

COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting and led council members and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Minutes from the meeting held on November 3, 2014 were presented for approval. John Bennett made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer stated a special meeting will be needed to approve the final figures for the additional appropriation. The paperwork must be in the office of DLGF by the 15th of December.

Shawn Cain of KIRPC and Mike Turchi of BF&S informed the council members the state of the floodgate grant. Mike Turchi noted there was one primary change and the project was adjusted to 2 properties not 3 and this involves only right of way and easements. Shawn Cain stated she hopes to hand deliver the grant application on Friday. The total cost is \$1,807,400 and local match of \$173,802. The disaster relief funds are dwindling but Shawn feels they will work with us. A resolution and letter needs signed tonight. John Bennett questioned if the line will stay the same on the west side of one property and if the flow of the pumped water will be the same without digging out the channel on the 3rd property. Mike stated it would cost \$80 to \$100,000 to dredge the property and Shawn reminded the council members this project would have to be done after the grant is secured and it would be the city's money. Shawn reminded the funds for the grant will terminate by the end of 2014 and therefore the urgency to deliver the grant application is understandable.

Richard Traeger made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-7 allowing the submittal of grant forms to the Office of Community Affairs. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0) John Bennett addressed Mr. Royal and questioned if he understood because of his not participating it will cause the city more expenses and the city will be unable to work with him in the future until the grant is completed.

John Bennett made the motion to approve the letter stating the city has funds for the expense of the floodgate project and to have Leanne Aldrich sign the letter. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle had prepared a written report for the council members. Dick noted the lift station on 300 is almost done. No questions or concerns from the council members were expressed.

Street: Aaron Lyons noted leaves were done and getting ready to set Xmas lights.

Chief of Police: A written report had been distributed to the council members and there were no further questions or concerns.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky reported Freedom Bridge is almost done and the wall plaques will be in place soon. Work is proceeding on the Interurban Trail. The loft apartments on Main

Street will start in one month. The façade must be completed before work can be done to the inside. The Opera House is coming along and staying on budget. The BOW will have a meeting with the owners of the home on Franklin Street as well as the home on Union Street. A special meeting will be held on the 15th and open to the public. Kevin hopes to have conclusions to the issues involving these two homes by the meeting in February.

Water: Craig Myers stated there had been a couple water leaks. Peerless Well ran a maintenance test and now waiting on IDEM to approve. Peerless is waiting to drill the well.

Fire: Darrell Sterrett stated the committee is working on a truck design to replace one of the older trucks. Darrell informed the LaFrance is an antique and the Fire Territory is not able to rebuild. At the present time the truck is parked outside covered by a tarp and is not in running condition. Someone willing to restore would be the ideal solution. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to declare the LaFrance as excess equipment and proceed to find a new owner. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0)

Airport: John Gingrich, President of Delphi Airport Board, reported 2/3 of the steel frame of the new hanger is in place. It appears the contractor will be able to keep to his date for completion.

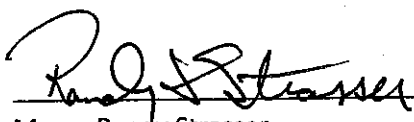
Mayor Strasser asked if anyone from the guests would like to make a statement. Mr. Royal requested to do so. Mr. Royal wanted to respond to John Bennett's earlier remark. Mr. Royal was not aware his answer to the offer from the city was final but at the same time he cannot believe the city would be involved in a project costing over \$1,000,000 and would not be willing to pay \$37,000 for an easement to his land. Mr. Royal stated he had another conversation with Mayor Strasser and was told there could be another way to handle the situation.

Mayor Strasser responded Brock Dawson heard from Mr. Royal over the past weekend and Mr. Royal was not willing to sell at our price.

Debbie Lowe of the Comet questioned if a special meeting on streetscapes would be held on the 8th? Mayor Strasser did not have traffic figures from the state so the meeting will be later on.

Mayor Strasser noted Umbaugh will attend our next meeting and will present Stellar financials.

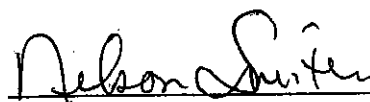
Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Randy Strasser



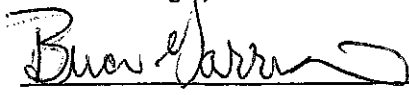
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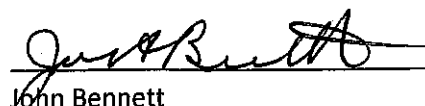
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Richard Traeger, President



Brian Garrison



John Bennett