

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2007
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved with one correction.

Lisa Westenberger of ARA was present for the public hearing on the downtown revitalization grant. They can apply for up to \$50,000. HottCity has committed \$6000 for the local 10% match.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Resolution 2007-5 designating specific area in need of structural improvements. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2007-6 designating HottCity the 10% local match monies of \$6,000 and authorizing the Mayor to sign all necessary paperwork. So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2007-5 Post Storm Water Construction. So passed.

Kathy Reynolds gave the Plan Commission Report. The Plan Commission met in February and approved Mr. Kremer's plans for the Winchester Addition. The covenants will be reviewed and approved at a later date. The pipe and/or lift station may need to be replaced.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-6 changing the zoning of real estate from "B-2" general business district to "R-2" one and two family residence district. So passed.

After discussion, tax abatement renewal for the Holiday Inn Express was tabled for more information till the April meeting, motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower. So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Resolution 2007-4 and approve tax abatement for Greensburg Station LLC c/o Street Corner Group LLC, Hampton Inn. So passed.

After discussion, motion by Glenn and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2007-3 Schreiber & Whitaker with an amendment allowing ten-year abatement for the Housing project only. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to table Ordinance 2007-3 airport rescinding. So passed.

After discussion a motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Gary Herbert to amend Ordinance 2007-4 setting staggered terms for the commission members with Council appointing three members and the Mayor appointing two members. For the first appointments, one by Council and one by the Mayor would be for two years and the other appointments for four years. After the initial appointments then the terms would be for four years. So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve moving insurance, restitution and grant reimbursement monies from the general fund to the police, street and fire department appropriations. So passed.

Bob Dawson spoke to the Council concerning establishing a 5-6 mile bicycle/walk path that the Decatur County Recreation and Fitness Paths Committee would like to implement. They requested applying for grants by using ARA and running the grants through the City. They requested changing the ordinance to designate for multi-purpose on sidewalks and or areas in the proposed subdivisions designated on Park Road.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich approved the Decatur County Recreation and Fitness Paths Committee the right to apply for grants using ARA and running them through the City. So passed.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose told Council at the Board of Works meeting, the Board had approved his request to purchase three police vehicles for the annual rotation with 800MZH radios and in-car videos. Bill was requesting the approval by Council for the budgeting of these cars for the next year 2008 budget.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve the vehicles for the 2008 budget. So passed.

City Attorney Steve Taylor presented the Council with Draft #2 concerning the City Hall Office Space Lease to review.

Vicki Kellerman showed the Council and Mayor a photo of downtown Greensburg and the Courthouse that was in the Indiana Business Magazine.

Mayor Manus named Curtis Wendling, Drew Barth, Karen Harter, Matt Westhafer and Teresa Schwering to the Commission for the Historical Preservation Commission. Districts can be put together and advisors could be added.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to approve the appointees for the commission. So passed.

Private Clubs had given the Council members a letter requesting a review of the clubs financial situation and the smoking ban ordinance. The clubs were requesting the Council to grant them an exemption from the ordinance compliance. Those present were John Land America Legion, Jim Stuart Moose Lodge, Dennis Hensley Eagles Lodge and Kenny Stagge Knights of Columbus.

Kenny Stagge told the Council that the Knights of Columbus had made some adjustments before the enforcement of the ordinance went into effect and the Knights of Columbus is not having a problem. They are even.

Those representing the other three clubs stated they were down financially and had lost some members, but could not state that it was completely all from the smoking ordinance.

Discussion was held and the Legion was questioned about patrons still smoking and John Land admitted that there was some smoking still in the Legion.

Some Council members did not feel that three months was long enough for the no smoking adjustment.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen is still working on the tornado sirens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

