

COUNCIL TOWN HALL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Gary Herbert welcomed everyone. He stated that the Council would listen to any concerns anyone had. This would not be an evening to debate any issues, but to help all to have a better understanding of projects.

Some questioned what was really going to happen with the fixing of Lincoln Street and what about the enhancements. When is the project going to start and how long will it take to complete. If the project doesn't get started before long, the street is going to deteriorate to where people can not get to the businesses on that street.

The enhancements are being paid for by an 80/20 grant. There will be sidewalks on both sides with the water lines and sewer lateral lines under those for easier access to any breakage. There will not be brick crosswalks. There will be curbs, storm drains and the sewer lateral lines and the water lines will be out of the roadway. There will be a gateway sign. INDOT has approved what the City has paid for engineering fees to be accounted for the City's local match.

It should start in 2009 and take two seasons.

They are still working on land acquisitions and eminent domain may need to be used. They are trying to work out the deals without using eminent domain before November 1st.

The County gets the Tif money from the Honda area and has helped with the infrastructures. The City will receive the tax from Honda. The City's Tif monies will be paying off the SRF loans and the County. Tif monies will pay for the Lincoln Street Bonds.

The issue came up of how Gas Creek is bottle necked at the railroad bridge and how is this problem going to be handled.

Gas Creek on the south side by the Moose could have a retention pond. The water would rise and go down slower. It would reach Gas Creek quicker.

The safety of the railroad tracks, signage, lights, crossing arms all through town was another topic.

The railroad will not help out on any of this. The cost of any or all of these items is very expense. The State has \$2 million set aside for across Indiana. The problem for Greensburg is we will be having two trains a day and the State doesn't see that as a high priority. The City is going to sign the railroads and will do all they can to make the railroads as safe as possible. People will need to be educated. The approximate cost for just the crossing arms is \$125,000 per railroad crossing. Representative Cleo Duncan,

Mayor Herbert and Street Superintendent Mark Klosterkemper have looked at all the railroads to see what the City can do to make them safe.

Concerns were brought up about the expansion of the Airport and will the October 1st deadline be made on the survey.

Yes, the report will be filed on 9-30-08. The Mayor read an e-mail from FAA Jack Delaney, 2nd command at Chicago concerning airport federal funding. Any delay past the October 1st would delay in funding for 1-3 years, but once the report is submitted then the report would be considered.

The funding is locked in for the Airport at 97.5% from the FAA. Wherever the airport would be, people in the area would be upset, but in order to receive funding, you have to move forward. Mayor Herbert said he would not put the residents in debt for moving the airport.

Concern was brought up about the small cycles, scooters being ridden on streets with no plates, no helmets and the safety of these for everyone.

Mayor Herbert said that this would need to be taken care of by State Legislation.

Mayor Herbert stated that it takes so much money for all projects. In closing if he or any of the Council members have offended anyone, that was not their intent. He thanked everyone for coming and stating their concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____ MAYOR

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer