

COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 3, 2016
7:00 PM

Mayor Shane Evans called the meeting to order.
The pledge of allegiance to the flag was given by all present.

Roll call was given and the following were present: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Richard Traeger, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley.

Mayor Evans opened the second public hearing for the budget ordinance for 2017. No questions or comments were offered by guests concerning the budget. Richard Traeger made the motion to pass the ordinance for the 2017 budget on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0) Brian Garrison made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass the ordinance on third reading. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0) Richard Traeger made the motion to pass the budget ordinance on third reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

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

- a. Department Reports. Written reports received by council members and no questions.
- b. Area Plan. Brian Garrison stated a proposed budget had been turned in to county officials.
- c. Senior Center. Jake Adams stated a meeting had been held and another scheduled for the 19th of October. The project was divided into three segments. The first is for the construction of the shell. The second will be for heating, air and water and the final stage will be for the interior. \$15,000 will be donated by Deer Creek Township and \$8,500 from Senior Services. Jeff Watson will join the committee and will give insight into what to expect in building issues. Fund raisers will be determined shorted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Park Board, 2016-7. Brian Garrison made the motion to pass ordinance 2016-7 on third reading. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. 3 Ayes: Brian Garrison, Richard Traeger and Mike Shockley. 2 Nays: Carolyn Pearson and Dale Seward.

- b. Second reading on repealing 150. Brian Garrison stated improvements to Delphi are being made with Opera House, Canal and Stellar. The building codes need to be in place. The committee will make it fit for everybody. Mike Shockey stated he had received calls and stands against the codes. Mike stated it had been on the books for over 25 years and three previous mayors did nothing. There had been inspectors on Stellar and some situations are not right. One example is where handicap ramps have been taken out and steps put in. Brian replied the idea is now to make sure these issues do not happen in the future. People will take short cuts if you don't have regulations. The ordinance needs revised but not repealed. Dale Seward stated if we leave it on the books as is, this makes the city liable. Doug Wagner, Area Plan, stated if we leave on it the books, we are liable, but as we work on modifications, our liability lessens. Carolyn Pearson asked our attorney if we could repeal and come back with a better ordinance. The answer was yes. Dale Seward stated there are many issues to look at.

We have a low number on permits issued in a year and do we look for part-time inspectors? Do we set up an office and set hours? Dale also stated his concern with Doug Wagner supporting leaving chapter 150 on the books and with Mr. Wagner interested in the inspector position. Mr. John Neumann stated we have a document that does not need to be repealed. It needs work and modified and we need to move forward on this document. A temporary inspector could be used to start the process. Gayle Conner stated she prefers chapter 150 is repealed. It would remove the liability for the city and then forces the council to rework. Anita Werling stated the council has basic responsibility of health and safety for the citizens. A building inspector would be a part of safety and why would we repeal when modifications could be made. Mayor Evans stated that 95% of chapter 150 would remain the same as these are the basic standards of the state. The permit schedule needs updated. Schedule of fees needs modifications.

Mayor Evans feels these items could be identified and the modifications could be done within 2 months. Richard Traeger stated if this is repealed there is a strong chance it will never get going again. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined for the council members would bring back ideas to the next meeting. Dale Seward made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

c. Parking – Market and Union. 2012 ordinance states 2-hour parking but signs were taken down while stellar work was being done. The parking will remain as stated in the ordinance.

d. Union & Main. There no longer is a turn light at Main and Washington. Dale Seward stated he cannot make a decision on the stop sign at Main & Union until he knows if a delayed light is possible. Fire Chief Darrell Sterrett stated the 4-way stop is not good for the fire department. Aaron Lyons, Street, stated we need a truck route and that will make our roads last longer and will lessen the chances of accidents. Dale Seward made the motion to table this issue until a response from INDOT on the delayed light is received. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

e. Restrict truck traffic. This would concern both deliveries and emergency vehicles. We have the frost law on the books but that covers only 5 months. Discussion centered around weight limit or multi axel and enforcement. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to table this issue. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

f. Trick or Treat. Carolyn Pearson made the motion for trick or treat night to be held on the 31st of October from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Parking against flow of traffic. Mayor Evans suggested to leave as state code and handle like any other parking violation ticket. It was determined Makenzie Martin would handle an ordinance for this issue.

Public Comment: Randy German spoke on the problem at his property. Last year in early spring, Connelly St. was paved. There was a problem with the sump pump drain and Aaron Lyons fixed. Milestone ended up paving his driveway since the street is higher than his driveway. Now in a heavy rain, water has entered his home and ruined carpet. This was never a problem until the road was paved. Mr. German feels the issue was created by someone other than him and wants the problem fixed. Aaron Lyons stated the drain across the street goes nowhere and to put another drain in his drive could make more problems. Milestone's milling crew will be here in 2 weeks and will take another look at the situation.

Brian Garrison made the motion to adjourn. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.



Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson, President




Richard Traeger



Dale Seward



Mike Shockley



Leanne Aldrich, Attest