

COMMON COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 1, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting with Dan McCain leading council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present for roll call were Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith and Dan Sterrett. Hannah Germond was absent.

The minutes from the October 4, 2010 meeting was considered. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried.

Old Business:

John Brand from Butler Fairman presented an update on the HH Utility Relocation. There is \$450,000.00 (betterment) improvements related to wastewater that is included in the project. The improvements for the south section are included in 2A Section. Section 2B will be later and it is for area by Andersons. Everything is moving on schedule.

Anita Werling introduced Suzanne Stannis from Indiana Landmarks. Suzanne addressed the Council on behalf of Historic Sites and Surveys. The data was compiled and published in 1980. They locate and document historic projects and review process when major construction is done. Their work speeds up process of engineering firms. Fieldwork and publication will be done when funds have been documented. A request for \$1,500.00 was presented to the City. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to give the \$1,500.00 to Indiana Landmarks. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.

Nick Johns from VS Engineer came with a progress report on the levees. We need to move forward with levee certification and send the report to FEMA. This is not a quick process. There are some issues that have been documented but it is felt that the levees are in good shape. It is estimated that this will be a project with cost of \$100,000.00. We need to put together a scope of the work to be done and Kurtis Fouts needs to advise us on the proper procedure for bids.

The Board of Works approved Mariane Robeson start zoning codes for the City of Delphi.

New Business:

Clerk's Office reported savings of over \$3,000.00 on communication accounts by working with Espy. Espy has just started the process. Regions Bank has given some preliminary numbers in regards to health insurance and it appears there could be a savings to the City without cutting benefits to employees. The CD was invested with

First Financial. We received notification from IRS that the W4's and the 941 quarterly reports do not balance. It is up to our office to find the error and file the corrected forms.

Street Department report details the daily work of the department. Aaron brought two proposals to the Council from Security Federal and First Financial. Quotes were given by each bank for the loan to purchase a new truck and dump truck. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to purchase the truck and dump truck as per 2011 budget with financing through Security Federal. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Aaron also expressed his desire to replace his mower. It was scheduled for replacement in 2012 but he does not feel he can go for that length of time. Repairs are going to be too costly. He has money left in some of his line items from the 2010 budget and would like to encumber this money and order the new mower. He had a quote from John Deere in the amount of \$8,553.00. Brian Garrison made the motion to approve the purchase of the John Deere mower. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson abstained.

Park Department reported planting 22 trees in Riley and City Park. Anita reported that the roofing was backordered but is now here and ready to be installed. The electricians are coming in this week. The work is progressing smoothly and will soon be completed.

Police Department informed the Council that the Xmas parade would be held on December 4, 2010. Officer Wilson, Bernhardt and John Chapman met with the schools. Chief Chapman explained that in the near future the department is planning on going paperless on accident reports.

Airport manager Brian Stirm reported that it was quiet at the airport again. The fuel sales are down but that is standard in fall and winter months. The airport board has decided to turn off the runway lights and go with auto control. They are going to try this for one month to see if helps cut costs. Dean Trennapohl and Ken Ross went to the AAIV meeting and will come in to a council meeting and explain long range plans.

Area Plan. Nelson Smith said there was nothing new to report.

Fire Territory. Denny Randle reported the fire department had a quiet month even though it was very dry. The members of the Fire Territory would like to meet with Council to talk about building plans

Mayor Strasser reported that on November 8, 2010 there would be a HH meeting held at Faith Baptist Church.

Carolyn Pearson joined Randy in a meeting with The Historical Society at the Stone Barn. The Historical Society is interested in moving the museum to the Stone Barn. Carolyn feels we need to have input from all council members on this issue.

Randy reported on the meeting with Fire Territory and one of the biggest questions concerned the planning grant. The Fire Department Building Committee would like to meet with two council members to determine if work should continue on the planning grant and what to do about building. Open dialogue needs to be with both council and Fire Territory. Dan Sterrett and Nelson Smith volunteered to work with the Fire Department Building Committee. A meeting will be set up.

November 11th will be a workshop session and will begin at 6:00 P.M. Heads of Departments will give summary reports.


Mayor Strasser reported that two grants applications he had been working on had been awarded to the City of Delphi. \$38,540.00 was awarded for a planning grant and

\$249,000.00 was awarded for establishing safe school routes primarily addressing along Armory Road.

Carolyn Pearson and Mayor Strasser met with the Historical Society at the Stone Barn. Carolyn Pearson feels there is a need for more input from all council members.

Mayor Strasser addressed the Council and asked for direction. INDOT has made one offer with two options to the City of Delphi in regards to relinquishment of St. Rd. 25. Mayor Strasser would like to send a letter to INDOT with a third proposal in the amount of 1.25million. Carolyn Pearson felt this was a "no brainer". Time is important as there are deadlines to meet. No decision was reached and felt it should be taken back to Board of Works.


Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



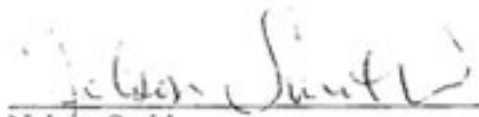
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