

COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 3, 2019
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the meeting held on the 6th of May were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

DEPARTMEN HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE: Chief Mullin thanked the community for their support of the departments searching for Owen Jones and his family. Chief Mullin submitted a written report. Carolyn Pearson asked about the increased number of calls for service. Chief Mullin felt it might be due to the new records management system. Carolyn also noted the increased mileage on the police vehicles. Chief Mullin agreed it was higher than average and had no explanation. Dale Seward asked if the pie charts would be back in the reports. Chief stated he will work on that.

WASTEWATER: Dick VanSickle had submitted a written report. Dick stated he started interviewing for the position at the wastewater plant. Dick had an employee retire effective the end of May. Work had to be done on a skimmer in a clarifier. Dick also noted they were no longer hauling liquid sludge.

WATER: Craig Myers had submitted a written report. Craig noted two water leaks. He also reported they had pumped 29,732,000 gallons of water. Craig gave an update on Bowen's progress with Phase I of the water project.

STREETS AND PARKS: Aaron Lyons reported his department had been mowing, running the street sweeper, installing new steps at Riley Cabin, removing bad and fallen trees and reinstalling the merry-go-round at Riley Park. Mike Shockley thanked Aaron and Craig for their quick work on trees downed by the storm. Dale Seward stated the steps at the Cabin look nice. Carolyn Pearson reminded everyone of the new air-conditioning in Riley Cabin.

MAYOR: Mayor Evans stated he had contacted the Mears family and he is waiting to hear back from the family on the counteroffer. Mayor Evans contacted INDOT regarding the purchase of land off 300 N by Freedom Bridge and they should be drafting a contract. Mayor Evans reported our attorney, Makenzie Martin, is reviewing the document prior to execution for the Next Level Trails grant. Dale Seward asked about the survey letters, how many were mailed and responses. Mayor Evans did not have the exact numbers.

AREA PLAN: Dale Seward reported the Commission met to review job descriptions for the APC Director and the Flood Plain Manager.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mike Shockley stated he had nothing to report and the building is completed. Mayor Evans said he will take Mike off the report agenda. Mike stated again he is working on compiling the minutes from their meetings and when completed will bring to the Clerk's office.

CLERK: Leanne reported PERF will be in her office on the 24th of June for an audit. A lot of data is needed for the required audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance 2019-4, An Ordinance Regarding Unsafe Buildings. Mayor Evans reminded the Council he had requested they put together a list of items to be included in this ordinance. No list was offered by Council but discussion followed. Carolyn Pearson stated she thinks Chapter 150 of the Delphi Code satisfies the need. Carolyn also reported she had many calls on this ordinance and people feel threatened. Dale Seward stated he thinks we have enough to enforce unsafe building codes within Chapter 150. Dale also noted we do not have money in our salary ordinance or budget for a person to enforce the codes and does not trust it will stop with the proposed ordinance. Mike Shockley said he had spent two days in Frankfort and did not feel their ordinance was working. Dale Seward also agreed he had seen many dilapidated homes in Frankfort. Richard Traeger said we are not talking about Frankfort; we are trying to do what is right for our citizens. Mayor Evans reminded the Council the purpose of this ordinance was so the city may enforce provisions of the Unsafe Building Code which requires a standard set by local ordinance. This includes standards for repair, rehabilitation and sealing unsafe buildings. Carolyn Pearson asked if we could add codes to ours. Mayor Evans it doesn't look like this is going anywhere.

With no motions, the Ordinance is considered dead.

NEW BUSINESS:

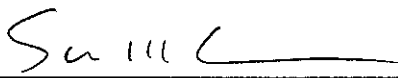
Proposed Resolution 2019-8, Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. Mayor Evans explained the Resolution authorizes the City to pursue a grant for rehabilitating three existing water towers. The grant amount is \$549,790 and the local match would be \$137,448. The money for our match would come from SRF bond funds for Phase II of the project. Carolyn Pearson moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Dale Seward asked about the status of the trolley. Makenzie Martin, city attorney, stated she had a conversation with Brian Stirm and will contact him again.

Mike Shockley asked how many income surveys were sent out and received. Mayor Evans noted he did not have the exact numbers available.

With no further business, Brian Garrison made the motion to adjourn. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.




Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson



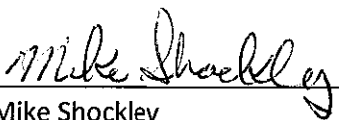
Richard Traeger



Brian Garrison



Dale Seward, President Pro Tempore



Mike Shockley