

COMMON COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Shane Evans called the meeting to order and led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison, Richard Traeger, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley were present for the business meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held on August 7, 2017 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Reports:

There were no questions from the council for the department heads.

Carolyn Pearson asked about the status of the airport manager. Mayor Evans responded Jason Hart had been the manager since November or December of 2016. She also asked about the position on the Airport Board since Jeff Stankard had resigned. Mayor Evans explained the Board had recommended an individual for appointment to their Board.

Dale Seward questioned the Mayor's report in regard to Intern Gear. Mayor Evans stated the intern was Emilee Gear and she had worked with the City of Delphi and Carroll County Chamber of Commerce through the summer.

Area Plan: Dale Seward noted it was a standard meeting. The group had reviewed the Hoosier Heartland overlay to determine if the location of a convenience store was acceptable. Area Plan approved this location unanimously.

Community Center: Brenda Daly produced and distributed a financial report to the council members. Once the doors are installed, phase I will be completed. She stated the urgency and need of this project. Brenda noted she needs to be in the building by November 1, 2017. Carolyn Pearson asked about funds from Carroll County United Fund. Ms. Daly explained she received funding from the United Fund for operating expenses. She further explained, Dale Seward had approached them about providing some funding for the Community Center. Ms. Daly had been directed to only request operating funds at this time. Councilman Seward stated they would push forward to see what the next step of funding from the foundation could be. Mike Shockley stated the doors should be in and installed this next week. They had forgotten to order push handles on the doors and this is a requirement. Water and wastewater lines are installed. A volunteer electrician will install the electric needed with the help of two volunteers. Jeff Watson stated drywall will be installed once the electric is done.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 2017-7, Recommendation of Zoning Designations for Properties with City Limits which have not been Assigned City Zoning Designations: Mike Shockley asked if Mayor Evans had sent the letters to the property owners. Mayor Evans responded yes to all but DNR. Carolyn Pearson referred to Makenzie Martin's memorandum regarding legally non-conforming and that a change in the zoning designation would have no impact on how property taxes are calculated. Jeff Watson stated at a recent meeting of

APC, it was determined taxes would change. Mayor Evans responded the only way the taxes can change is if the usage of the land changes. Richard Traeger made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-7. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (4 ayes, 1 nay by Mike Shockley)

Proposed Ordinance 2017-11, An Ordinance Authorizing and Establishing a Bureau in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer and Establishing Wedding Solemnization Service Charges, to be known as the Wedding Solemnization Ordinance, Pursuant to IC 36-1-3 et seq, and other Relevant Statutes. Brian Garrison wanted to know why we perform wedding ceremonies when other cities and towns do not. Carolyn Pearson stated we had spent too much time and money on this issue and it is pointless if Judge Wellnitz will continue to perform weddings for free. Dale Seward had figures of two hundred sixty some marriage licenses provided by the court house in the last two years and Leanne Aldrich had performed five or six of the ceremonies and Judge Wellnitz had performed less than forty. Mayor Evans asked if any council member was in favor of passing the ordinance and would make a motion. No council member made a motion. Richard Traeger stated we need to let the public know what our policy on weddings will be. Dale Seward stated we need a policy to protect us from liability as churches are encouraged to have as it pertains to same-sex weddings.

New Business:

Trick-or-Treat, Date and Time. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to hold trick-or-treating on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Budget. Mayor Evans stated he had consulted with Makenzie Martin, city attorney, and the budget proposed by the Mayor would be completed on the Form 3 on gateway. Leanne Aldrich stated she would contact DLGF and confirm as this was not the procedure used in the past.

Announcements:

Mayor Evans announced the following meetings:

1. Community Center meeting September 7 at 5:30, city building.
2. BOW work session on September 14, at 9 a.m.
3. Parks Board meeting September 14 at 5:15 p.m.
4. BOW meeting September 18 at 5:30 p.m.
5. City Council Budget Hearing September 18 at 7 p.m.
6. Community Center meeting September 21 at 5:30 p.m.
7. Area Plan Commission meeting September 26 at 7 p.m.
8. Fire Territory Executive Board meeting September 27 at 5:30 p.m.
9. BOW work session September 28 at 9 a.m.
10. Board of Aviation September 28 at 7 p.m.
11. BOW October 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Evans asked for comments from the council members.

Richard Traeger thanked the street department for the cleanup at our parks. He realized lots of work was involved but the efforts show.

Mike Shockley thanked all the departments for their work throughout the city.

Mayor Evans asked for comments from the guests:

Brenda Daly related lots of interest in scheduling events at the Community Center had been received when the fund raiser was held at Old Settlers.

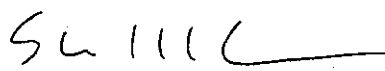
Jane Abbott asked Mayor Evans why he went to the Burlington Town Council and asked them to work on our strategic plan. Mayor Evans stated he attends lots of other council and town meetings. Mayor Evans feels we need more ideas than just from our residents. This could produce lots of fresh, new ideas.

Dale Seward, council, thinks outside ideas are valuable but doesn't agree with others telling us how to live and how to spend our tax revenue.


Jeff Watson appreciates the blighted home being torn down and removed by the new Community Center Building. Jeff feels a letter reflecting our appreciation should be sent.

With no further business, Dale Seward made the motion to adjourn. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)


Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM



Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson, President



Brian Garrison



Richard Traeger



Dale Seward



Mike Shockley