

COMMON COUNCIL

JUNE 6, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett were present.

Minutes for the meeting held May 2, 2011 were presented for approval. Brian Garrison made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miriam Robeson updated the board on zoning for the City. The County needs to update and adapt their ordinances and then we can proceed. The following steps need to be followed.

- 1) Public Information Meeting
- 2) Presentation to APC (required)
- 3) Public Hearing at APC (required)
- 4) Recommendations to City Council for Adoption
- 5) City Passes Ordinance

The City of Delphi will need to adopt the state building codes and this will address the historic buildings, the historic downtown, the businesses downtown, strategic development and development at the city limits.

The team working with Miriam is Kevin Kolingsky, Joe Mayfield, Randy Strasser, Dick Traeger and Anita Werling.

Kathy Mylet appeared before the Council with a request for a zoning ordinance for the property located on the corner of Washington and Front St. owned by Ms. Chatworth. The request is for operation of a bed and breakfast. Neighbors do not have a problem with the change and Dick Bradshaw has an agreement with Ms. Chatworth for parking. Brian Garrison noted there are other businesses in the area and Dan Sterrett felt it would be good for the city. Brian Garrison made the motion to approve the property being rezoned business. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.

Anita Werling spoke to the members and guests concerning the Revitalizing Task Force. A meeting held at Camp Tecumseh in October of 2010 started this process. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Input comes from all areas represented by Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, Library, Preservation Society and Historical Society and more. An invitation was given to all council members to attend.

Rick Acheson expressed his concerns and frustration with the flooding issue in his area around Water St. Over the Memorial holiday it became a major issue again. Heavy rains contribute to the problem. The

rising creek pushes water back into the area and creates sewer issues for some of the homes. Mr. Acheson would like to have a valve put on the residential side of the levee. Mr. Acheson feels that promises were made and it's time to get something done.

Brian Garrison questioned Dick VanSickle if a gate valve could be installed. Dick said this could be done but this is not an answer to the standing water from rain. The best location for the gate valve would be between a manhole and levee. Mike Turchi from BF&S said it could cost \$20 to \$40 thousand to put in a manual valve and change the gated. Hannah Germond questioned if a small lift station could be the answer. Mr. Turchi said that could cost 5 to 8 times as much and could still fail. Carolyn Pearson feels it is time to address the issue and complete the project one way or another. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to find some way to remedy this problem and complete the project. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Mayor Strasser directed BF&S, Dick VanSickle and Aaron Lyons to proceed. A report on progress will be reported to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Airport. Mayor Strasser questioned the members about their feelings towards the budget for the airport in 2012. Carolyn Pearson does not feel we should make drastic cuts to the budget. Nelson Smith expressed the need to address their budget like any other department. Brian Stirm, airport manager, informed the Council the airport board is waiting on FAA to see what funds are available.

Street/Water Building. Street department is in need of a building to store salt. Aaron reported a building 40 x 40 x 16 would be suitable and needs to have a concrete slab and apron. All agree nothing can be done until Fire Department makes a decision.

Levee Certification. As of June 7, 2011 we will not be certified due to not being in compliance with requirements. Work is still being done on the grant for floodgates and pumping station.

Projects for 2012. Mayor Strasser wants everyone to look at the project list and get back in touch with him on their wishes.

Budget Work. Time is approaching for working on the budget for 2012. Once department heads have submitted their budget proposals to the Mayor, then the Council can meet and finalize numbers. Carolyn Pearson prefers that one night would be sufficient. All council members expressed their desire to handle this project in one evening.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk: Leanne informed the Council that Shannon Telfer had been hired and was in training. Work is still being done in regards to health insurance for city employees.

Waste: Dick VanSickle reported on minor repair work and the continual process to address the problems at the plant. It seems that the chemicals are working but it is a slow process.

Street: Aaron Lyons informed the Council that the County will be doing recycling. This will eliminate the recycling area on Washington St. Spraying for mosquitoes has started. One barrel of spray cost \$3,000.00 and this will spray the City three times.

Parks: Anita Force reported that summer rec began today. Clean up at the parks from the storms is almost completed. A spring has developed behind the softball field and causing issues.

Police: John Chapman distributed his monthly report. John told the Council a letter had been sent to the Commissioners in regard to contract with County for dispatch. A fair price needs to be

determined. The fire wood in the vacant Kerlin lot will be removed soon. There are 30 bikes in the basement that needs to be cleaned out. Suggestions would be welcomed.

Airport: Brian Stirm reported on the mowing and fuel sales of 509 gallons. On June 18th the Young Eagles Chapter 256 will meet at the airport and when they have completed meeting Brian will take them up in plane.


Area Plan: Nelson Smith did not attend meeting.

Fire Dept: Darrell Sterrett was called out on fire run and missed meeting.


Community Dev: Kevin informed the Council a meeting will be held at the Canal Center concerning our youth. Ivy Tech will be present and help address the issue of pulling our youth into our city. Work with business downtown and owners are continual.

Mayor: Randy announced changes are coming to Main Street in July. Yards are being inspected, reported, letters mailed and some yards mown by the street employees. Fifteen notices have been sent to unsafe homes. Thirteen vehicles have been tagged. Due to the holiday the July meeting will be moved to the 11th. Mayor Strasser asked all board members to read the purchasing policy he distributed to them and will discuss at the next meeting.


Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser

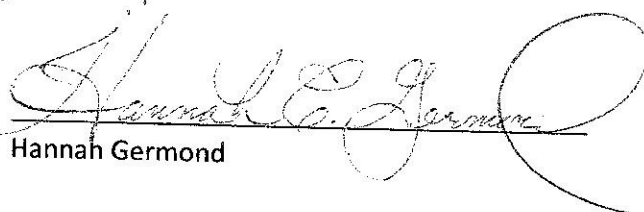


Carolyn Pearson, President



Brian Garrison

Nelson Smith



Hannah Germond



Dan Sterrett