

COMMON COUNCIL  
MAY 7, 2018  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Shane Evans opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was given and the following members were present: Carolyn Pearson, Richard Traeger, Brian Garrison, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley.

Mayor Evans introduced State Representative Don Lehe for a message to council and guests. Representative Lehe spoke on the workings of the legislative session with no increases to the budget. Lots of proposed bills are filed in the house and senate. Stats for the state's standing were given as well as the fact we are the lowest property taxes in the country. Concerns with Sunday sales, local government annexation, short term rentals and property owner rights versus local control are all issues trying to be addressed. Mayor Evans questioned Representative Lehe about water issues. He stated studies had been going on for several years but he does not know where it will settle. Mayor Evans thanked Representative Lehe for bringing this info to us.

The minutes from the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2018 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Written reports had been given by each department head.

Chief Mullin stated his department had been busy. A burglar on the South Hill had been caught, incarcerated in Tippecanoe County and most of the missing items had been returned. Brian questioned Chief Mullin about the semis going through town. Chief Mullin stated they enforce the law when they are there to see the violation.

Aaron Lyons reported his men had weeded the spots downtown and applied mulch. Carolyn Pearson asked about a few items that are dead. Aaron will check, but noted they are probably past warranty. Dale Seward asked about the 55-gallon drums in the alley. Aaron stated he had contacted the company and only 1 remains and will be removed.

Craig Myers reported he had replaced a fire hydrant. F&K is done on the connection of well#3 to well#1. #7 well is pumping 1200 gallon per minute with no sulfur smell. Craig noted he is waiting on J&K to give final cost for communication issues.

Dick VanSickle announced a blockage had been located west of Save-a-Lot and had been fixed. The force main is exposed (running under Deer Creek). The area will have to be dammed off, the joint repaired, a blanket installed and covered with stone. IDEM and BF&S are involved in the project.

Area Plan: Dale Seward stated they did not have a quorum.

Community Building: The building passed state inspection. Bids for a parking lot are needed as Mayor Evans wants to have meeting here until the elevator is in place. The sidewalks IPC donated are soon to be installed. Carolyn Pearson stated it is obvious we can't put a parking lot in with the \$12,000 remaining funds. She questioned if the City could put the parking lot in and then be paid back. Brian

Garrison felt numbers should be determined and then talk. Dale Seward agreed. Mayor Evans stated he would work on getting bids.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2018-5, Creating Elevator Fund. No money is involved at this time. It is just establishing a fund to be used if we secure the grant. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2018-5 on first reading. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)  
Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules to allow passing on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion passed (5-0)  
Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2018-5 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion passed. (5-0)  
Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2018-5 on 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion passed (5-0)
- B. 2018-6, Handicap Parking on East Main Street. This will establish another handicap spot in front of the rehab office. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2018-6 on first reading. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)
- C. Resolution 2018-16, Financing LED Street Lights Conversion. After discussion, Richard Traeger stated he felt an additional appropriation should be done. Carolyn Pearson and Dale Seward expressed their agreement to an additional appropriation. Richard Traeger made the motion to approve the financing with Security Federal, version B, if financing is done. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)
- D. Resolution 2018-17, Proposed Meeting Location. Dale Seward felt this should be determined after sidewalks and the parking lot is completed. Mayor Evans stated he will bring this issue back to the June or July meeting.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

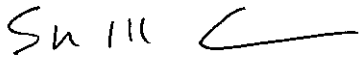
Mayor Evans stated an update on water and sewer projects with dates and reports were included in their packets along with a drafted list of priorities. It was noted the South Hill has issues with getting water up the hill. The booster station is in a rough state at IPC. It is possible to go lower on well #5. Improvements to the main are needed. If needed, another storage tank could be set out by HHH Development. Dale Seward stated he does not feel we can look at this one option. We need to look at all possibilities. Craig Myers was questioned about wells at Flora. Craig felt this would be too expensive and not the answer we are looking for. Surface water at US Agg would also be too expensive. Carolyn Pearson noted the public needs to know all possibilities and the cost and reason for our decision. Dale Seward stated if this is the best option, we need to justify with the public. Dale also questioned what other engineers would cost. Carolyn Pearson stated she would like more than a verbal with US Agg regarding their statement of not going to drill deeper in the next five years. It was determined another public meeting is needed.

#### COMMENTS:

Leanne Aldrich, Clerk-Treasurer, gave each council member a memo along with a copy of the grant for trail safety. Leanne explained this grant is being handled as a pass through by the City for the Canal. The grant was signed and established on December 4, 2017. At this time, a list of donors contributing to the required match for the grant has not been given to the City. The funds that cover these

contributions have not been given but are being held by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. The City has only received funds from the grant origination. SBOA audits all grants and they City will be found in the wrong if the grant is not followed as proposed. Leanne stated she is unwilling to pay any claims or proceed further with this grant unless these issues are addressed. Mayor Evans stated he has a list of all donors and will get the list to Leanne

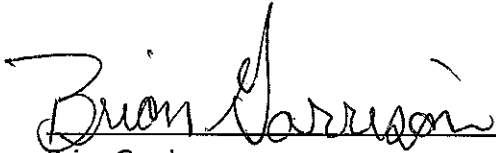
Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)  
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM



Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson, President



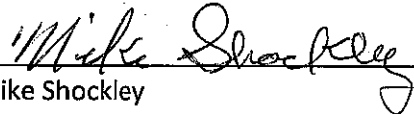
Brian Garrison



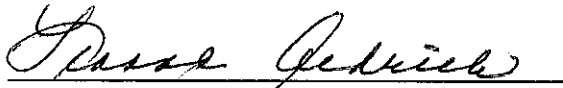
Richard Traeger



Dale Seward



Mike Shockley



Leanne Aldrich, Attest