

COMMON COUNCIL
DECEMBER 5, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was given and the following council members were present: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett.

Minutes from the November 7, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Hannah Germond corrected the spelling of Berea College. Hannah Germond made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction to Berea College. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

New Business: Redevelopment Department Ordinance 2011-6

Anita Werling and Laura Walls were informative with a discussion on the proposed TIF district for downtown. This would encompass the court house square, N. Washington corridor and 421 out of city limits. This will create a funding pool for water mains, structure and landscape. The TIF district needs to be in place before new industry comes in order to ensure money is available. It is necessary to have this in order to attract interest in the Industrial Park (former Globe Valve). Once this is approved, a redevelopment committee would be appointed. Council would have final say on boundaries.

Establishing the Board of the Redevelopment Committee is the first step and then the TIF could be set up. 1) Create a commission 2) Appoint a body 3) Determine area and plan 4) Back to council with results. The county has a redevelopment committee and they have used part of the city area and if we establish an area we cannot use part of county areas without county approval as they had been set up first. Money would not be compensated for serving on the board. Three would be appointed by the mayor, two appointed by the council and one appointed by the school board to serve on the committee.

Brian Garrison feels we have to do something – we can't just sit here and let opportunities pass us by. Hannah Germond feels that the negative feelings are mainly due to a lack of understanding of the process. Nelson Smith questioned if we are restricted by city limits. Laura Walls explained we could include county area but would have to have the approval of the county as well as school board. Sue Beesley related we are limited by city limits but inter-local agreements let us go beyond. Reassurance was given to the council that if the commission wants a bond the council must approve. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-6. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson motioned to suspend the rules and pass 2011-6 on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-6 on 2nd and final reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

The inter-local agreement does not need an ordinance. The minutes from the meeting will show approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the inter-local agreement between the City of Delphi and Carroll County. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried.

Old Business: 2011-3 Police Salary.

This ordinance has an effective date of January 1, 2011 and the hourly rates reflect the holiday pay that is part of their hourly rate and no longer paid in two installments. Brian Garrison made the motion to approve 2011-3. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson motioned to suspend the rules and pass 2011-3 on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Hannah Germond made the motion to approve 2011-3 on second reading. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried.

New Business: Ordinance 2011-4 Elected Official Salaries for 2012.

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-4 for elected official salaries for 2012 on first reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend rules and pass 2011-4 on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-4 on second and final reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2011-5 Salary Ordinance for Employees for 2012

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-5 for city employees for 2012 on first reading. Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules and pass 2011-5 on second reading. Second by Hannah Germond. Motion carried. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2011-5 on second and final reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried.

Mayor Strasser introduced a change needed in the personnel manual. The phrase "on call" needs to be added in regards to alcohol use in order to be compliant with our insurance carrier. Hannah Germond made the motion to amend the personnel policy of the city to include "on call". Second by Dan Sterrett. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

Clerk Treasurer: Leanne reported that negotiations are continuing with our health insurance carrier as well as a competitor.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported the tank for hydrogen peroxide is ready to fill. The trench lines are dug and construction has started on the lift station. The Stover Group has been hired and will be here on the 14th through the 16th to help with the issues of compliance at the plant. Dick thanked Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett for serving on the council.

Street: Aaron Lyons informed the council that leaf pick up is done. The salt spreader is set up and ready to go to work. Aaron attended the levee conference. A reminder was given to all present that beginning January 1, 2012 glass will not be recycled. Residents will need to take glass to the transfer station or put in trash bags. Hannah questioned Aaron about the flood gate at Pizza Hut. Aaron reported that someone had taken the gate out and the corp. of engineers found this and it had been replaced.

Parks: Anita Force reported that weather is slowing down and stopping lots of their duties. Two large trees had been cut down and removed. Cassie and Chuck hand distributed sand to the playground

Airport: Brian Stirm noted that fuel sales are down and similar to very early spring sales. Brian said it is the usual end of the year time for the airport. Brian noted this has been a frustrating year for him and if anyone is interested in talking with him, he would be willing to do so.

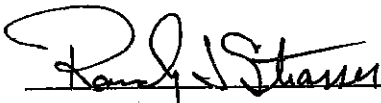
Fire Territory: Darrell Sterrett reported there had been 25 runs in November and 10 were emergencies. It's business as usual and things are going fine.

Area Plan: Nelson was unable to attend the meeting.

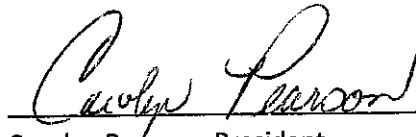
Community Director: Kevin Kologinsky informed the council that work will begin this summer on the levee and could take a year to complete. Freedom Bridge is moving along and should be completed by the end of 2012. The Tourism Committee will meet December 12th and would like to enhance the web site. Kevin also gave this thanks to Hannah Germond and Dan Sterrett for their service to the City of Delphi.

Mayor Report: Mayor Strasser related the floodgate grant is not up and running. There are maintenance issues and this can't be figured in the grant. Aaron will be looking into this. It's business as usual and things are moving right along.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



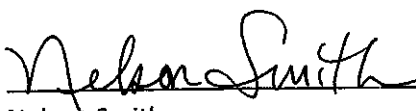
Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson, President



Brian Garrison



Nelson Smith

Hannah Germond

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