

COMMON COUNCIL  
MARCH 5, 2018  
7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

In the absence of Mayor Evans, Carolyn Pearson, council president, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Carolyn Pearson, Richard Traeger, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley were present. Brian Garrison was absent.

A written report from the Greater Chamber of Commerce of Delphi was given by Matt McKean. It was reported there are 6 board members with 48 business members that are under a transformation. Their two main concerns are helping local and small businesses and helping promote better lives for community members. A scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Delphi Schools and the prestigious Samuel Milroy Award is given annually. This year their annual banquet will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April at the canal center. Carolyn thanked Matt for his report.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 were presented for approval. Dale Seward made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (4-0)

**Department Head Reports:**

Street and Parks – A written report had been given to the council members. Aaron Lyons noted lots of rain had shown the new pump station worked. The new AR valve has been shipped. The alley on the north side of the new fire station was tore out and replaced. Makenzie Martin was asked to check on the liability of the wall located at the corner of Main and Hamilton Streets. Aaron will fix the pot holes at this location.

Fire Territory - Darrell Sterrett stated 2 trucks need to be replaced. One of the trucks had been involved in the recent wreck. The vehicle had been repaired and is in service. There will be a special meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March at the fire station. Darrell stated he did not have hard numbers at this time. Mike Shockley questioned about the budget for the new building. Darrell stated the project had come in under budget. Darrell stated he will have an updated capital asset plan ready.

Police – Chief Mullin had provided a written statement for the council members. He corrected the miles on the report to 5,891. Chief Mullin noted a new radar had been bought for one car with a cost of \$1,600. He also noted it had been a busy month. Mike Shockley stated he had 7 calls concerned with unmarked police vehicles and cars sitting out on corner of 18 and 29. Chief Mullin stated the SUV is not marked and has been involved in lots of arrests. It is a fact that better police work can be accomplished with an unmarked car. Steve noted his car is also unmarked and used in investigations. Chief Mullin stated he would mark the SUV if so wished but preferred not to do so. Chief Mullin also stated his men assist the county in their efforts and the county also assists our officers. Chief Mullin also asked that

calls be directed to him in the future as he is responsible for his men and needs to be able to address any issues that concern the public.

**Wastewater** - A written report had been given to the council members. Dick Vansickle stated an issue with Duke Energy had caused problems with the lift station working properly on Armory Road. Duke addressed the issue and had it up and running properly by 7 that evening. The diesel pump had been set up at the plant during flooding and really helped. Only one complaint. Wastewater will start the annual disinfectant on April 1, 2018.

**Water** - A written report had been given to the council members. Craig Myers stated there had been 3 leaks. The wells had pumped 26,118,000 gallons of water in February. The new backhoe had been delivered. They will prepare for Peerless to drill well #7 and this will be at 400 feet. The 3 to 1 well permit had been approved by IDEM.

**Area Plan** - Dale Seward said they had been tasked with creating assistance to smaller towns for chicken and rabbit issues and this does not apply to the city of Delphi.

**Community Center** - Mike Shockley stated the floor in the big room had been sealed. IPC has agreed to pay for the sidewalk in front of the building and connecting to the city sidewalk. A bench will be installed with their logo on the bench. Appliances are coming and then the cabinets can be set. There will be 25 to 30 parking places at the building and Mike needs to get with Mayor Evans on concrete for this area. There will be another 20 to 30 parking spaces off street. Carolyn thanks Mike and all the volunteers for their work on this project.

**Board of Works** - Dick Bradshaw reminded everyone of the meeting at the canal center on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00 pm on water issues for Delphi. Craig Myers, BF&S and Peerless Well will be there. A questions and answer session will follow the presentation.

**Other Business:**

**Disposal of City Property** - Mayor Evans has approved and the next step is a notice to the public of our intention of doing appraisals on these properties. Two appraisals must be done on each property. This explanation was given to the council by Makenzie Martin.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2017-20 - Permitting Vacation Rentals** - Makenzie Martin gave a copy of Carmel's ordinance and noted it was similar to our ordinance. A discussion followed with concerns noted and with the realization this ordinance had been passed on two readings. Richard Traeger made the motion to pass 2017-20 on third and final reading. Second by Mike Shockley. 2 ayes (Richard Traeger and Mike Shockley) 2 nays (Dale Seward and Carolyn Pearson). Motion failed. Issue is dead.

Dale Seward made the motion to gather further information. Second by Carolyn Pearson. 3 ayes (Carolyn Pearson, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley) 1 nay (Richard Traeger) Motion carried. (3-1)

**New Business:**

Handicap Parking Spot on Indiana Street. Aaron Lyons stated 20 feet is needed for each handicap stall. Right now, there are two signs for two spaces. Richard Traeger wants emblems painted on both spots. After a discussion, Dale Seward made the motion to table this until more information could be received from Makenzie Martin, city attorney, and Aaron Lyons. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (4-0)

Rehab Center. Aaron Lyons stated we have the three required handicap spots for 56 spaces. Aaron is concerned that there could be a problem setting a sign. He would have to go through the pavers and hope he does not hit limestone or a big rock. Richard Traeger made the motion to table this request for an additional space now. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (4-0)

Off road vehicles on city streets. Norman Hunt, who had requested permission for his step son to use an off-road vehicle in order to go to work, was present. Several members of the council expressed their understanding of his request but also concerns. Both Richard Traeger and Carolyn Pearson stated lots of research was needed before a decision could be made. Dale Seward thought maybe designated areas could be possible and golf carts should be included. Carolyn Pearson stated research will continue on this issue.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

*Proposed Resolution 2018-4 – Rules of Procedure.* Carolyn Pearson noted the books Mayor Evans supplied to them was 700 pages long and lots to take in. Richard Traeger made the motion to table until later. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (4-0)

Carolyn Pearson stated she had completed her section and noted it is being tabulated by Mayor Evans.

Tablets – More information is needed.

Carolyn Pearson noted it was important for council members to be aware of all the issues for water projects as sooner or later the council will be required to determine bond issues. Carolyn urged all to be present for the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at the canal center.

Scheduling State of the City Meeting. Carolyn Pearson read the dates proposed by Mayor Evans. After a long discussion of possible dates, it was determined the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March would not be good as this is spring break. The council agreed on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the council chambers.

**Council Comments:**


Richard Traeger thanked Aaron Lyons for the improvements in the council room. Mike Shockley also thanked Aaron for working on pot holes as well as their work with the snow and ice.

Makenzie Martin stated she had contacted our insurance company and they would look into if our coverage would cover the cameras on the trails. Dale Seward asked for the status of the trail grant and Leanne explained she had paid on the camera but had no knowledge of the grant status as she had not been a part of their meetings.

Public Comments:

Anita Werling spoke and asked the council members to consider our streets and intersections. Visibility is so limited one has to be clear out in the intersection for a clear view. Anita asked this to be considered before passing off-road vehicles usage.

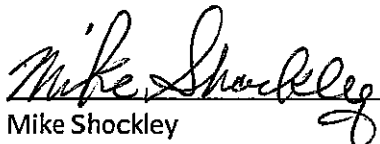
With no further business before the council, Dale Seward made the motion to adjourn. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (4-0)  
Meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

  
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Carolyn Pearson, Council President

  
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Leanne Aldrich, Attest

