

COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF DELPHI
NOVEMBER 5, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order and led council members and guest in giving the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith and Dick Traeger were present. John Bennett was absent.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2012-9 Additional Appropriation . Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$25,000. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (4-0) Mayor Strasser noted this will clear up the misconception concerning our payment for dispatch service with the County. The original intent of the Council was to reduce the amount paid to the county.

Airport Grant Update: Ken Ross, NGC, and Dean Trenepold of the airport board spoke concerning the runway project. FAA is anticipating more money in 2013 and this would allow the airport to continue with the project. The purchase of farm land owned by the Pearson family would need to be completed as part of this project. The maximum share for the City of Delphi would be \$38,662.50.

Stellar Update: A monthly status report was provided to council members by Corey Whitesell. A written memo from Mr. Whitesell contained information on the subrecipient agreement, memorandum of understanding and financing resolution. The subrecipient agreement is required by state agencies and it is a formal agreement between the City of Delphi and the Delphi Preservation Society and it spells out how the grant funds can be spent. The memorandum of understanding covers how the City of Delphi and DPS will make decisions and who is actually responsible for certain work. The financing resolution will show DPS receiving a bridge loan to cover their grant match amount with the City of Delphi as guarantee of the loan. Brian Garrison questioned when the council members agreed and decided to guarantee the loan. Mr. Garrison did not feel it was wise to be placing the city in this position. Mayor Strasser explained that is why we have 30 days to think and look this over. Mayor Strasser explained he is not taking anything lightly, has thought long and hard on these issues and feels the council members need to do the same before making a decision. Nelson Smith felt it would be beneficial to the council members to see a plan the Preservation Society has in place to raise the 1.5 million.

ADA: Mayor Strasser does not have anything new to report to the council members at this time.

Golf Cart Issue: There is nothing new to report to the council members at this time.

Animal Control: Kevin Kologinsky has attended several meetings concerning the situation with cats. Some information has been gathered with lots more needed. Mr. Kologinsky shared the possible cost involved with controlling the cats. It was determined that a small (12 x 12) building could be purchased from Little Fawn, cages for holding and catching the cats, shots and neutering as well as ear notching could be accomplished for a little over \$8,000 per year. There are grants available for animal control and the group working on this issue also felt that money could be raised through private donations. The money raised through donations could be placed in a non reverting account and the expenses could be paid out of this account. At this time it has not been determined where the building would be located. Krista Watson questioned expenses for cooling the building in the summer and heating in the winter and who would be handling the animals. Mayor Strasser explained volunteers would be taking this project forward and our insurance covering volunteer workers would cover the workers. Dick Traeger has attended some of the meetings, feels it is a good cause. Carolyn Pearson feels it is an issue that must be addressed but also thinks the council needs time to study this more and consider the financial costs to the budget. Dick Traeger also agreed that more study time is needed. Diane Coghill explained a local vet might offer space in their building for the city to use, for a short time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Department Heads

Clerk's Office – Leanne reported budget reports had been submitted to Gateway on schedule.

Wastewater – Dick VanSickle distributed a written report to the council members. Carolyn Pearson questioned how long the plant would need to add the carbon source. Dick explained it would probably be a permanent part of the process.

Street – Aaron Lyons had submitted a written report to the council members. Leaves had been picked up the last two weeks. Mayor Strasser publically thanked Aaron and his men on the leaf work during this season.

Police – Mayor Strasser reported John Chapman was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Area Plan – John Bennett was not present for the meeting. Mayor Strasser related a new owner for the property located on 316 N. Union wants to convert the single family home to a multi family residence. The owner is going through a special exception with area plan and this will enable area plan. There will be a meeting on this at the end of the month.

Fire – Darrell Sterrett reported the new air packs are in service. Darrell met with Jerry White from OCRA concerning grants for a new fire department building. The fire territory board members voted to move forward with planning for a new building on the property they purchased on Main Street. Jerry White will be attending the new fire territory meeting and explain the steps needed to realize this goal. Darrell also thanked Aaron and his men for the help given on the grease spill on 421. Mayor Strasser requested a proposal and the minutes from the meeting when the building plans were approved and Mayor Strasser will send this information on to the council members.

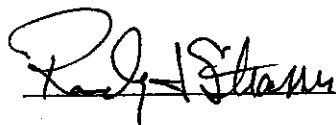
Community Development – Kevin Kologinsky had a written report for council members and noted a few points of interest. Flood Gates has a contract awarded to Thieneman and if the property acquisition issue is resolved by 11/21/2012 work could begin by mid-December. Safe Routes could possibly begin construction by April 2013. Freedom Bridge bids could be higher and therefore we would have to decide what aspects of the project could be changed or deleted.

Mayor Strasser reported he will be attending the Rural Summit on the 14th and 15th of November. The former Globe Valve is tearing down the facility and leaving only the warehouse. The signage on HHH is working for us. More and more trucks are using the highway to service Delphi. Work is almost completed on the south section of HHH and now working east of town.

Carolyn Pearson announced to the council members the BOW had approved work to be done on well 1 and # 3 and to test drill well #6. Carolyn also noted she felt the HHH opening went well. Lots of work and planning had made it successful.

Mayor Strasser thanked the council members for taking off work to show their support.

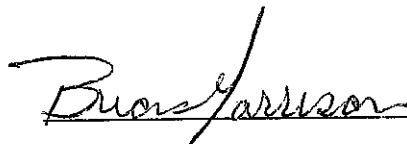
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.



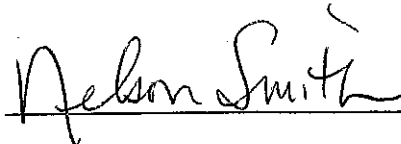
Mayor Randy Strasser




Carolyn Pearson, President



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