

COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 2, 2018
7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Shane 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.

Selection of President Pro Tempore:

Dale Seward made a motion to nominate Carolyn Pearson as President Pro Tempore. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (4-0) Carolyn Pearson abstained.

Dale Seward made a motion to close nominations. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Dale Seward made a motion to vote on the nomination of Carolyn Pearson as President Pro Tempore. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (4-0) Carolyn Pearson abstained.

Minutes from the meeting held on December 4, 2017 were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve as presented. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Department Head Reports:

Aaron Lyons, Street Superintendent, reported the projects on Monroe Street, Main Street and the Pump Station have been completed with some punch list items to complete.

Carolyn Pearson stated she would like to hear from all department heads even if they provided written reports.

Craig Myers, Water, noted the new building for well#3 is almost done. The water department has been dealing with many frozen meters.

Dick VanSickle, Wastewater, reported a new gate in being installed at the plant. Mike Shockley asked Dick if he was working on a 5-year plan. Dick stated there are plans for expansion but nothing is set in stone yet. Dale Seward if the expansion would be for millions of dollars and by bond process. Mayor Evans responded the project cost is not set as IPC is working on numbers for quantities of water and wastewater needed for future growth.

Area Plan Commission Report:

Dale Seward stated there was no meeting held by Area Plan in December.

Community Center Report:

Mike Shockley reported Jeff Watson and his men blew in eighteen inches of insulation in the ceiling. Mike stated four ceilings have been painted. The ceiling in the large room still needs to be painted.

Proposed Ordinance 2017-19, Ordinance Repealing Delphi Code Sections 30.25, 30.26 and 30.27 regarding Community Room. Richard Traeger made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-19 on third and final reading. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Proposed Ordinance 2017-20, Permitting Vacation Rentals by Owner within U-1 and U-2 Zones within the City of Delphi. With no debate or discussion, Carolyn Pearson made the motion to pass Ordinance 2017-20 on second reading. Second by Dale Seward. Motion carried. (5-0)

Appointments to Delphi Redevelopment Commission:

Dale Seward made a motion to nominate Kevin Gaskill to the Delphi Redevelopment Commission. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Richard Traeger made a motion to nominate Anita Werling. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Richard Traeger made a motion to close the nominations. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to vote on the appointments of nominees Kevin Gaskill and Anita Werling. Second by Mike Shockley. Motion carried. (5-0)

Appointment to Northwest Solid Waste District:

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to nominate Mike Shockley to Northwest Solid Waste District. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to close nominations. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Richard Traeger made a motion to vote on nominee Mike Shockley to the Northwest Solid Waste District. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Proposed Ordinance 2018-1, Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Delphi. Richard Traeger made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-1 on first reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Carolyn Pearson questioned if this would be done every year. Mayor Evans stated he would like to see it done each year. Motion carried. (5-0)

Richard Traeger made a motion to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for passage on the same day as introduction. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Richard Traeger made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-1 on second reading. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Brian Garrison made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-1 on third and final reading. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Proposed Ordinance 2018-2, Creating Standing Committees and Procedure for Creation of Select Committees. Carolyn Pearson stated she does see this as necessary. Brian Garrison said he did not feel he was qualified to serve on some of the committees. Carolyn agreed with Brian and stated she feels this falls under the responsibilities of the Mayor. Dale Seward stated it is big government and a waste of resources. Mike stated he agrees with the other board members. Mayor Evans made a call for motion and there was none.

Proposed Resolution 2018-1, A Resolution Creating Council Liaisons to City Departments. Dale Seward stated his desire was to be connected with the departments and this would prevent getting blindsided at budget time. Carolyn felt this had been done in the past and definitely helpful. Carolyn also stated

she would like verbal reports from the department heads during council meetings. Richard Traeger noted he drops in and talks with department heads. Brian felt this was a good tool for budget administration. Richard Traeger made the motion to approve passage of Resolution 2018-1., Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)

Proposed Resolution 2018-2, A Resolution Setting 2018 Trick-or-Treat Date and Time. Carolyn Pearson questioned why we are so addressing this so early. Mayor Evans responded it was better to get some of these small issues done and off the table. Carolyn Pearson made a motion to pass Resolution 2018. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0)

Proposed Resolution 2018-3, A Resolution Waiving Garage Sale Permit Fees During Old Settlers. Brian Garrison made the motion to pass Resolution 2018-3. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

Proposed Resolution 2018-7, A Resolution Creating Select Committee Names Salary and Wages Study Committee. The proposed resolution was not read due to Proposed Ordinance 2018-2 failing.

Proposed Ordinance 2018-8, A Resolution Creating Select Committee Names Building Code Enforcement Study Committee. The proposed resolution was not read due to Proposed Ordinance 2018-2 failing.

Proposed Resolution 2018-9, A Resolution Creating Select Committee Names Community Development Director Study Committee. The proposed resolution was not read due to Proposed Ordinance 2018-2 failing.

Proposed Resolution 2018-10, A Resolution Creating Select Committee Named Building Maintenance Standards Study Committee. The proposed resolution was not read due to Proposed Ordinance 2018-2 failing.

Proposed Resolution 2018-11, A Resolution Creating Select Committee Names Legislative Options Study Committee. The proposed resolution was not read due to Proposed Ordinance 2018-2 failing.

Proposed Resolution 2018-12, A Resolution Creating Select Committee Names Zoning Ordinance Study Committee. The proposed resolution was not read due to Proposed Ordinance 2018-2 failing.

Sidewalk Assessment Discussion:

Carolyn Pearson reported she had the sidewalks in her area identified as to where they are as well as curbs. The ratings are not done.

Dale Seward reported he had Riley Road and Riley Meadows completed.

Brian Garrison stated he was close but snow stopped the progress.

Discussions Regarding Areas of Town which could be Cleaned Up:

Mike Shockley asked if a letter had been written to the property owner of a dilapidated garage on W. Summit Street. Mayor Evans stated he would send a letter the next day.

Carolyn Pearson asked about the status of 100 Tally Ho Court. Mayor Evans stated he could reach out to the owner but this property had been bought at a tax sale and the previous owner has 1 year to pay the back taxes.

Mike Shockley asked about the status of abandoned homes on Terrace Lane and Dayton Road. Mayor Evans noted he would be sending letters out to owners of abandoned homes in January.

Discussion Regarding Improvements for 2018: Richard Traeger stated he would like to talk about this again next month. Brian Garrison stated less paper. Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer reported more cities and towns are buying tablets for their meetings. Richard Traeger stated he would be interested in that option. Leanne stated she would look into this more and report back at the next meeting.

Discussion Regarding Legislative Goals for 2018:

Richard Traeger stated he would like to discuss this next month.

Discussion Regarding Last Parking Spot on W. Main Street:

Dale Seward stated considering how much parking the city has lost, he does not want to lose more. Carolyn Pearson noted it is tough if people do not stop at the white line – it can be an issue of pulling up too far. Carolyn suggested the police department could give warnings for stopping past the white line.

Discussion of Follow Up from December Meeting:

Dale Seward asked if the letters to be sent to owners of abandoned properties are the same letters sent to owners of property by the Mayor in 2017. Mayor Evans stated he sent letter to property owners with wooded, empty or agricultural lots to gather their interest in developing their properties. Dale Seward asked for a copy of the letter Mayor Evans sent to the owners of property.

Discussion of Legislative Summary:

No comments were offered.

Discussion of Mayor's 2018 Executive Goals:

No comments were offered.

Discussion of Mayor's 2018 Legislative Goals:

Dale Seward questioned if this was a requirement for the council members. Mayor Evans stated these goals are just a guideline of what he would hope to accomplish in 2018.

Discussion of Mayor's 2018 Administrative Goals:

No comments were offered.

Discussion of Mayor's Proposed 2018 Legislative Schedule:

Mike Shockley wanted to know how any junk cars were removed in 2017. Chief Mullin responded we don't have an accurate count since some of the owners moved the vehicles when approached about the issue. Mayor Evans offered to give Mike a copy of the letters that were sent out. Mike questioned if anything had been done concerning a truck and van between Monroe and Franklin Streets. Mayor Evans noted this would be checked on tomorrow.

Discussion of Council Rules of Procedure:

Mayor Evans stated why he would like Rules of Procedure – to tell the administration when the Council desires packets, how they want the, what rules to follow, be it Robert’s Rule’s or Mason’s Manual. Carolyn Pearson stated Robert’s Rules of Order have been used in the past and satisfactorily. The members like the written reports but also want the open communication with department heads. Richard Traeger asked for the members to receive a copy of Robert’s Rules of Order.

Council Comments and Requests:

Carolyn Pearson asked about property development. Mayor Evans stated he had talked to a developer and thinks he will hear something in January. Mayor Evans noted he talked to another developer about a different parcel.

Dale Seward stated he wanted to give Craig an “atta-boy” for his department’s work on a water main break in the middle of the night.

Public Comment:

Sharon Milburn stated a rusted-out truck with 4 flat tires is parked by the Canal Park Annex and has been there for some time.

Jayne Abbott asked Dale Seward to explain the difference between a Bed-and-Breakfast and AirBNB.

John Gingrich asked about the low water pressure on the south hill. He stated his water softener is not operating properly due the low pressure. Craig Myers said he would take a look at it and there is 40 to 45 psi in this area and the elementary school sprinklers require 45 psi.

Carolyn Pearson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried. (5-0)
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



Mayor Shane Evans



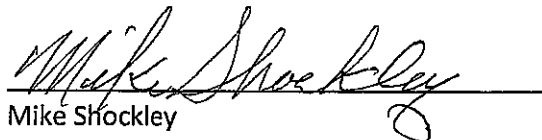
Carolyn Pearson

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Dale Seward



Mike Shockley