

COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 16, 2017
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the meeting held October 3, 2017 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

Unfinished Business:

Line Item Vetoes of Proposed Ordinance 2017-13, City of Delphi 2018 Budget as Amended. Dale Seward made a motion to correct error in the title of line item 101001393 from Code Enforcer to Code Enforcement. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to override the Mayor's line item veto of 101001393 – Code Enforcement and to call the roll by a raising of hands. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion failed. (3-2) (Pearson, Seward, Shockley in favor with Garrison and Traeger opposed.)

Dale Seward made a motion to override the Mayor's line item veto of 101003390 – Mayor Promotional. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion failed. (3-2) (Pearson, Seward and Shockley in favor with Garrison and Traeger opposed.)

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to override the Mayor's line item veto of 101005430 – Police Cars. Second by Dale Seward. Motion failed. (3-2) (Pearson, Seward and Shockley in favor with Garrison and Traeger opposed.)

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to override the Mayor's line item veto of 444001111 – EDIT Grant Assistant. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion failed. (3-2) (Pearson, Seward and Shockley in favor with Garrison and Traeger opposed.)

New Business:

Proposal regarding the former Social Services Building. David McCain and Ben Sutter provided information regarding a proposal for the building. David McCain stated the building is owned by INDOT and they are willing to accept \$28,000 for the building. The problem is INDOT wants to give to municipalities and the deadline for commitment is October 18, 2017. David has heard that has been extended to November 1, 2017 but does not have a confirmation. The city could purchase the building from INDOT and then sell, no restrictions involved, to Ben Sutter who will restore the building. Ben would give 35% of the building for information services and displays. The remaining 65% of the building would be leased for offices. Ben would enter into an agreement with David's group for a lease of one

dollar per year. This would enhance the entrance to Delphi, extend services to the trails and the Memorial Park and bridge. The city would benefit from this endeavor. Ben Sutter stated he was an artist/sculptor and this last year had worked with the bi-centennial park. Ben had met with Deer Creek Township. Mayor Evans confirmed the city would only be acting as a pass-through agent. Brian Garrison stated he feels this is a good plan but feels the city needs to continue concentrating on the inner-city issues and let someone else handle this project. Brian noted he feels there could be lots more ending up being the responsibility of the city. Carolyn Pearson noted she is concerned about the possible total cost of rehabilitating this building. Dale Seward thinks lots more money will be needed than just what will be borrowed for purchase. If this would fall through, it would end up being the responsibility of the city. Tammy Metzinger, local resident by the park, stated she is against the project. At this time there are issues with parking, obscene language and trash. Mr. Sutter stated he wants this project to be a positive part of the park and will do all he can to ensure this.

Richard Traeger stated we are only being asked to be a pass-through agent. Joe Mayfield stated it was planned through the previous administration for this building to be a part of this park. Joe asked if the city was going to take care of the bridge and memorial plaza. Mayor Evans noted the city will do so as it is ours.

Mike Shockley felt it would be too much of a burden for the city to be responsible for maintaining this area. Richard Traeger stated the area will be developed to minimize mowing. David McCain stated no more than 10/12 acres would be mowed.

Mayor Evans asked for direction from the council members.

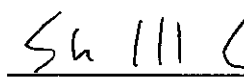
Dale Seward made a motion to deny the letter of intent proposed by Mr. Sutter. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (4-1) (Pearson, Garrison, Seward and Shockley in favor. Traeger opposed.)

Dale Seward asked Brian Garrison if Makenzie Martin should be asked to draft an ordinance stating the City of Delphi cannot purchase the old Social Services building. Brian Garrison stated he did not believe so.

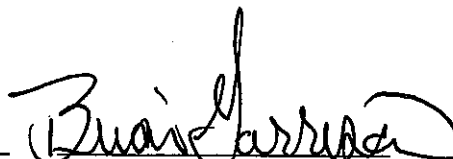
Mayor Evans presented the Common Council with a binder with information on how to perform a sidewalk assessment for those walks and trails within their districts. He stated Mike Shockley could help Brian Garrison or Dick Traeger as it appears they have more sidewalks in their district. Mayor Evans stated he would like to have the assessments completed by January 1, 2018 but understands if they do not get completed due to cold weather.

Dale Seward made a motion to adjourn. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

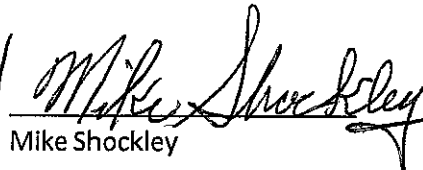

Mayor Shane Evans


Carolyn Pearson


Brian Garrison


Richard Traeger


Dale Seward


Mike Shockley