

COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 5, 2015

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Minutes from the meeting held in September were presented for approval. It was noted in the last paragraph with Fire Territory a correction had been made from TIF to Redevelopment. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes from September 8th as presented. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2016 budget was presented. Mayor Strasser asked if there were any questions or concerns. It is labeled 2016-6 ordinance. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2016-6 Budget. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried (4-0). Carolyn Pearson made the motion to suspend rules and to pass Ordinance 2016-6 Budget on second reading. Motion was seconded by John Bennet and carried (4-0). Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2016-6 Budget on second and final reading. Second by John Bennet. Motion carried (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

Hours for Halloween were discussed. It was determined Halloween would be observed on Saturday, the 31st. Carolyn made the motion for it to be approved on Saturday, the 31st, from 5:30 to 8:30. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried (4-0).

Brian Garrison noted he had received a letter from his district, and they had sent him a model of a pit bull ordinance. Brian stated he sees both sides and realizes there is a problem, but does not feel comfortable with preventing a specific breed. We had just passed Ordinance 2015-2 and changed the wording. Brian said he simply brought it to light due to the recent pit bull attack and because he had had a letter from his district.

The Mayor asked for Department reports.

Street: Aaron Lyons reported they had been busy doing asphalt patching and working with dead trees. He ordered material for the Franklin Street storm line and reported work had been done on the repair of the bathroom in the City Building. The leaf season will start in probably in two weeks. John Bennett questioned what was going on with the septic at Riley Park. Aaron

noted parts for a grinder had been ordered. John wanted to know if we extended the storm line behind the Opera House alley. Aaron said he was not aware and the Mayor said he was not aware of any extra work to be done.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle reported that Maddox Construction redid a vacuum clarifier on the skimmer trough. The effluent line is close to being done and they will tie in to the plant on Tuesday or Wednesday. They are putting down straw and seed and they had televised to the fourth manhole. John Bennett wanted to know if there was a problem on Armory Road and Dick replied wiring had been done and both pumps are running. Dick said he has more of a problem with the lift station on Market Street due to the rag issue than Armory Road.

Water: Craig Myers reported they had processed 33,000,000 gallons of water. Five leaks had been repaired and a new water main had been installed and was serviceable.

Police – Steven Mullin, Chief of Police, reported on Saturday, the 25th, Sergeant McCain had a man with a hatchet threatening to kill someone. Sergeant McCain was able to handle the situation without any incident and should be commended for it. They held a practice at the school with the state and county regarding working on keeping kids safe. John Bennett asked if our ordinance is working concerning dogs and Steve said, "So far so good." Steve also does not want to target by breed.

Community Development – Kevin Kologinsky noted on October 15th bids on floodgate and the pump station will be received. On December 9th the letting of bids on the Interurban Trail will be held. Facades update shows Kemma has moved out and they're working on a punch list with KJG. The Opera House is looking for money for alley work. Mayor Strasser reported on the second stage of Owner Occupied Housing, K-IRPC will not participate. Mayor Strasser stated there are several other good companies that specialize in this. One example is Star Development and another one is out of Indianapolis and Fort Wayne. We will have to go through qualifications in order to determine who will take care of our second stage. On the 23rd of October, Kevin noted there will be an open house on the loft apartments. Two busloads of people are expected to attend a viewing of our Stellar projects. Ninety people are expected and will meet at the Canal Center and be brought by trolley to the downtown area. They will look at the Stellar projects, the trails and the streetscapes as well as the apartments and the Opera House. Corey Whitesell and Kevin Kologinsky will be doing the tours.

Fire Department – Darrell Sterrett, Fire Chief, noted this was fire prevention week. James Bishop and Darrell will be going to South Dakota for a precon on the new truck that has been ordered. Another 270 days will probably produce a delivery of the truck. The Territory Board was asked to move on the next stage of the building plan and Darrell wants approval. There is a meeting next week to look at the budget and money for 2016 for planning. The results of the ISO study shows we have done much better. Hopefully this will translate in to insurance savings

for the community. Carolyn Pearson questioned how do residents handle this with their insurance companies. Darrell said these rates and tests are published and it lets insurance companies know. If they don't bring down the rates, the homeowners can contact their insurance carrier and request an adjustment.4004

Leanne reported on the Opera House grant. The previous meeting she had reported on facades grant with an update.

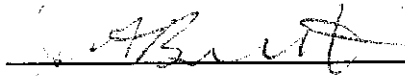
The meeting was then adjourned with no further business at 7:34 PM.



Mayor Randy Strasser



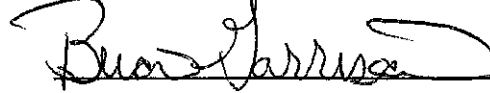
Carolyn Pearson



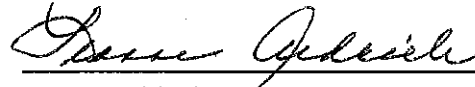
John Bennett



Richard Traegen, President



Brian Garrison



Leanne Aldrich, Attest