

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2006
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

The Council meeting was chaired by Glenn Tebbe.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Steve Barth was not present and Glenn Tebbe gave an update on the New City Hall that Steve had presented to the Board of Works. It should be done by the end of May or first of June.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2006-10 clothing allowance amending Resolution 2005-1 to add Street/Sanitation, Water and Wastewater departments. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-4, amending salary ordinance 2005-8, adding street/sanitation clothing. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-4. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2006-4. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-5 vacation of certain alley in Greensburg. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-5. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2006-5. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-6, fine of parking in cul-de-sacs in Sunset Acres. So passed.

Kathy Reynolds reported on the traffic committee. They had a request from David Roszell and Randy Sowders to close a right-away. There are no utilities within the right-away and there are several transformers across the back. The traffic committee recommended closing this right-away.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Larry Bower to accept the traffic committees recommendation. So passed.

City Attorney Steve Taylor told Council that he has reviewed the amendment that was brought forth with the passing of the take home vehicle last month and has made those changes according to the IRS.

Glenn Tebbe spoke about the Decatur Community Foundation and the meeting that was held with the Animal Shelter Board members, Dr. Hirt, Bud Ryle, with County Commissioner Jerome Buening, Mayor Manus, County Council member Ken Owens, County Attorney Peg Polanski, City Council member Larry Bower and several Foundation Members. The Animal Shelter has enough money in the donation fund at the County and requested that those funds be used to establish an Endowment Fund for the betterment of the animals. The main plans are to establish a spayed and neutering program. Once the Endowment Fund is established then the Animal Shelter Board is requesting permission to raise the adoption fee from \$30 to \$35 and the extra \$5 would go directly to the Endowment Fund to help build up the amount of funds. It takes \$5,000 to set up the Endowment Fund and they have a little more than that at the present.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve the request for the Endowment Fund to be established and the adoption fee to be raised. So passed.

Bryan Robbins of HottCity told the Council that they now have \$2700 towards the cameras and they have had a demonstration of how the cameras work.

Gary Herbert has concern that other businesses might come forth requesting the same help.

Glenn Tebbe stated that this circumstance is different because the City has some responsibility with this being a City Parking Lot.

Helen Gardner questioned if the amount had been maxed out by the merchants. Bryan stated he had contacted the merchants again and all but one was willing to help with the cost.

Gary Herbert feels that the City will not only have to pay the remainder of the monies needed for the cameras, but will probably have to pay for the maintenance.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve the purchase of four cameras. So passed.

Bryan Robbins of HottCity brought drafts of sidewalk use ordinances for the Council to review at a prior meeting and would like input from Council.

Ken Dornich feels this should be pursued and recommends that we give the go ahead to Bryan to draft an Ordinance.

Larry Bower, Helen Gardner and Gary Herbert agreed to pursue.

Glenn Tebbe recommended the Council review the models and contact Bryan with anything of importance for Bryan to use in drafting an ordinance for Greensburg.

Glenn Tebbe brought up the use of Edit Funds for the Industrial Development Rail Park. The problem is finding enough capital for a sewer line to be put in. For the project to be undertaken the City and County must share in the investment. The combined resources of the city and county edit are sufficient to complete the sewer project. Jerome Buening stated that the Commissioners are in favor of this project and will commit edit funds to it. In addition, the city and county are looking into grants to help.

Vicki Kellerman told the Council that if we can get in on the State Certification on this project that would be a big opportunity for the City and County. There are several companies looking at this exact area site.

Larry Bower gave the Council handouts on a No Smoking Ordinance to review. There were two different ordinances. One ordinance is smoking in public places and places of employment and the other ordinance is enforcement and compliance of smoking in public places and places of employment. Twenty-three percent of Indiana is already affected by no smoking ordinances. Larry recommends having a special public meeting for public input and discusses the pros and cons.

A special public meeting set for May 17th at 6:00 P.M. for public input only and pros and cons on a smoking ordinance for the City of Greensburg. The meeting will be held at the Courthouse, Council Chamber room #106.

Don McCrary was present for the Airport Board concerning the expanding of the present runway and the FAA grant. Don told the Council that the FAA has notified the Airport Board that the FAA would like to close out the grant. Once funding is taken away then the Airport Board may not be able to get funding again. The County Commissioners have agreed to support the airport expansion. The Commissioners have asked for an alternate site to be looked for but to include the present site in the study. The plan is to expand the runway either at a new site or at the present airport. Seven members are needed for a committee for the study.

Ken Dornich stated that he is very disappointed that about a year ago, Helen Gardner and he mentioned looking for another site and now that is being proposed. Ken feels the airport is very viable for industry and would like to proceed with a plan. Even though he is not in favor of eminent domain, it may have to come to that.

Helen Gardner thought this was in the process of being moved forward and was surprised that the FAA grant was being removed.

Gary Herbert questioned if the airport pays for itself and Glenn Tebbe stated that the corporation has shared the balance sheet and profit/loss sheet with the Mayor and that the business does turn a profit. The City and County would still need to budget about the same amount each year as they do now around \$10,000 each until the airport was self-funded.

The Council took input from the public in attendance.

Marc Haston told Council this has been going on for longer than three years and feels that if Council goes ahead with this then it will come to be at the present location.

Jim Hawkins told Council that this should not be delayed any more that you are talking about six million dollars.

Mark Osterling concern was how has the need changed?

Gerald Hall expressed his concern of doing another study could take it into the first of next year and would the FAA hold the money.

Robin Webster from Rushville told that the Shelbyville commitment to their airport has been economically favorable.

Larry Robbins does not feel the Airport Board is a functional asset and wonders why the Board waited to put the pressure on.

Lucy Hawkins said she works at Printpack and they have had nine people to fly out and two other groups of people to fly out also and they had to go elsewhere in order to fly out.

Bill Ernstes referred to the list of questions that Glenn Tebbe had constructed and given to Brian Messer, airport board member. These were answered and it showed a need for an airport.

Don McCrary told Council that the funding started in 2003 and he wished there could be a way to keep everyone happy but sorry to say that it just won't happen.

Vicki Kellerman, Economic Director sees a great need for an airport in Decatur County and it would greatly benefit securing industry.

Glenn Tebbe reminded the Council and public that his list of questions were answered by professionals and the overwhelming consensus was that an airport does have economic impact and positive impact on the county. In answer to Mr. Osterling, there were several answers to the list of questions that have caused a change about the airport. He does not want to see eminent domain used for private gain but for public purpose and common good, sometimes eminent domain is justified.

Larry Bower feels that if Council can go ahead with the airport with a clear conscience then they should do the same as the County has.

Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner agreed.

Gary Herbert told that he has a lot more information now than he did before. The City has lost several jobs and the City and County needs to move forward to try and maintain the jobs that are here and maybe obtain new jobs and industry.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to follow the guidelines that have been laid down by the County Commissioners to support the airport expansion and to look also at an alternate site. So passed.

Bill Meyerrose police chief gave the Council information that he had given to the Board of Works on the rotating of police vehicles and funding

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer _____