

COMMON COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Strasser was ill and unable to attend. Richard Traeger, President of the Council opened the meeting for business.

Roll call was given. Richard Traeger, Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison and John Bennett were present for the meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August of 2015 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Richard Traeger opened the discussion on Interurban Trail. Cory Whitesall and Brian Puller of HWC, Ben Hinshaw of 1<sup>st</sup> Group were present. Cory reported the additional problems with the floodplain have made it more difficult to work on this project. Last spring HWC came back to the BOW and got approval to move the area. This move was approved on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. Brian Garrison questioned why the decision to move the levee was made and the council was not made aware of this. Brian asked both Carolyn and Richard if they knew the levee bed was being moved. Neither could confirm. Cory explained when the route changed this decision was made. This is an 80/20 grant so the \$7,100 payment to Little League will only cost the city \$1,420. Brian Garrison noted the council was told at the last meeting the land had to be bought or we would lose the grant. Brian Garrison stated the council did not vote to purchase this land when offered by the Logsdon family. The council voted no and felt Little League could purchase the property. Brian questioned why this process continued after the council had determined they did not want to purchase the property. Brian stated he had finally seen the drawings for the Interurban Trail and likes the way it looks but disagrees with the way this process has been handled. Cory did explain with all the setbacks and delays, the group got in a hurry and a mistake was made with the deed. Brian questioned Cory if the trail could work without the purchase of the Logsdon plot and Cory noted it could be done. John Bennett questioned Brock Dawson, city attorney if all legal issues were satisfied and Brock confirmed everything was good. Carolyn Pearson realizes this could help the neighborhood with flood issues and feels we've gone too far to throw it all away. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to purchase the land from Little League in the amount of \$7,100. Second by John Bennett. Richard Traeger asks for more questions or discussion. Derek Ginny, Little League President, stated they are mowing the property. He also stated the city had nothing to do with the sale and removal of trees. John Bennett wanted a clarification on if it was a levee or bed. This was once a bed for the old interurban train but has served as a levee for the homes in this area. John Bennett questioned the height and width of the trail. The trail will be 6 to 8 feet wide with asphalt on the top walking surface. A vote was taken at this time. Carolyn Pearson, Richard Traeger and John Bennett voted ayes. Brian Garrison voted nay.

Brock Dawson, city attorney, reminded the council a second reading was needed on the ordinance for jumping from the bridges in the city. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass 2015-3 Bridge Jumping on second reading. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried. (4-0)  
Shane Evans made some changes in the obnoxious weed ordinance and offered it to the council members. Members stated they will review and table to the next meeting.

Department Reports:

Street: Aaron Lyons reported his department had been busy with tree removal and the storm line on Wabash St. The septic system for the scout cabin at Riley Park will have to be replaced with a grinder due to being in the flood plain and this has been approved by BOW members.

Water: Craig Myers reported his department had worked on 9 water leaks. All water lines are in place by Milestone. Test results are back on the possible wells on the Cole property. This site will have to be abandoned and will look for another site due to the high nitrate test results.

Wastewater: Dick VanSickle stated work continues on the leaking on Armory Rd. Work is being done at the plant. A written report was given to the council members.

Police: Steve Mullin gave a written report on police activities and stated the parking downtown remains a constant problem increased by the construction downtown. The Bacon Fest hosted around 10,000 guests with no major issues. Steve noted Sgt. McCain participated in a race at Rossville and came in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

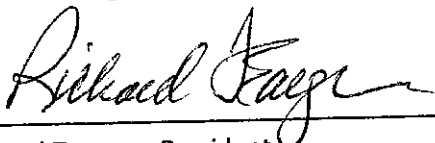
Fire: Darrell Sterrett stated a contract had been signed for the new fire truck. Three hundred twenty days must be allowed for build time. Carolyn requested that Darrell explain how the truck will be paid for.

Darrell stated Carroll County Redevelopment Commission has generously donated \$200,000 towards the cost of the truck. \$44,200 will be applied from this year's budget and the balance will be included in the budget for 2016.

Community Development: Kevin Kologinsky stated 3 projects will be closing up next month. Facades, Opera House and the loft apartments are scheduled to finish in September or early October. John Bennett asked for information on the trail going up south hill. John wanted to know details. Cory Whitesall explained it will be 8 feet wide and closer to the road.

Clerk: Leanne Aldrich gave each council member a spread sheet and information sheet on the financial information on the Façade Project. City cost is higher than originally planned for.

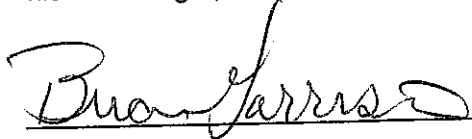
Richard Traeger stated if there was no further business before the council, the meeting will adjourn.



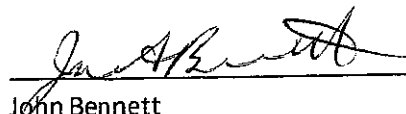
Richard Traeger, President



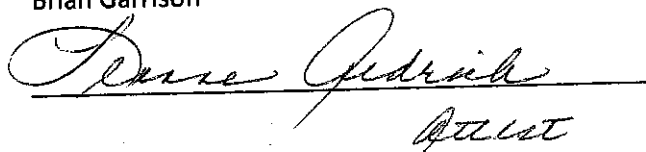
Carolyn Pearson



Brian Garrison



John Bennett



Shane Evans