

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2006
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.

The Council Chambers was filled with a large attendance of concerned residents.

Mr. Culpepper Cooper was present to review the City's Health Insurance renewal. Mr. Cooper had gotten six different re-insurance and administrator quotes. He did not get a different quote on the network. The City has been having problems with their administrator settling claims in a timely manner.

The quote from the existing carrier was approximately \$80,000 higher. Culpepper recommended changing from Central Benefits to American Administrators. The re-insurance Gerber to Combined Insurance, maintain the present network Sagamore and have an 18/12 contract. Culpepper also recommended renewing the Life Insurance with Companion at the present rate .22, no increase, only changing the renewal date to January instead of April and to raise the employee from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Culpepper also reviewed the health insurance benefits and told Council that he had presented this to the Board of Works and they had voted to approve the changes at their December 1st meeting.

ARA representative Deb Lilly was present to talk about the \$150,000 grant that has been awarded to the City of Greensburg from CBCG funds. These monies will assist in housing repair for qualified applicants. Council needed to sign the necessary paperwork and have notarized.

Kathy Reynolds explained to the Council that on the annexation Ordinance 2006-28 on Park Road owned by Mr. Kremer, the changes have been made R-1 and R-2. The R-4 has been removed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to approve on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-28. So passed.

Kathy Reynolds explained that this Public meeting is the Public Hearing for the final reading of Annexation Ordinance 2006-29 and Resolution 2006-23 on the property owned by Mr. Campion on Millhousen Road.

Steve Herbert stated that he did not receive any notification concerning the annexation of this property and the proposed usage.

Kathy Reynolds stated to Mr. Herbert and Council that she did send out the necessary information and notification to him and she had the receipt, which she showed to Mr. Herbert and Council.

City Attorney Steve Taylor explained to Mr. Herbert that the receipt that Kathy has, shows she has done what she is legally bound to do. If the letter she has sent out does not get delivered by the post office, then she is not liable. Moreover Mr. Herbert's presence at the meeting means that he is aware of the meeting and the letter is primarily to notify property owners. He is able to bring his concerns to the City.

Another concerned citizen questioned about the drainage problem for the area. Glenn Tebbe told her that this will be addressed at the Plan Commission.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to passed Resolution 2006-23. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 3rd and final reading Ordinance 2006-29, annexation property owned by Mr. Campion on Millhousen Road. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded Glenn Tebbe to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2006-31 Lincoln and Montgomery Light. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2006-24 transfers of funds. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2006-25 water construction fund. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2006-26 appropriation reduction. So passed.

A blood drive will be held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 12th.

Ordinance 2006-33 is changing the zoning from R-2 to R-4 in the Rolling Meadows final phase area. It is felt that this will help to be a good buffer for this area from the industry and commercial dwellings.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-33. So passed.

Bryan Robbins of HottCity brought the Ordinance 2006-32 establishing a Historic Preservation Commission for City of Greensburg.

Glenn Tebbe questioned if any guidelines the Commission set and districts identified, would then be brought back to the Council for approval. City Attorney Steve Taylor stated that the guidelines and districts would have to be approved by the Council.

Larry Bower passed out a letter from a business owner with their concerns. Larry stated that he has concerns as well and that caution needs to be used in passing this Ordinance even though this is only establishing a Commission.

Glenn Tebbe agreed with Larry Bower's concerns and stated that this does give the Council the right to over see the ideas and thoughts the Commission should come up with. The Council wants to be sure and find the necessary balances that are needed.

Gary Herbert feels this is a good beginning and agrees with Larry Bower and Glenn Tebbe in what they are saying.

Kathy Reynolds told the Council that if a building had a fire and was 60% destroyed, the building might need to be torn down.

City Attorney Steve Taylor told the Council members if there should be anything they feel needs to be changed or added then he would amend the Ordinance.

Mayor Manus had met with Bryan Robbins and a representative from the Historic Landmarks about the old City Hall.

Bryan Robbins told Council that the exterior and any art interior of the existing Old Carnegie Building would be preserved by Historic Landmarks. The City would sign over the easement to preserve this and this would not alter the City's

right of selling the property. There is a one time donation fee determined by assessment.

City Attorney Steve Taylor advised Bryan Robbins to bring some sample ordinances that the City could use to designate how the building would be preserved.

Glenn Tebbe supports protecting the architecture and would like to see the interior of the dome retained also.

Ken Dornich would like the rotunda dome retained as well.

Mayor Manus has contacted George Foster to go into the Old City Hall and winterize and to go in twice a week to maintain the building.

One hundred loads of concrete and dirt have been removed from the Old Senior Center property and the building will be taken down.

The Tif Board has to be appointed and sworn in at the January meeting. The Council has two appointments and the Mayor three.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to re-appoint Helen Gardner and Ken Dornich to the Tif Board. Larry Bower, Gary Herbert and Glenn Tebbe ayes. Helen Gardner and Ken Dornich abstained. So passed.

The Mayor had gone to the Commissioner's meeting and spoke about the Airport and if the Commissioner's were in support. The Commissioner's told the Mayor that they would be in support if the County Council will support it. The Mayor plans on attending the County Council meeting to ask for their support.

Glenn Tebbe told that the Chamber of Commerce and Co-op of Southeast is bringing information about alternate fuels.

Glenn Tebbe would like to see some guidelines to be established regarding the use of the north wing of City Hall pertaining to non-profit organizations. Glenn would like to start seeing this area used. Glenn offered to draft some criteria and expectations for organizations to use the space. He asked that Council members send him their ideas about the rules and concerns regarding use of these rooms.

The Fire Department is using one room and the Red Cross may use the same room.

City Attorney Steve Taylor told that a signed document would need to be done before an organization could use the space on a regular basis. He will prepare such when we have determined the policy and guidelines for use.

Animal Control Board member Budd Ryle had sent some letters to the Mayor, Council, City Attorney and County Council, Commissioners and County Attorney regarding several issues.

The Animal Control Board is requesting permission to use any unused monies for the construction of the new animal shelter for cages or any other equipment.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to allow the Animal Shelter Board to use any left over monies that were designated for the Animal Shelter. So passed.

Mr. Ryle told the Council that the Endowment Fund started for the Animal Shelter now has \$6500 in it and the County Auditor has \$2800 that they need to send over to be put into the Endowment Fund from adoptions and donations.

The rest of the adoption money is put in the General Fund by the County. The Animal Control Board would like for the adoption money to be put in a separate account and be utilized by the Animal Shelter for equipment or if additional monies should be needed during the year.

Glenn Tebbe stated that the County Council would have to say ok to the monies being put in a separate account that goes strictly for the Animal Shelter.

Gary Herbert stated that he agrees since this budget is split by the City and County, half of the adoption money should be the City's.

Ken Dornich would like to see the adoption money be put in a separate account for the Animal Shelter to use only above what their budget is.

Mr. Ryle stated that the Animal Control Board would like to provide an increase in the Animal Warden's salary. Part-time help will be paid \$8.80 per hour next year. The Warden's salary will be \$20,530 for the year. For all the hours, responsibility and extra work that the Warden does, the Animal Control Board feels the salary should be higher. This year the Warden is making \$10.54 per hour.

Council members told Mr. Ryle that until the 2007 budget is passed by the DLGF, they really can't move on this.

Mr. Ryle brought up that other shelters have a surrender fee that they charge, but the Animal Shelter here would rather have a donation instead of a surrender fee. They were just asking for input from Council.

Council felt the donation was fine.

Steve Barth came before the Council requesting consideration for a room on the north wing for a Habitat for Humanity office. They would be willing to fix up the room.

Council stated they need to recommend guidelines and then have the City Attorney draw up a draft.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer