

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2006
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to nominate Glenn Tebbe, Council President for the year 2006.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to close the nominations. So passed.

First motion carried with ayes by Helen Gardner, Ken Dornich, Gary Herbert and Larry Bower. Glenn Tebbe abstained. So passed.

Greg Rust introduced Bryan Robbins as the new director for HottCity. They handed out the annual budget and requested \$30,000 funding for the year 2006 from the City.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to use Edit Fund money in the amount of \$30,000 for the year 2006 for HottCity, with payment due though out the year. Helen Gardner abstained since she is on the HottCity Board. Glenn Tebbe, Gary Herbert, Ken Dornich and Larry Bower ayes. So passed.

Eric Frye from ARA was present to explain having guidelines concerning Tax Abatement and foundation of whether you give Tax Abatement or not and for how long. You do not want to lock yourself into just creating jobs. The Economic Map is the whole Corporation. Right now the City's policy is limited to giving 3-5- or 10 years abatement. Legislation has changed so cities could give anywhere from 1 to 10 years abatement. The City would need to pass the Resolution to give more flexibility and the map needs to be updated.

Glenn Tebbe would like to have it stating inside the corporate limit rather than have a map. That a way it would include areas that have been annexed.

Larry Bower questioned if the City can do anything different to make sure the company or persons receiving tax abatement have in their possession and use the equipment they say they have.

Eric Frye stated that the City could actually go and see if the equipment is there.

Gary Herbert questioned where they say they will create 30 jobs and then they don't, what can be done?

Eric Frye stated that you could revoke their abatement. The City could make these people and companies come in and give a full report.

Helen Gardner suggested every Council person go through the guidelines and put down what each feels is needed. The City needs to keep from boxing themselves in. Then the Mayor, Gary and Helen could review what everyone thinks is important and go from there.

Mayor Manus told Council that they can either reappoint two council members to be on the Tif Board for the year 2006 or Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner could stay on if they so desired and it was ok with the other Council members.

Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner expressed their desire to stay on the Tif Board if the Council agreed.

Gary Herbert stated that he would like to see a business person that is within the Tif District to be on the Board.

Mayor Manus stated that Tif Board member Dennis Doerflinger has his business within the Tif area.

Glenn Tebbe and Larry Bower each expressed their desire to have Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner to remain on the Tif Board and believe that the Tif Board is making progress.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to reappoint Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner to the Tif Board for the year 2006. Gary Herbert and Helen Gardner abstained. Glenn Tebbe, Larry Bower and Ken Dornich ayes. So passed.

Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief told Council that he would like to implement some type of rotation program to replace aging fire trucks when they get approximately 20 years old. The trucks the City has are 27 years, 19 years and 14 years old. Approximately \$400,000 was budgeted for the year 2006 in the Cumulative Fire Fund in case the City would like to pursue replacing one of the fire trucks.

Glenn Tebbe would like to see what Scott's situation really is and to lay out some sort of plan for Council to review. Council members agreed.

Ken Dornich questioned of any possibility of any grants available.

Mike Williams from Sunset Acres was present to discuss the no parking on the cul-de-sac passed in Ordinance 2005-16. Council members will review this.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to use the Greensburg Daily News and Times as the City's designated advertising newspaper for the year 2006. So passed.

Mr. Ernstes was present representing Brian Messer and stated that the Airport Board would like the City Council support an appraisal on present airport site and an alternate area that the County Council and County Commissioners where they would like to see the airport moved. This is near the proposed new Commerce Park.

The County Council and Commissioners have given their approval to keep the grant open and the Airport is to use the FAA funds.

Gary Herbert questioned if the City and County can afford the airport and the amount of revenue that is taken in yearly.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich that the City supports the Airport Board to acquire an appraisal of the present airport site and the alternate site study as well. So passed.

Glenn Tebbe brought up the take home vehicle issue concerning the resolution that City Attorney had provided all council members with at the December meeting for their input.

Steve Taylor stated one suggestion he received was putting a mileage limit from the City limits.

Glenn Tebbe suggested that a mileage limit be set. Several years ago it was a 2 mile limit and then it was extended to a 5 mile limit. Glenn would like to see it be returned to a 2 mile limit from the City limit.

Helen Gardner questioned if this would be for all future employees or all employees retroactive.

Larry Bower has no problem making this 2 mile limit as of a particular date.

Gary Herbert questioned the unmarked law vehicles.

It was explained that the unmarked law vehicles is an exception as long as they are being used for police work under IRS rules and NO PERSONAL USE.

Ken Dornich likes a 2 mile range and putting a date of 2-3 months and give officers over that a year.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose asked that the 5 mile limit be grandfathered for the 2-3 officers that are as of now over the 2 mile limit. Bill stated that these are his more experienced officers.

Helen Gardner understands Mr. Meyerrose's stance of grandfathering these officers.

Council members purposed putting in a paragraph for 2-3 officers and a couple of other employees that are not over 5 miles. These are existing personnel. Any one new will be under the 2 mile limit. A revised draft of the policy will be presented at the February meeting.

Council members discussed the police overtime and how much is used for Civic and other events.

Ken Dornich brought up the trash situation on the square, which was brought up several months ago.

The Council needs to review the Ordinance and bring it more up to date.

Helen Gardner asked about the property on Broadway and McKee and some other property's with trash.

Glenn Tebbe stated there is an Ordinance on parking between curbs and sidewalks and it needs to be enforced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer