

COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given and all members were present.

Mayor Strasser introduced Julia Leahy, new director of Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Julia attended the meeting to ask for cooperation with the arts festival. A request to block Washington Street between Main and Franklin from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. was presented to the Council. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to accommodate the arts festival with the blockage of Washington Street. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Anita Werling relayed information on "branding". A task force has been formed and the purpose is to find the identity of Carroll County. The branding initiative for Carroll County will involve creative focus groups to identify who we are, how do others see us and a visual image of who we are. This process will lead to an implementation plan that will include logo, letterhead and press releases. The county will form like an umbrella over the cities and towns and special identities and they will retain their own individualism. Promoting tourism as well as attracting new industry is desired outcome. In order to succeed it is necessary to have help from professionals. Discussions with several companies have led to hiring a company. Although Anita pointed out she is not asking for money tonight, she needs to make the Council aware of the financial picture. The total process could cost up to \$100,000.00. Darrell Smith had committed \$15,000.00 before he left EDC. The Chamber is looking at their budget for EDIT and contact will be made with the county to look for funds. The time line for this process is 2 to 4 months for the focus groups and 1 to 2 months for the branding process. Kick off will not begin until funds are secured from different sources.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Work Session-involved questions and discussions on the airport expansion and fire territory building plans. It was felt that the session was important because it led to a better understanding of both situations. Randy reminded that the capital improvement plan submitted by the airport board included plans for the expansion. Also FAA has approved the expansion and is ready to move forward. Council members feel another meeting is needed. The information has been received and now is the time for open discussion with input from each council member. March 17th at 7:00 P.M. will be the next work session. Leanne will advertise. Mayor Strasser also noted that the article in the Comet had incorrect information about the amount of acres that would be purchased.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Mayor Strasser presented the agreement by Emerson and Manahan for Carroll County Redevelopment and City of Delphi. This contains the guidelines and stipulations with the

betterment plan. Brian Garrison made a motion to table the agreement until council members had time to read through the agreement. There was no second to the motion. Motion died. Carolyn Pearson expressed her faith in our attorney. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to approve the signing of the agreement between Carroll County Redevelopment and the City of Delphi. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. 4 ayes – 1 nay.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE: Fire Chief Sterrett reported a slow month with three structure fires. There were 10 emergency responses. In the future the Fire Territory is going to need to replace air packs and cost could run \$180,000 to \$200,000. The State Fire Marshall awarded four smoke detectors for the handicapped and disabled.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR: Kevin detailed the progress on grants in progress. The Interurban Trail is ready to begin surveying. The School Safety Route is also in the works. Floodgate grant was denied due to OKRA feeling including a pump station should not be in the project. Pooling of water on our side of the levee cannot be included in the grant. We will resubmit this fall for grant money. The Downtown Committee is working well together and the Tourism Committee is also working on existing signs and where to move it for better exposure. Another project in the works is the graphic design for the historic homes and these will be scattered around town. This is info boards and can contain history as well as pictures. Life expectancy of these boards could be sixteen years.

UTILITIES: Dick discussed the struggle at the waste plant. Waste received a letter from IDEM and a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 9th over this problem. Different chemicals have been tried on this problem. Dick has been working with IDEM all along. There will be a compliance plan arrived at the meeting and possibly a fine. Mayor Strasser mentioned the repair Craig handled at the stop light and praised their work.

STREET: Aaron and his staff found snow removal took part of their time. The men are starting to fix pot holes. A possibility of moving the recycle center to the transfer station is in the beginning stages of planning. This would allow us to clean up this area of the city. The material for the roof is in and as soon as the weather cooperates work will begin. Work is ready to begin on the cement area on Main St. at corner of Front on the west side first.

AIRPORT: Brian stated they are getting ready for the spring projects including rolling grass, mowing and some inside painting of main building. The lights on the runway were left off during the month of February and a close look to the electric bill will result in the decision as to usage of lights.

PARKS: Anita has distributed brochures for the walking program. The program will run from the 9th of April till the 21st of May. Anita attended a bicycle workshop in Indianapolis with details on incorporating bicycle route in city areas.

POLICE: Police Chief John Chapman announced Alex Parkinson has moved up to 1st Class Officer. Shane Bernhardt has finished his classed and will be a certified instructor. The Department of Justice has grants for vests and cost on vests run \$1,200. On the 10th of March the Delphi Middle School will have a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 P.M. and following will be a program on Rachel's Story. Rachel was one of the students who lost her life in the Columbine shooting. John requested that he wants to advertise for officers (pool). Carolyn wanted to know if this was to have candidates if the need arose to fill a slot.

John confirmed. Carolyn made the motion to allow John to advertise for positions in the police department. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carries.

CLERK'S OFFICE: Leanne reported that our health insurance carrier had raised our premium by \$2,000 per month even though we had experience a good claim rate for the third year. Contact has been made with IACT concerning the trust they recommend. We have had an opening meeting with Henriott Agency and will receive more information from them. Carolyn attended the meeting. We are also receiving a bid from an independent broker. The main concern is trying to keep the cost down to stay in line with our budget and at the same time provide comparable insurance to our employees.

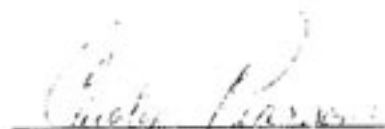
MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Strasser reported on his trip to Washington D.C. and the meetings that he attended and left with good feelings about the contacts made. The Mayor also attended a meeting at Purdue University with the Indiana Mayors Roundtable on China. Work was also done with K-IRPC/OCRA on the flood gate grants. A meeting with IPC and Butler Fairman was held for discussions on wastewater treatment plant issues. Transportation planning for Carroll County was done through a meeting with Sallie Fahey and Paul Coats.

Mayor Strasser informed all present how proud we are of Carolyn Pearson and the honor given to her recently. A dinner sponsored by the YWCA of Lafayette showcased the "Salute to Women of 2010". Five women from the Lafayette area and our Carolyn were introduced after the meal and their contributions and accomplishments within their communities were described to everyone.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Mayor Raddy Strasser



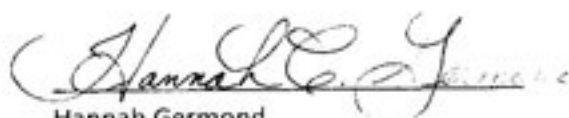
Carolyn Pearson, President




Brian Garrison



Nelson Smith



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Dan Sterrett