

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 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.

Mayor Manus read a statement concerning the dispute with Rural Water. Negotiations with Rural Water have not been terminated and the City was sending an offer to Rural Water the following day. Within the terms of the offer Rolling Meadows would get water immediately should Rural Water agree.

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-1 (R-2 zoning to R-4 and R-2 to B-3). So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-1. So passed.**

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-1. So passed.**

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-2 (I-1 zoning to R-2). So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-2. So passed.**

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-2. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-5 Post Storm Water Construction. So passed.**

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose stated that he wanted to update the Council about the Homeland Security Grant they have been awarded to purchase hand-held and car 800 MHZ radios. The County has already changed to the 800 MHZ radios and the City needs to change to the system so they can communicate. The City should be on the system about March 1<sup>st</sup>. Right at present the City has not had to fund any monies for this.

The tax abatement committee has reviewed the renewal for Windemere Apartments, and new tax abatements and resolutions for Valeo, Prairie Material and Schreiber & Whitaker LLC.

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve the renewal for Windemere Apartments. So passed.**

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2007-1 and tax abatement approval for Valeo. So passed.**

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2007-2 and tax abatement approval for Prairie Material. So passed.**

Discussion was held concerning the request for tax abatement for Schreiber & Whitaker LLC and Resolution 2007-3.

Dawn Galloway of Keller Development explained that they were submitting a request for tax abatement for housing and developmental services. It would be 100% at low income and 10% for disability persons and homeless. They are applying for a grant and tax abatement is not required but the funders like to see a monetary donation by local government. This helps the application and increases chances of getting the grant. They would be requesting 10-year abatement, but would take less.

Council members had a concern of approval of tax abatement for housing and would like to have had more information in order to make a decision. The City looks at an abatement producing several jobs and would like to see the study demonstrating the need for such housing.

Dawn Galloway still has time to get the application in and will get the necessary information for the Council before the next meeting.

**The request for abatement was tabled until the March meeting.**

Gary Herbert explained to those in attendance that the Tax Abatement Committee doesn't usually make the motion and second on abatements since they have already given their approval.

John Dulley was present to represent the Airport. The two chosen sites are still being studied and no decision on location of airport has been made.

City Attorney Steve Taylor explained the two ordinances concerning creation of a city airport commission. There will be a five-member commission that will set the budget and a fund will need to be set up.

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-3 (rescinding ordinance 1980-1 airport agreement with county as a joint commission). So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.**

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-3. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2007-4 airport. So passed.**

This ordinance creates a city airport commission.

A request from the Fair Board for the changing of the siren test time was brought up. The council agreed that this was a reasonable request. Scott Chasteen the Fire Chief will make the decision regarding how it will be changed.

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for Ordinance 2006-32 (historical preservation). So passed.**

Steve Barth told that he had requested to the Plan Commission to permit a 150 foot radius for the 20-acre subdivision site they are working on for Mr. Kremer that sits on Park Road next to the Country Club Estates. Steve told that he has heard the Plan Commission is concerned about granting a waiver to permit the 150 foot radius. Steve said the advantage to a 150 foot radius helps to slow down traffic. If the Plan Commission does not accept a variance to allow the 150

foot radius then he plans on coming back to the Council to ask for an amendment to the Ordinance.

Street Commissioner Ralph Land told Council that a 150 degree radius is not big enough to get the necessary equipment around and that the Fire Chief Scott Chasteen had told him they have problems with trying to get the fire truck around on a 150 foot radius.

Kathy Reynolds has talked with other cities about this and most of them are going to a 200 degree radius.

It was questioned about Steve Barth reviewing and signing off on the new comprehensive plan and the 300 degree radius was put in the plan.

Ken Dornich suggested Kathy Reynolds to get together with Scott Chasteen and Ralph Land and go out and look at a 150 and a 300 foot radius.

Council suggested the Traffic Committee to look into this and report back next month.

An Economic Development report was received from Vicki Kellerman.

A report was received on the cable franchise fees received from ETC and Insight.

Kathy Reynolds had given out a report on the building permits for the year 2006.

Street Commissioner Ralph Land had given a handout on a list of new equipment the Street Department is going to need for 2008.

Richard Hall attorney at Barnes & Thornburg LLP of Indianapolis had specified at the Council meeting, the Council needs to nominate an individual to serve on the County's Economic Development Commission. The individual should be a City resident who does not have any interest in the dairy, Honda project or the development of the areas surrounding Honda.

**Glenn Tebbe nominated Bob Navarra to serve on the County's Economic Development Commission for the City. Larry Bower seconded the nomination. So passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

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Clerk-Treasurer

