

COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2018
5:30 PM

Mayor Shane Evans opened the special meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Carolyn Pearson, Richard Traeger, Brian Garrison, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley.

Mayor Evans opened the public meeting. The third reading of the rate ordinance will be addressed. Mike Fletcher expressed his concern due to the increased expense to his business, Delphi Laundromat. Jayne Abbott asked Mr. John Julien of Umbaugh what our debt ratio was and he responded it was 58%. Jayne stated she felt we were in a dangerous area. She also felt the public was speaking but not being heard. Jayne still feels there are other ways to do improvements without borrowing 14 million. Dale Seward passed out copies of well locations at IPC with two being in their parking lot. Dale also noted it has been reported IPC plans to drill more wells and eliminate the city. That would leave the residents paying the total cost of the improvements. Mayor Evans was questioned if he could say with confidence that IPC won't withdraw from their site for the next 40 years. Mayor Evans responded that he was confident IPC would be here. Concern over some residents being able to pay for the increase allowed John Julien to explain the process of life line rates. The people on low income or fixed income would have lower bills with the difference being subsidized by other residents. Dale Seward again expressed his feeling we had not done our due diligence. He noted he does not think this is the best option and there are other ways to address the issue. Craig Myers stated the two wells shown in the parking lot of IPC had been drilled and capped right away as they were unsuitable for their use. Deb Lowe noted her concerns for the increase to the schools and jail as they are some of our biggest users and they pay their bills with tax money. The public meeting on the rate ordinance was closed at 6:34 PM.

Brian Garrison made the motion to pass 2018-15 on third and final reading. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-2) Ayes (Carolyn Pearson, Brian Garrison and Richard Traeger) Nays (Dale Seward and Mike Shockley).

The Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget opened at 6:39 PM. Mayor Evans presented amendment 2 calling for the hydrant rental to be increased to 150,000 from \$85,000. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve Amendment 2 to the 2019 Budget. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0) Mayor Evans presented Amendment 3 calling for the Code Enforcer increasing to \$40,000 from \$2,500. Richard Traeger made the motion to approve Amendment 3. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion failed. 2 Ayes (Richard Traeger and Brian Garrison) 3 Nays (Carolyn Pearson, Dale Seward and Mike Shockley) Budget meeting closed at 6:56 PM

Dale Seward made the motion to pass Ordinance 2018-11 with Amendment 2 on third and final reading. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Ordinance 2018-12 Salaries for 2019

Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve 2018-12 Salaries for 2019 on third and final reading. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

Ordinance 2018-13 Wages for 2019

Dale Seward made the motion to approve Ordinance 2018-13 on third and final reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

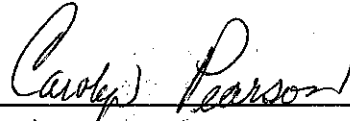
Mayor Evans asked for comments. Mike Shockley thanked the street department and Aaron for loaning a truck and worker to haul gravel all day on the holiday.

Leanne asked to address an issue that happened at the last council meeting. Umbaugh had been asked if anything written up in the audit report on the clerk's office could determine the ability of the city to borrow money. A copy of the audit had been given to Umbaugh but the council members and guests attending the meeting did not hear Umbaugh's response as it was made after the meeting. Umbaugh assured Mr. Seward that internal affairs would have nothing to do with finances. Leanne noted that she had always given Mr. Seward any reports he has asked for in the past and did not understand why he did not come to her office if he had questions. Also, he could have asked the council president as Carolyn along with Mayor Evans had attended the audit exit meeting. Mr. Seward stated he did not feel it was a question for Leanne but for the bond issue.

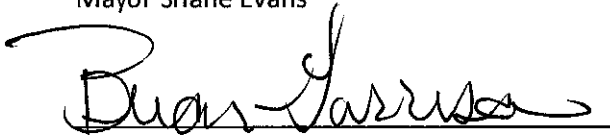
With no further business, Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.



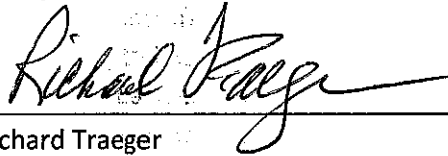
Mayor Shane Evans



Carolyn Pearson



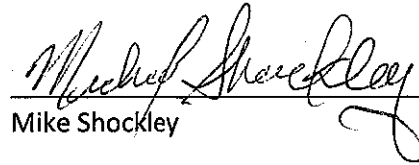
Brian Garrison



Richard Traeger



Dale Seward



Mike Shockley