

COMMON COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 6, 2014  
7:00 PM

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the council meeting for business.

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

Mayor Strasser brought Aaron Lyons to the podium for a special presentation. A gentleman from ILTAP attended the meeting in order to present Aaron a certificate of achievement. There are 400 people in the program for educational classes in roads. Aaron is the 25<sup>th</sup> street superintendent to reach the designation of master road builder.

Minutes from the September 2, 2014 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Chief Steve Mullin introduced Sharon Calles to the council members and guests. Sharon is the new SRO officer for Delphi Schools. Sharon stated she was originally from the Brookston area and eventually ended up living in Georgia. Steve noted Sharon has police and resource experience in her background. Sharon thanked the council members for allowing her to work for the city.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Laura Walls informed the council members there is a company strongly considering our industrial park. The final decision has not been made by this company. The company has received a state incentive package and the owners are to make improvements including painting. Bingham, Greenup and Doll have worked on the resolution and there are no figures established in the resolution at this time. This is standard procedure. It will be necessary to advertise for a public hearing and a final resolution will be needed. This final resolution could reverse, modify or do nothing to the first resolution. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of October an announcement of the proposal will be made. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October an ad for the public hearing to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November will be advertised. Carolyn Pearson questioned if this abatement has been promised. Laura Walls responded it had not been promised and the company was told it would be pending council approval. Carolyn also noted she thinks there are times when these companies do not live up to the promises they make. It was stated they have to file a form each year showing they've complied. Personal property is not captured by TIF, only the improvements. Richard Traeger made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-6. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0) Laura noted figures are not required in the preliminary but will be filled in for the public hearing and will be on file in the assessor's office on form SB1.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mark Zimpher sent an email with update. The drainage board passed their plan and they are proceeding with IDEM. They will contact the department heads after agreement with IDEM and then be ready to stake off.

Aaron Lyons reported he held a meeting with Brian Garrison, Carolyn Pearson and Leanne Aldrich. This meeting resulted in finding it was too expensive for 35% of the people who use the service. A new vehicle is needed and the business owners do not pay for the service. Burlington has pulled out of the contract and that will leave just Flora and Delphi to share the cost. We will need to give Flora notice of our final decision. CCRC funds will be divided amount the three towns. At this time we have three options: staying in with Flora and buying a new truck with no grant option, drop out or contract the service out. Aaron explained our present trash company is really not interested in contracting for our recyclables as there is no profit in this operation. Carolyn questioned if the charge to the residents for sanitation would be reduced and Leanne stated it should be. Carolyn Pearson stated she really dislikes doing away with recyclables but at this time she feels financially she must make the motion to discontinue the contract with CCRC at the end of 2014. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0) A copy of the salary ordinance for employees had been distributed to the council members in their packets. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the Salary Ordinance 2014-6 on first reading. Second by Nelson Smith. Motion carried. (5-0)

A copy of the salary ordinance for elected officials had been distributed to the council members in their packets. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass the Salary Ordinance 2014-7 on first reading. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (5-0)

Leanne Aldrich had distributed a copy of the possible additional appropriation that will have to be filed with DLGF. Leanne explained as time allows for estimating the final expenses needed to be covered by the end of the year she will present the figures and the additional appropriation will have to be passed with first and second reading during one meeting. This additional appropriation will cover general expenses as well as city responsibilities for grants.

Halloween hours was discussed and it was determined Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> with hours of 6 PM to 8 PM will be set. John Bennett made the motion to approve the date and time for Halloween. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Dr. Thomas Brodar publically thanked an unknown officer of the city's police department. A client of Dr. Brodar told of someone who had fallen from a roof and was injured. One of our officers drove by, saw the situation and helped the victim. Dr. Brodar expressed how fortunate we were in this community to have officers who did their duty but went beyond their law enforcement duties to help those in need. Steve Mullin, police chief, thanked Dr. Brodar and explained he was not aware of this situation but would find out which officer helped and would let him know of the gratitude expressed by Dr. Brodar. Mayor Strasser stated he was not aware of this event and noted our officers are modest.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Airport: John Gingrich reported the ground breaking for the new hanger was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Mayor Strasser, Leanne Aldrich, John Bennett and Carolyn Pearson along with other guests attended the ceremony. Over ½ of the footers are in and it is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2014.

Street: Aaron Lyons reports maintenance on the floodgates had been completed. After televising the area and sandbagging the area, the area was cleaned out. This is required by Corp of Engineers every 5 years.  
Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported another issue behind the jail with a collapse in the line with a 6 to 7 foot section being replaced. Root service had been handled on Elizabeth Connelly, Monroe and Summit Streets.

Police: Chief Mullin reported the new SRO officer has begun her work in the schools. One of the radios we purchased through riverboat will be placed in the SRO car.

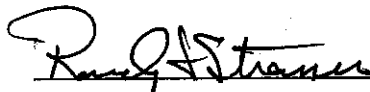
Fire: Darrell reported on runs made by the fire department.

Community Development: Meetings are continuing on the Floodgate grant and Kevin had thought this was going to die. The Freedom Bridge will be done by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Facades have started and the first building being addressed is the old Culligan building. The Opera House is staying on schedule. Trees are being planted along the Gateway Trail. Three more applicants have applied for phase 2 of the owner occupied housing project. An amicable manner for solving the blight homes on our list is in process.

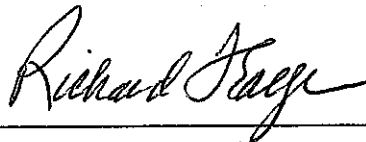
Mayor Strasser brought Craig Myers in front of the council and announced Craig has been named water superintendent. Mayor Strasser stated his appreciation of the knowledge and work ethic Craig brings to the position.

Clerk: Leanne reported she had given a copy of the Façade breakdown to the council members with financial figures brought up to date. A copy of the fund reports of the stellar grants had also been given to the council members.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM



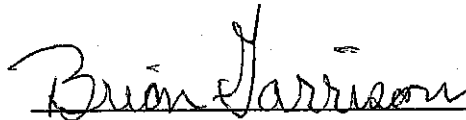
Mayor Randy Strasser



Richard Traeger, President

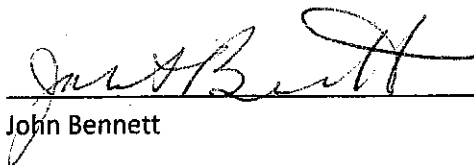


Carolyn Pearson



Brian Garrison

Nelson Smith



John Bennett



Leanne Aldrich, Attest