown. Dax stated a need for more communication and cooperation with the merchants.

Don McCrary and Brian Messer were present to give an update on the Airport. The airport is eligible for Federal funding and State would pay 50% of the local

match requirement. The Airport Board has a little over \$60,000 left and they either have to spend it or it has to be sent back. The funds will all be gone after the year 2007. A proposal would need to be presented to the FAA and environmental study would need to be done. The first step would be to purchase the Airport. The Board believes that the Airport would be self-supporting.

Council member questioned the understanding that the City/County could purchase the airport, put in the runway and could stop with that. Mr. McCrary stated yes.

Don explained that the FAA program is a reimbursement plan and they are eligible for Federal Funds now for the Airport.

Don told Council that he is not asking for a decision tonight, but there is not enough ground at the existing airport the way it sits now and land would need to be purchased.

Larry Bower stated the airport is important, but he doesn't think that the present site is not good for the long term.

Mayor Manus asks the Council to give this some serious thought and suggested the Council call and talk with Mr. Keefer at the State.

Phil Goddard was present along with his mother and brother. Mr. Goddard told Council that his mother owns the land in question needed for the expansion and if you take it by eminent domain; they will protest it with all means possible. The family has a need for this land and plan on establishing a trust. The land is not for sale.

Marc Haston and several others voiced their opinions against the airport expansion.

Dean Henderson said the airport has a unique situation of where it sets. There are almost forty planes there and this airport is the Gateway to Greensburg, The Greensburg Airport is not an eyesore.

Mr. Keefer will be at the next County Council meeting.

Bud Ryle, secretary/treasurer of the Animal Control Board had sent a letter to the Mayor and Council pertaining to over \$46,000 being placed in the County's

General fund from adoptions at the Animal Shelter. The City and County each split the yearly budget for the Animal Shelter.

The Animal Shelter Board would like to be able to use this money and establish an Endowment Fund. An Endowment would also permit persons that wanted to donate to it or leave money in a will to it they could. The five-thousand dollar grant the shelter received for the new building was from money left in a will designated for the animals.

Richmond, Indiana has an Endowment Fund set up and after five-years they fund their yearly shelter budget from the interest.

Glenn Tebbe likes the idea of starting an Endowment with the \$46,000, but if an Endowment is not set up then Council needs to have future discussions about the monies.

Council members unanimously agreed per the signed letter received from the Animal Control Board, going on record as supporting their request of establishing an Endowment Fund with the \$46,000 plus dollars they have taken in over the years for the adoption of animals from the Animal Shelter.

Mr. Ryle told Council that the new shelter building that the City and County provided the money for, is coming in under budget and there is going to be some monies left. The van they have has had to have several expensive repairs and quite a few miles on it. They would like to have permission to use some of the left over monies to purchase a 4-wheel pick-up truck.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve using any left over monies the Animal Control Board has from the City's portion of monies provided for the construction of the new Animal Shelter, for half of the purchase of a 4-wheel truck. So passed.

Billings's roof was looked at and the warranty took care of the old section of the building.

Several residents from the Oriole Court and Nightingale Drive area were present about a parking issue.

Council feels that the Traffic Committee needs to look at this issue and also check the width of the cul-de-sac compared to the other cul-de-sacs in this area and report back with their recommendation.

Council will look at this also.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to move \$751.05 insurance money, from the general fund to the police equipment repair. So passed.

Council set another budget work session for Monday, September 12, at 7:30 P.M. at the Council Chamber in the Courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer