

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 7, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Helen Gardner, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning. Jamie Cain was on vacation.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present but one.

Mayor Herbert read an e-mail letter from Councilmember Jamie Cain stating that he was in favor of passing on 2nd and 3rd reading Ordinance 2008-02-3 establishing a Redevelopment Authority for the Lincoln Street Project. He apologized for being on vacation with his family, but stated that he would have voted yes for passage of this Ordinance.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2008-02-3 Redevelopment Authority. Ayes Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning. Mayor Gary Herbert voted aye. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules for third reading. Ayes Helen Gardner and Darrell Poling. Nays Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning. Mayor Gary Herbert voted aye. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2008-02-3. Ayes Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning. Mayor Gary Herbert voted aye. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2008-14 amending ordinance 2007-07-14 payment from Honda to fire personnel. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

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

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bill Wenning to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2008-14. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Catch-A-Ride was on the agenda to request funding, but no one was present to represent them.

New Directions director Jan Bartels was present to give a review and update of the New Directions Abuse Shelter. They have expanded their services to include any woman in Decatur County that works as well as those that do not work. United Fund has reduced their grant funding which amounts to a \$9,000 reduction from 2008-2009. Over all it will be a \$15,000 reduction. Jan is requesting \$15,000 from the City for 2009 and stated she had addressed the County Commissioners requesting \$15,000 for 2009 from them also. Their 2009 budget is \$88,000. \$54,000 - \$56,000 is for salaries.

Jan introduced Board members Jackie Blasdel and Matt Bailey.

Jackie stated they would have to close the shelter if they cannot get the necessary funding to run the shelter. They are looking at other ways to raise funds and are trying to get a Green Thumb funded person to work. They can use some volunteers but they have to be trained. The Board made the decision to offer services to people who live out of the County but work in Decatur County. Only a staff person can handle a crisis situation. The shelter was closed for five months in 2007 due to lack of staffing. Twenty women were referred to Batesville or Columbus and only two went because of children in school here and their jobs.

Council would like to see a budget, facts and operations of the shelter. They would like to have figures and information to compare with any of the other shelters. The shelter could fill out a form or spread sheet for a budget.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Bill Wenning to approve tax abatement renewals for GECOM, Valeo, Gaylen, STI and Mi-Tech. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Darrell Poling abstained because of his employment with one of the companies. Nays none. So passed.

Street Superintendent Mark Klosterkemper addressed the trash ordinance the city has with council. He stated that according to the ordinance commercial locations are not available for pick-up. The cost is \$13.75 cubic yard at the

landfill. He plans on enforcing the Ordinance and would like to change portions of the Ordinance.

Bruce Bockover works at the street department and he told Council he was in favor of any help the Council could give their department to implement the Ordinance the City has to enforce it and the need for people to recycle.

Norma Bainbridge director of the Solid Waste was present and addressed the recycle issue. She would like to see a 4 bag limit and they do furnish bins. Solid Waste contracts out for the pick-up of recyclables.

Council members were all in favor of the enforcement of the trash ordinance the city has.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading salary ordinances 2008-16, 2008-17, 2008-18 and 2008-19. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

A resident in attendance asked if the street department could send out a letter or card to inform the residents of the trash ordinance.

On August 6th, Indiana SAT will be here to put on a program at 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at City Hall. It will be a luncheon and anyone attending would need to contact Bill Ernstes. INDOT will be in attendance.

Vicki Kellerman, EDC Director handed out the annual report. She has received several calls from industries. On September 5th, there will be 15-16 people visiting Greensburg.

In answer to the question of where the peddler permit ordinance stood, City Attorney stated he would like more information from the Council members.

Question was asked about a job description for the Assistant Police Chief and Brian Heaton said there is a job description in place.

There is a Tif meeting for August 19th in Indianapolis listed in the IACT Action Line booklet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

