

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL
JUNE 23, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Herbert, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Helen Gardner, Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning.

Pledge to Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Present Darrell Poling, Helen Gardner, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Bill Wenning.
Absent none.

Helen Gardner made a motion to pass Ordinance 2008-02-3 on 1st reading and Jamie Cain seconded the motion, establishing the City of Greensburg Redevelopment Authority. Ayes Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning. So passed.

Discussion was held before the vote was taken. The Lincoln Street project has been discussed for over four and a half years, there have been public meetings, Federal Grant monies through INDOT have been secured by the City in the amount of \$6.5 million dollars and \$4 - \$5 million dollars would need to be bonded by an authority otherwise the \$6.5 million dollars in Federal Grant monies through INDOT, the City would lose. Two-way traffic would be maintained through construction. Without an Authority established the Tif Board could only bond \$3.3 million dollars and that would be a watered down version of the original project lasting only approximately 15-20 years versus constructing the project correctly and lasting approximately 50-75 years. The Tif Board had voted to approve Option I and it is felt the Council needs to honor that Board. An appointed enhancement committee had spent many hours and then gave their recommendation to the Tif Board concerning enhancements. Lincoln Street is in dire need of being fixed right, sooner than later and the water and sewer lines relocated.

Several Council members stated it is time to make a decision and one stated that he stands behind his decision he made as a member of the Tif Board to move forward.

Mayor Herbert stated the City is anticipating growth in the new extended Tif district.

Two Council members were against the Option I and a Redevelopment Authority.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays Herb Hunter and Bill Wenning. Denied.

A Honda-Fire fund is being established to receipt monies in and make the necessary expenditures for the firefighters working out at Honda. The City has received monies from Honda for the expenditures.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance No. 2008-15 establishing the Honda-Fire fund. 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 and regulations. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2008-15. 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 suspend the rules and regulations. 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 pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2008-15. 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 1st reading Ordinance 2008-14 amending salary Ordinance 2007-07-14. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Discussion was held concerning the recent dog attack on its owner and what is considered a dangerous dog. The hospital does report any dog bites. The possibility of having a fine was discussed.

Animal Shelter Manager Laura Johnston was present and informed the Council that they are in the process of rewriting the ordinance. They are in favor of fines on a dog that bites and the circumstances needs to be looked at as well. One bite is too many. They suggest a mandatory spay or neutering and owners either keep their dog in their house or in a kennel fenced in area and no chaining of any dog. They are not in favor of a dog breed band, but rather have an application process.

The question came up about having two council meetings a month instead of one.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Bill Wenning to hold two Council meetings if needed, one on the 1st and the second one on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

A concerned resident stated the inlet side of the railroad bridge has been cleaned but on the other side of that bridge there is a lot of growth and is in need of cleaning.

Mayor Herbert explained the Street Department had cleaned a portion of the area and he has talked with a County Commissioner about this situation. The County Commissioner is planning on contacting the Army Core of Engineers. The City is having a Hydrologist to look at the area as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer