

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – 2ND
JULY 21, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Helen Gardner, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Bill Wenning. Mayor Herbert stated that Herb Hunter would be 1 – 1 ½ hours late.

Bryan Robbins stood in for Bob Dawson regarding the fitness path presentation. The County Commissioners have contributed \$10,000 towards a feasibility study and the committee is requesting \$10,000 from the City. They also are requesting from the City/County budget annually \$25,000 for the sole purpose of planning, constructing, and maintaining the recreational path. They have contracted with Aecon Engineering for the feasibility study to help find routes.

Some of Councils questions were lighting of paths, liability, what about parks & recreation department owning these paths once they are established, what about tourism contributing, where a starting area would be, land acquisition, the use of Edit funds and the width/size of trails to name a few.

Mayor would like to wait for a couple of weeks until the August meeting to decide.

After discussion a motion was made by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bill Wenning to approve up to \$10,000 of Edit funds for the feasibility study. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Jill Clift was present representing the Greensburg 150th Anniversary committee. The committee is working hard to get ready for the celebration to be held June 13-June 20, 2009. They are planning on having a fundraiser and are requesting \$25,000 from the City and plan on requesting \$25,000 from the County. They hope to raise \$20,000 or more in their fundraiser. The financial committee will be asking for donations from various businesses.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Darrell Poling to approve \$25,000 from the Rainy Day fund to the committee for the event. Ayes Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Police Chief Brian Heaton addressed the council and reported on the hiring process that was held recently. They are doing back ground checks on two applicants. He is utilizing the use of two of the department detectives and the captain to help out with patrolling until they can get the back ground checks back and the new hired trained.

Helen Gardner questioned if the investigations would be hurt with using two of the detectives for patrolling.

They had a lightning strike at the Police Department and they are still working on getting everything back up and running.

When the flooding occurred they called in extra officers to help. They also sent 7 -8 officers over to Columbus to help them out with the looting that was taking place. The City of Columbus was very appreciative for the help Greensburg sent from the police department and street department. The City will be reimbursed for the money they have spent helping out Columbus. Police Chief Heaton stated that he is running out of overtime monies.

The Clerk-Treasurer explained to the Council members that a dispatcher had quit and had not been replaced with a full-time dispatcher and there is money in that line item that can be transferred to his overtime line item.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2008-20 Airport Rotary Fuel Fund, Ordinance 2008-21 Airport Improvement Fund and Ordinance 2008-22 Airport Operation Fund. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Bill Wenning to suspend the rules for 2nd reading. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2008-20, Ordinance 2008-21 and Ordinance 2008-22. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to suspend the rules for 3rd reading. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2008-20, Ordinance 2008-21 and Ordinance 2008-22. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass Resolution 2008-12 transfer of money from general to the Airport Operations. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Discussion was held on the 2009 budget and salaries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST: _____

Clerk-Treasurer