

COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led all present in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was given and the following council members were present: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Nelson Smith, Dick Traeger and John Bennett.

Mayor Strasser presented the budget for 2013 for public comment and discussion as advertised in the local paper. Diane Coghill noted the need for more money to be budgeted for animal care and control. Mayor Strasser requested the suggestion from MS. Coghill be included in the minutes. No other comments were presented by either council members or guests.

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the budget for the City of Delphi for 2013 as advertised and addressed at the public meeting on first reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Kathy Mylet of Carroll County Area Plan brought forms for the council to approve the rezoning of the area on Franklin and Crockett to B2 and this would include lots 5, 6, 7 and 8. This will be the building site of Young's Culligan. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to allow rezoning. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mayor Strasser informed the council will need to attend a special meeting in order to address the alley abandonment for Culligan. The notice of intent to close the alley needs to be advertised and will appear in the local newspaper on the 12th of September. A meeting can be held 48 hours after advertisement and therefore a special meeting will be held on the 17th of September at 6:00 p.m. The closing of the alley will state that a permanent structure can be built on this site.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean Dilling, Diane Coghill and Ginger Waymire addressed the council concerning the issue of stray cats. They have been trapping cats and paying to have them spayed or neutered. Ginger McCain has been spending \$400.00 per month on cat food. Ginger stressed the fact help is available through grants. Diane Coghill noted at the present time vets in this area are not participating in a plan for lower charges for their services. All three of the ladies would like to see an organization for this area but they realize that at least 5 acres of land would be needed along with buildings and supplies. Grants could cover part of the expense but other revenue would have to be secured. Jean, Diane and Ginger informed the council they will continue to work on the problem even if the city is unable to help. Brian Garrison expressed the need for the city to be involved but feels the townships or county needs to contribute. Mayor Strasser would like for the council to work with these three ladies and see if we can set up a program with a local vet. Kevin Kologinsky volunteered to work with the group and serve as a liaison to the council. Carolyn Pearson commended the ladies for their involvement. Kevin will bring information back to the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Downtown Parking

2012-6 Identifies Codes

2012-7 No Saturday enforcement – 9 to 5 on week days

Mayor Strasser stated enforcing parking results with workers moving to the residential area. Mayor Strasser questions whether 2 hours the right number is or should it be 3 hour parking. Brian Garrison stated the council is willing to work with Mayor Strasser on all day parking on the west side of the court house. After more discussion the following motions were made:

John Bennett made the motion to pass 2012-6 on first reading with changes made on MS9, 11, 13, and 15 to all day parking. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2012-7 on first reading with changes of no Saturday enforcement and hours of 9 to 5. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

John Bennett explained he feels the fines are not high enough. He feels there should be an additional charge when a person receives over 3 tickets and the charge should be \$50.00.

Purchasing Policy: Mrs. Diener checked statues concerning the Fire Territory. Mrs. Diener consulted Bingham and concluded the Fire Territory would not fall under the policy established for the city. The Fire Territory should prepare a purchase policy for their department. Carolyn Pearson questioned what would happen if you were unable to get three quotes. Mrs. Diener explained that you have to request three quotes and if only one responds, then that is acceptable.

Brian Garrison made the motion to pass ordinance 2012-8 (Purchase Policy for City of Delphi) on first reading with the change made by eliminating fire chief from approved list. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0)

Stellar Update:

Dick Traeger and John Bennett served on the committee for finding a project director for the opera house and facade project. Consultants were selected. The facade project will be in two stages. Public meeting will be held for informational purposes.

A meeting was held for builders that could be working on the housing project. Kevin Kologinsky attended the meeting with seven builders. The smaller constructions companies appear to be nervous and concerned about waiting on payments. Two of the builders attending the meeting did not have a problem with the payment plan for the project. Time will tell if we will be able to work with local contractors.

VS gave Mayor Strasser a set up example on ADA. It is obvious we can't do this in house. More information will be available at the next council meeting and members were reminded that money had not been written into the 2013 budget.

Mayor Strasser has been contacted by several citizens wanting to be able to use golf carts in the city limits. Mayor Strasser noted there would have to be standards involved when preparing an ordinance

for golf carts. Carolyn Pearson stated she did not see a need for a golf cart ordinance. Brian Garrison noted he doesn't like golf carts or scooters on the streets. Dick Traeger would like more information before addressing the issue.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported there had been a spillage by the football field and was cleaned up. Manhole at Brosman's was broken and repaired. There are a couple of dates on utility moves to note. One is that by the end of week tie ins on water would be completed. Sanitary lines should be tied in during the first week in October. It appears that all the work should be completed by the middle of October.

Street: Aaron Lyons reported the street and water department painted the roof on the metal building. Two storm lines had been repaired. John Bennett questioned about replacing parking signs that will not be in compliance with the new parking ordinance. Mayor Strasser noted this will be part of the Stellar Project. Brian Garrison spoke about the three new parking spaces at Mitchells Mexican Grill and wanted to know who gave them permission to paint the spaces. Mayor Strasser had a discussion with them but did not tell them to do it. Aaron noted it was blocking the sidewalk and it was poor visibility at the corner. Mayor Strasser will have Aaron take measurements and get back to the council.

Parks: Aaron Lyons reported the septic tank has been replaced at Riley Park. Painting on playground equipment and mowing is continuing.

Area Plan: John Bennett reported their agreement on the petition of Culligans request to change area for new building to commercial.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky feels work will soon begin on the floodgate. Other projects are progressing well.

Mayor Strasser reported the Redevelopment Committee is working with a client who needs space and with P & R. The old globe building will be coming down soon. Mayor Strasser explained the BOW had been notified that 4 homeowners are having problems with wells. Two wells have gone dry. The city and US Ag must share the cost even if it is out of city limits. John Bennett wanted to know why we are responsible and Mayor Strasser explained that state statue holds the two greatest users of the water supply to be accountable for loss by others.

November 1st and 2nd will be an open house for HHH. It is expected that 300 vehicles will leave Delphi and proceed to Lafayette and return to Delphi for a celebration.

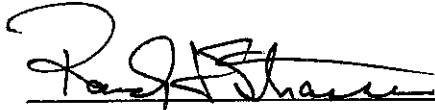
Fire: Darrell Sterrett did not have a report.

Police: John Chapman was not present for the meeting.

Mayor Strasser opened the meeting for questions and comments. Jack Wilson requested stop signs for alleys. Speeding in the alleys has become a problem and dangerous for pedestrians. Mayor Strasser will follow up on this and address at the next BOW.

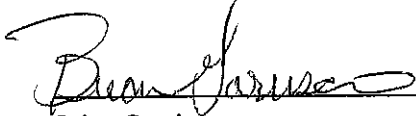
John Bennett would like for Mayor Strasser to speak to Police Chief Chapman in regards to crime reports being placed in the local paper with the other county departments.

Brian Garrison made the motion to adjourn. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0)

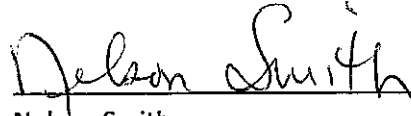


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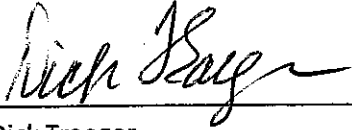
Carolyn Pearson, President



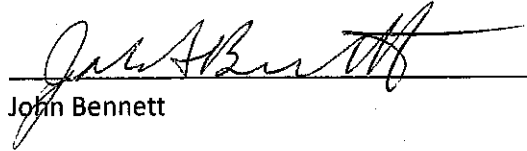
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