

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 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.

Carrie Riley of ARA was present to bring forth Resolution 2007-8 Comprehensive Plan the City has been working on. Carrie introduced Tom West of HNTB. Tom stated the City proposed this plan not HNTB. Tom introduced some of members of the steering committee; Rose Scoval, Vicki Kellerman, Bill Meyerrose, Brian Robbins and Jennifer Sturges.

Vicki reviewed the imagine of a Greensburg future and the different areas of Economic Development growth. Brian Robbins spoke about the downtown revitalization. Bill Meyerrose addressed the transportation planned areas and Jennifer Sturges presented a summary overall. The City and County will need to work together.

Glenn Tebbe complimented the residents for coming to the public meeting and voicing their concerns and to the steering committee for all their hard work. There has been a lot of criticizing that HNTB gets all of the City's work, however this project was bid on openly and HNTB was selected from among the three proposals. This comprehensive plan was started long before Honda ever announced coming to Greensburg. The County is going through the same process and hired HNTB as well. This is a joint process between the City and County. The City Plan Commission approached the County over a year ago about having a joint comprehensive plan.

Ken Dornich stated that he is on the County Steering Committee plan and HNTB was awarded the bid on the comprehensive plan. The County will be having their public meeting before long at the Learning Center. This was in the works long before Honda.

Gary Herbert stated the reason why HNTB was chosen was because they were the best qualified.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2007-8 Comprehensive Plan and approval for this to be sent to the state. All ayes. So passed.

Sharon Hollowell of the Decatur County Community Foundation, Inc. came before the Council to request a pledge from the City of \$10,000 a year for three years. The County Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Department have made this pledge.

The Indiana Community Foundations have been offered by Kellogg Foundation to participate in their Access to Recreation program. The program requires that Foundations partner with Parks and Recreation Departments and individuals with disabilities to make a recreation facility accessible to individuals of all abilities.

The Decatur County Community Foundation has partnered with the Decatur County Parks and Recreation Department, ARC, DSI and parents of individuals with disabilities and individuals with disabilities.

The partners have chosen to request a grant of \$160,000 from the Kellogg Foundation. A request at this level would give a total budget of \$285,000. The grant will be used to put paved paths from the parking area to the shelters and restrooms at the Decatur County Park. Also the playground will be resurfaced with a material that children in wheelchairs can use and is stroller friendly. The playground equipment will be updated including swings and sand box area. Additional swings, benches, landscaping, picnic tables and other items would be added to make the park more accessible. Fencing put around the park for safety of children.

Discussion was held and the use of Riverboat monies was mentioned for this.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve a three year pledge of \$10,000 a year for this program and project. Glenn Tebbe abstained because he is on the DCCF Board. Larry Bower, Gary Herbert, Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner ayes. So passed.

Kim Blanchet of Barnes & Thornburg told the closing on the SRF Bonds is May 30th and the signing of the Bonds is May 18th. Kim had the amending and restating of the Wastewater and Waterworks Bond Ordinances for passage and signing. The originals were passed and signed in 2006.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-8 amending and restating Ordinance 2006-26 authorizing the acquisition, construction and installation of certain improvements for the sewage works system of the City of Greensburg, the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation, and distribution of the revenues of such systems, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of such revenue bonds and other matters connected therein, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of such bonds and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith. All ayes. So passed.

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

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2007-8. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2007-8. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2007-9 amending and restating Ordinance 2006-27 concerning the acquisition, construction and installation of certain improvements for the waterworks system of the City of Greensburg, the issuance of revenue bonds to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of such systems: the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of such revenue bonds and other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of such bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith. All ayes. So passed.

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

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2007-9. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2007-9. All ayes. So passed.

Mr. John Jones came before Council about his concern of the fence and junk issue he has with Mr. Charles Shirk of Shirk International. Mr. Jones stated his property is adjacent to Shirk International, the fence is falling down and there is junk equipment and presented pictures for Council. Mr. Jones concern is for the safety and health of his children.

It was stated that Mr. Shirk had told Mr. Jones that he would put in new posts and new wood slats and was told that Mr. Jones did not want a wood fence.

This will be taken under advisement.

Angie Messer was present from the Carousel Play and Learn Center. They had presented a letter to the Council requesting \$15,000 from the City to assist with operating expenses. They are also presenting a request from the County for \$15,000. They have had to purchase a different bus that holds 12 – 14 children and this has set them back. They have 20 employees and usually have approximately 100 children at an average of \$95 per week per child. Their payroll runs approximately \$12,000 every two weeks and their revenue is approximately \$14,000 every two weeks.

Some of Council concerns were supplementing resident's childcare. Perhaps they need to contact industry whose employees use the childcare to provide for funds. There was some concern that the request came without a budget and a recovery plan.

At the present the Carousel building is owned by the City. This was built with a grant that was run thru the City and the City owns the building for a specified number of years before turning the building over according to the grant specs.

City Attorney Steve Taylor told that the Carousel is looking at some restructuring to try and address the situation.

The Carousel was told to return next month with a budget and recovery plan.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to approve two tax abatement compliance renewals for Valeo. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve four tax abatement compliance renewals for STI. All ayes. So passed.

Vicki Kellerman gave an Economic Development update. Their annual meeting will be held on June 28th. They have become a member to the South Central Indiana Group. Vicki told that she has had several telephone calls from smaller communities about the amount of trains that will be using the tracks and the need for safety arms at the railroad tracks and they do not have the monies for these.

Kathy Reynolds told Vicki that there are state grants available thru INDOT for railroad crossing safety equipment.

Mrs. Kellerman reported they have applied for a grant for a phase I environmental study on property west of Honda. M&S Precision has moved into their new building and are very happy and have hired six new employees.

Steve Taylor City Attorney reviewed the letter from INDOT requesting a variance to the City's noise Ordinance 130.03 between the months of May 2007 and July 2007. INDOT will soon begin the reconstruction portions of US 421 between I-74 and State Road 3 in preparation for the new Honda Manufacturing Facility.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to approve the variance of the City's Noise Ordinance 130.03 requested by INDOT. All ayes. So passed.

Bryan Robbins had made a request to add two more members to the Historical Board and Mayor Manus appointed Judy Curd and Paul Cruzan.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve the addition of two members and the Mayoral appointments of Judy Curd and Paul Cruzan to the Historical Board. All ayes. So passed.

Mayor Manus has received a request for help to go to Greensburg, Kansas. The Newspaper and WTRE have already partnered with helping. Scott Chasteen fire chief told they are going to be doing some things to help.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen announced that they will be having agility testing Saturday. They had forty-one applications. Everyone is welcome to come and watch the testing. The new fire truck is here for everyone to see.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to transfer insurance money in the amount of \$2494.85 and grant reimbursement monies in the amount of \$6,175 from general to the Police department budget. All ayes. So passed.

Gary Herbert handed out information about audio taping of meetings.

Don Polston approached the Council about the appraisals for the Old City Hall and the Old Senior Center.

City Attorney Steve Taylor addressed Mr. Polston's question and told that he had contacted commercial appraisals for both properties. The companies had not gotten back to him, so he has contacted another firm.

Helen Gardner stated that it is very hard to get commercial appraisals and when the first appraisal people did not get back then another appraisal firm was contacted. It does take time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

