

COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 7, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

John Bennett made the motion for Carolyn Pearson to serve as Council President. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Minutes from the December 3, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented with the information that two small errors had been corrected. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Stellar – Mayor Strasser reminded the council members a monthly update on the Stellar Grant was in the information packets. There will be a meeting held at the Opera House on the 8th of January, 2013 for the Facades Downtown.

Mayor Strasser brought Ordinance 2012-11 for discussion. This ordinance concerns the use of drugs and alcohol in the workplace. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass Ordinance 2012-11 on second and final reading. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mayor Strasser brought Ordinance 2012-12 for discussion. This ordinance concerns fair housing practices in our city. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass Ordinance 2012-12 on second and final reading. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (3-0)

2013 Appointments: Department Heads will remain in place. Airport Board has received the resignation of Ed Gruber after many years of service. Mayor Strasser will be finding a replacement for his position on the board. Anita Weirling has resigned from her position on the Redevelopment Commission due to her extensive involvement with the Opera House project. Mayor Strasser thanked Anita for her contributions and will fill her position in the future. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to leave Drew Sandora and Jerry Holsapple as the council appointees on the Redevelopment Commission. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (3-0) John Bennett questioned if we are going to have park board members. Mayor Strasser noted he would like to have new appointees for the park board and have it functioning by the end of the 1st quarter.

Mayor Strasser introduced Resolution 2013-1. This resolution establishes an economic development area in the area known as the Delphi Economic Development Area. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the Resolution 2013-1. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mayor Strasser introduced Dennis Zeigler, General Manager of New Wave Communications. Mr. Zeigler explained their plans to move the present cable system into the future. Advanced video offerings, high speed broad band internet, phone and home security will be able to be bundled by late summer. Fiber optics will be brought to Delphi and then lines to homeowners. Plans also include opening an office locally. Mayor Strasser thanked Mr. Zeigler for taking the time to address the council and inform every one of the plans.

Mayor Strasser informed the council of the needed changes to the Police SOP's. It has been determined to remove the benefits available to the police department from their SOP manual and to incorporate the benefits in with the city plan. Leanne explained the main needs come from the lack of sick time available to police officers. Under their present plan, they must miss 3 consecutive days and have a doctor's slip in order to be paid for sick days. The city employees can use out of PTO time and can be paid hourly or daily up to 64 hours for sick or personal time. Leanne informed the council this had been addressed over a year ago and had never been changed. Leanne requested the council to address this issue and allow her to pay an officer for the two sick days he is claiming on this time sheet. Mrs. Diener recommended this be taken to the BOW. Mayor Strasser will put a notice in the paper for a special hearing on Wednesday. It was determined this was not enough time to advertise for a special meeting, therefore a meeting will be held on Friday at 8:00 AM.

Conflict of Interest: Mayor Strasser has signed a conflict of interest form due to his wife owning the Garden Gate Tea House and the negotiations with relocation of the business. Mayor Strasser will not be voting on any issues involving the Opera House during the BOW meetings. Kevin Kologinsky is the owner of two buildings in the historic district and has also signed a conflict of interest statement. He will continue to serve on the stellar committees but will not be voting on any issues that could possibly benefit his position. Mrs. Diener will give her determination to OCRA. The two conflict of interest forms needs approval by the Council and BOW and must be filed with State Board of Accounts and OCRA. The minutes from this meeting will accompany the conflict of interest forms. John Bennett asked for clarification. Does this mean you, Mayor Strasser, will not vote at the BOW meetings and that the BOW will determine the distribution of funds and Kevin Kologinsky will be allowed to work on Stellar even though he is in a position to receive money from Stellar. Mrs. Diener stated the conflict of interest statements spell out with the not voting by either party, it established a legal operation of duties. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the Uniform Conflict of Interest form for Mayor Randy Strasser and Kevin Kologinsky. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (3-0)

John Bennett questioned about recording system for minutes. Leanne Aldrich felt more investigation should be done to pros and cons before entering into this way of recording the minutes.

Encumbrances from the 2012 funds carried into the 2013 year totaled \$33,570.43. Previously \$69,477.24 had been approved for the street department to carry forward. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the encumbrances as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Department Heads:

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle noted there is nothing out of the ordinary to report. New lift station is almost done and looking at work on 2C project.

Street: Aaron Lyons reported the recycle truck is back up and running. The leaf machine has been repaired and Aaron brought it back from Fort Wayne. John Bennett questioned if the calendar for 2013 has been printed. Aaron replied it had not been printed. Mayor Strasser noted they are working on this now.

Police: John Chapman reported on the criminal mischief two weeks ago. He has submitted a claim for reimbursement for the bullet proof vests purchased and should receive our ½ of the cost soon. Work is still being done with the school system in regards to safety plans.

Airport: NOT PRESENT

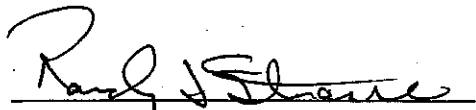
Area Plan: John Bennett noted there was nothing new to bring to the council attention. Mayor Strasser explained he has met with Kathy Mylet, Cynthia Harmon and Mariam Robesom for making a process for permits for new construction within the city. We need a way to keep the city informed, in the loop and in control of projects. John Bennett questioned if we have enough help to do this. Mayor Strasser replied we will address this at budget time and perhaps it would take someone to work part time to accomplish this. We have an issue with Kathy Mylet at least two times per month.

Fire: Darrell Sterrett did not have a report ready and replied the department had been slow. Mayor Strasser asked when Darrell would have a report for the council. Darrell noted that as soon as our computer tech fixed his computer he would have a report for the council.

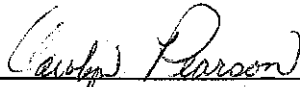
Community Development: Kevin Kologindky reported the Canal Center is getting ready to install the bridge and trail along the canal and Stellar will work with the Canal on this project. There will be a meeting on the 8th of January, 2013 at the Opera House on the Facades Project. Safe Routes To School will be let soon and there is no match from the City. The floodgate grant has been deactivated due to the time frame on property acquisition and environmental issues. This will result in more cost to the City. Freedom Bridge has the paperwork to INDOT but did not get it advertised. It appears that advertisement will be in March. Mayor Strasser explained there are lots of new people at state level and INDOT has backed a lot of projects up.

Mayor Strasser informed the council he will be having staff meetings with department heads the 1st Wednesday of each month and then every following Wednesday will be with individual department heads with a one on one situation. Nelson Smith had mentioned mass communication for city residents over 2 years ago and with the past issues it is a project we need to complete. Mayor Strasser is having the billing department in the Clerk's office update phone numbers for possible use. Mayor Strasser would like to have the reports from the department heads sent electronically. It is his recommendation for water, wastewater, street and part to be done quarterly. Police reports could be done monthly. The council agreed to see the police reports from John Chapman at each meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson

Brian Garrison

Nelson Smith



Dick Treager

John Bennett