

COMMON COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 3, 2014  
7:00 P.M.

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

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

Minutes from the meeting held on October 6, 2014 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark Zimpher reported to the council the final stages with IDEM for approval on plans concerning soil and water tables. Plans are for breaking ground within 60 days. An open house will be scheduled soon. Four reservations for lots in phase I are secured.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laura Walls of Carroll County Economic Development made the official announcement of a new industry coming to Delphi. Next Day Containers will be occupying the old Globe Valve building. Umbaugh Associates along with Bingham & Doll prepared a tax abatement schedule. The council had passed the preliminary tax abatement. SB1 has been filed with the city. A copy of the final resolution concerning the tax abatement will contain the tax schedule and a copy will be in the Carroll County Assessor's office as well as the Clerk Treasurer's office. The assessment for 2015 payable in 2016 begins the abatement. At this time Mayor Strasser suspended the council meeting and began the public hearing on Resolution 2014-7. Mayor Strasser asked for questions or concerns. There were no questions or concerns asked or stated. Brian Garrison welcomed the new company on board. Mayor Strasser reconvened the city council meeting. Richard Traeger made the motion to pass Resolution 2014-7, 5 year abatement plan. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0)

Salary Ordinance 2014-7 for the year beginning January 1, 2015. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the salary ordinance for city employees on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (4-0)

Salary Ordinance 2014-8 for the year beginning January 1, 2015. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2014-8 for elected official on second reading. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0)

Ordinance 2014-9 Budget for 2015. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve ordinance 2014-9 in the amount of \$2,501,910. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (4-0)

The final figures needed for the additional appropriation will be presented at the December 3, 2014 meeting.

#### Other Business:

Fred Berger, resident of Delphi, passed out a sheet of data he had gathered and put together in regard to recycling. John Bennett thanked Fred for his time and effort and wasn't sure we had voted. It was established the council had voted to stop curbside recycling at the previous meeting but would look into the situation in the future. Brian Garrison assured Fred and others the council as well as the committee had looked into this issue and found the city could not afford to continue this service. With only Delphi and Flora in the contract it was not financially possible to purchase a new truck and continue the service. Carol Stradling was present and stated the city has to look at volume and transportation costs. Twenty years ago trash was paid for and recyclables were free but that has all changed. There are lots of ways to make it happen and one way would be to enter a three year contract for trash and with a reduction in cost it could help pay for recycling. Brian Garrison said we could set a trailer where we had in the past but he did not feel that was a good solution. Carol stated curbside comingled is the most expensive to operate. Mayor Strasser noted he is gathering information and working with our present trash provider to find other opportunities for recycling. Both the city and citizens must make adjustments and otherwise it will cost us more. Carol Stradling stated the street department in Renselear picks up recyclable at no cost to the homeowners. Winimac has 85% participate in curbside and Otterbin has curbside and pays a contractor out of Lafayette. Mayor Strasser thanked Fred for his work and time and stated continued work would be done on this issue.

#### Department Reports:

**Police:** Chief Mullin reported the new car had been delivered. Decals will be put on and should be on the road by mid November. A written report of stats was given to the council members. Chief Mullin stated the new SRO officer is doing well.

**Waste:** Dick VanSickle had given a written report. Dick noted lots of maintenance work had been done. A problem arose with pump 2 on 39 lift station but it is under warranty.

**Street:** Aaron Lyons stated the maintenance on the floodgates has been completed and the form sent to corp. of Engineers. Leaves are being picked up. The truck broke down for recyclables and Aaron wanted guidance on what to do about the letter to residents and the end of the year notice for recyclables. Brian Garrison stated the letter should be sent to residents and Carolyn added a notice to business owners should be sent informing there will no longer be free service for their recyclables. Aaron stated he will draft the letter and send it out.

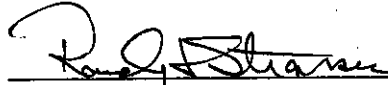
**Community Development:** Kevin stated there is progress on all grants but the slowest is the floodgates. Appraisals are needed and Brock Dawson is working on that. Black granite will show etching of steam engines at the pavilion of Freedom Bridge. There are now enough homes to enter into phase II of owner occupied housing. A grant for \$68,000 has been received to work on three homes. One owner has agreed to work on his property and this will free up \$26,000 for other work.

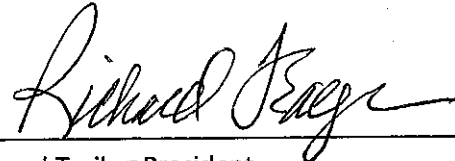
**Airport:** John Gingrich reported on October 24 the new floor was poured for the new hanger. The cement work and asphalt work is done. The steel for the building will be delivered in the next couple weeks.


**Water:** Craig Myers reported Peerless drilled the monitor well and is waiting on IDEM to proceed. Radio read meters are now installed to 1/2 of Delphi.

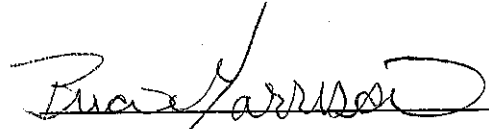
Anita Werling gave a report on the Opera House project. Anita reported all the steel reinforcement has been completed. The concrete pads have been poured. The grand stairway is now being addressed. The project has received another grant totaling \$87,999 for theatrical systems. It is all coming together.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

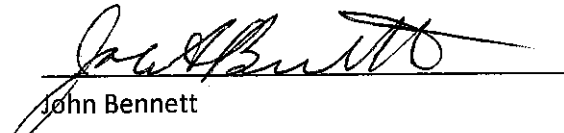
  
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