

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Bryan Robbins of HottCity was present and told Council that Heart of Tree City and some merchants are interested in buying cameras to have put up behind the Decatur Apartments and area mainly on the East section of the parking lot area. Bryan had contacted Cinergy about using their poles for the cameras. Cinergy will approve them running the cable on their poles, but not mounting the cameras to them. The cameras will need to be attached onto the buildings. Several business owners and a concerned citizen have pledged \$2200 toward the purchase of the cameras.

Bryan had prices from ETC, Century II and American Century Guard that ran from \$3900 up to \$9900. Different prices for different quantity of cameras.

Council members stated that they would like to review all the information that Bryan has provided them with before making a decision.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve compliance tax abatement renewals for: Bill Witkemper, K-Fab, Larry Bishop, Rollin Harpring, Dan McLean, S&DS Investments, Thomas Maliekal-Kunen (strip mall behind BP station), Anil Patel (BP gas station building), Green Signs, Northgate, Tree City Hotel (Holiday Inn Express), Greensburg Commercial Warehousing Inc., and Valeo. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2006-7. So passed.

Council discussed the tax abatement issue and is planning to set up guidelines. Helen Gardner and Gary Herbert would appreciate input from remaining Council members.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose withdrew the calling for passage of Ordinance 2006-1 dealing with lowering the age limit for pool halls.

This Ordinance has died for lack of passing 2nd and 3rd readings.

Council held a discussion concerning special events held and the Police Overtime and Overtime monies needed to work the events. The budget for 2006 is \$17,000 and quite a bit is spent on special events. Bill Meyerrose Police Chief and the Council are not opposed to designating up to \$1000 for the big special events and asking those putting the events on to help with the remaining cost.

Glenn Tebbe would like to find a balance on spending overtime man power for special events. Glenn would like some sort of policy between all involved whether it be a gentleman agreement or if needed something in writing.

Mayor Manus has approached both of the major events using so much man power and feels they understand the situation. Mayor asks Bill Meyerrose to approach and talk with the individuals long before the events.

Clerk-Treasurer explained that quite some time ago the City and County both spent \$36,100 each from Edit funds to Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for the feasibility study on the airport for Federal Grant funds. The way it was explained to the City by the Airport Authority board was that the monies would be reimbursed.

Commissioner Charles Buell had come to a Council meeting and had told the Council that monies had come back and was returned to the Airport Board and they had brought it to the County Auditor and it was in the County's Edit Fund.

The FAA reimbursed 90% and the state 5% or a total of \$68,590. The City and County had a local match of 5%.

The Clerk-Treasurer had talked with Janet Chadwell of the Auditor's office and Don Manley of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. Don Manley had told the Clerk-Treasurer that the monies should be put in an Escrow account drawing interest, because should the County and City proceed with the possibility of expanding the Airport, these monies would need to be expended on the Airport or could possibly have to be sent back to the FAA and State. The Clerk-Treasurer had relayed to Janet Chadwell what Mr. Manley had told her and Mr. Manley suggested the Escrow to be signed off by the County and City on the signature cards. The Clerk-Treasurer had told Janet Chadwell to not send the City's

portion of \$34,295 to the City until the Council had a chance to decide what to do. That it made more sense to her to put the money in an Escrow interest bearing account.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve putting the City's portion in an Escrow Account along with the County if the County approves of an Escrow Account for these FAA and State Grant reimbursement funds. So passed.

Glenn Tebbe handed out a paper showing the amount of Edit monies the City has received since 1997 to 2005 and the amount that has been spent out and on what the monies were spent on.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2006-5 declaring accounts dormant and moving the monies to the General fund. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2006-6 declaring fund numbers and fund names on the Fund Report dormant and removing from the Fund report. So passed.

Tom Hunter was present representing the Learning Center. Mr. Hunter told Council that he plans on making a formal presentation and request before long. The Learning Center has come a long way and one can now obtain a Bachelor Degree right here in Greensburg. They will be requesting some funding for this year as well as next year. The Learning Center will become self funding in time but at the present they are in need of some financial help.

The School Administration Building staff is going to be moving into the Learning Center Building and that will help defray expenses. They are planning on applying for grants.

Mayor Manus stated that Jennifer Sturges is setting up a survey of no smoking in Greensburg.

Jim Cummings stated the Greensburg Daily News can help with setting up a survey on the website.

Jennifer Sturges suggested putting in an age group and gender and if this can all be monitored.

Mayor Manus introduced the new EDC Executor Vicki Kellerman. Vicki stated that she feels there is lot of opportunity in Decatur County and looks forward to working with everyone.

Traffic Control Committee had a request from the school system to change the flow of traffic on East North and East Central. Tom Hunter told the Council that it is a safety issue and the School system is trying to keep children out of the traffic flow.

Mike Williams came to ask if the Council had made any other decision about the no parking ordinance for the cul-de-sacs in the Sunset Acres subdivision.

The traffic committee has not looked at this again at this time. Kathy Reynolds stated that there is one other cul-de-sac in the Lee Addition behind the high school that the committee could see any such problems as the same as in the Sunset Acres.

Council members as for now are in favor of the Ordinance as it stands.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to approve a new street light at Freeland Road and Montgomery Road. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest: _____ Clerk-Treasurer

