

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 2, 2012

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present were: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Dick Traeger and John Bennett.

Minutes were presented for approval from the meeting held on June 4, 2012. Brian Garrison made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Downtown Parking Proposal – Carolyn Pearson noted the parking situation had been addressed street by street with participation by all board members. Dick Traeger reported very few changes had been made with lots of thought put into this project. Nelson mentioned that consideration had been given to residences as well as businesses. Carolyn Pearson felt that in the future we might need to look at permits for some situations. Mrs. Diener advised against permits and felt that handicap plates would be sufficient. Brian Garrison made the motion to proceed as planned during the work session, prepare the ordinance and establish signage to match the ordinance. Second by John Bennett. Mayor Strasser mentioned that the current ordinance sets up parking Monday through Saturday and wants to know if the council thinks this should be changed. Nelson Smith noted the council was told to address the map, Mrs. Diener would work on the ordinance and then details would be worked on. Carolyn Pearson responded there was a motion on the floor to approve the map and a second to that motion. A vote was called for by Mayor Strasser and the motion carried. (5-0) Mrs. Diener will have the ordinance ready by July 16. Each member needs to look at the ordinance and bring back recommended changes to the next council meeting.
- B. Purchase Policy – John Bennett reported several people have approached him and questioned why we need a policy and why can't we follow the state policy. Mayor Strasser informed the board he had been given a copy by IACT. Even though expenditures are approved through the budget process, a completed purchase policy eliminates possible problems in the future. John Bennett replied if the expenditure was \$5,000 to \$50,000 an invitation for three quotes would be sufficient. If the expenditure was over \$50,000 bids would be needed. Mayor Strasser directed Mrs. Diener to prepare a purchase policy and have it ready for the next meeting. Dick Traeger mentioned that he would like to have the time to examine the policy and give it some more thought.
- C. Mayor Strasser reminded the council members meetings for the Stellar projects are weekly and he would like to see the council involved. Work is continuing on projects and time lines. The housing project addressing homes in the historic district is going well. A public meeting will be held on the 17th of July at the Canal Center with details.

D. Safe Routes – Mayor Strasser wants approval from council and this needs on record in the minutes due to the transparency bill at federal level and we have lots wrapped up in this pool. Safe Routes is 100% reimbursable but the rest of the projects will be pooled and due to reduced funding, will be very competitive status. John Bennett made the motion to accept and approve Safe Routes to School. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion passed. (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS: Budget dates have been sent to council members and special meetings will be coming up. Nelson Smith will be working with John Chapman on his police budget and Mayor Strasser will have department heads work with council members.

Karyl Traeger appeared before the council with a request for support for the Diamond Dash and this event will be held on the 22nd of September. This year an art and jewelry show and food vendors will be added to the event. The race will be held from 9 to 10:30 AM. At 6:00 PM a band will play with wine and cheese being served at the canal. Mrs. Traeger requested \$500 from the city and \$500 from Main Street. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the request. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Clerk: Direct deposit for employees has been set up and the online payment will be ready soon.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported the carbon source feeding #'s are good. The lift station is close to being completed. John Bennett questioned how we are in the process with IPC. Dick reported fine and we will start recovering the additional cost on this billing cycle.

Street: Aaron Lyons was on vacation.

Police: John Chapman was on vacation.

Area Plan: John Bennett reported Kathy Mylet would like to work with the city on zoning. Some of the properties lying within city limits are not zoned properly. A complaint was brought to the zoning board due to an apartment building started with 3 apartments and now has 4 and the lot size is not correct. This matter has been turned over to the attorney.

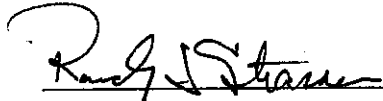
Fire: Darrell stated Mayor Strasser had contacted him in regards to a burn ban. Mayor Strasser explained he would like direction from the council on this matter. Fireworks are legal from June 29th through July 5th. Mrs. Diener stated Mayor Strasser can make this declaration without council approval. Mayor Strasser will sign but the council does not feel a need to extend the time frame.

Community Director: Kevin Kologinsky reported the bids were too high on the floodgate project and possibly will be rebid. Kevin expressed concern in regard to how this project affects the canal and boat house. The interurban trail may need a permit and this will add to the expense but HWC will see if additional grant money can be secured. Safe Routes will work with engineers to make sure this will work with present utility locations. Freedom Bridge is moving along. The bridge will get set and the plaza will be a project for next year. The bridge has to be up for HHH opening. Some problems have been encountered with the trails and the plaza being too close to the walls. Kevin assured that work will continue and will handle all the issues. The Stellar public meeting for housing will be held on the 17th of July at the canal center. Letters went out to 85 homes. This process will be administered by K-IRPSE. There will probably be 10 to 12 homes involved in each cycle of grants.

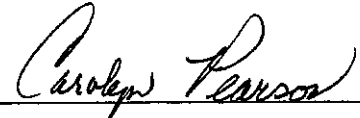
Mayor Strasser stated there was nothing else to put before the council and asked for any questions. John Bennett requested an update on HHH. Mayor Strasser replied the paving is being completed from Bridge Creek to county line road and should be completed in three more weeks. Right now it appears that October will be the grand opening from Lafayette to Delphi. Good progress is also being done on HHH from here to Logansport.

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

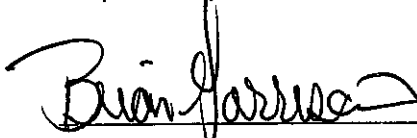
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson



Brian Garrison

Nelson Smith

Dick Traeger



John Bennett