

COMMON COUNCIL  
AUGUST 5, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER, 311 N. WASHINGTON STREET

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

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

Sara Daly-Brosman, Executive Director of the Delphi Opera House, provided an update on the programs and services offered at the Opera House. The organization is getting ready to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the reopening of the building. The organization is governed by a twelve-member board of directors. The organization has secured grants to preserve the back wall of the stage and the original windows. The organization partnered with the City of Delphi and Delphi Public Library to host community forums and partnered with the Delphi Community School Corporation to host the "This I Believe" awards. The organization is partnering with the high school for community service for high school students. The organization hosted 31 ticketed events between July 2018 and July 2019 with an attendance of 4,685 guests. The organization offers tours, educational opportunities, spaces for community events, and much more. Mrs. Daly-Brosman read some reviews which highlight the Opera House and the City of Delphi.

Minutes from the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July were presented for approval. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (5-0)

**DEPARTMEN HEAD REPORTS:**

**POLICE:** Chief Mullin read from his written report: 5,153 miles driven in July, 312 calls for service, 33 incident reports, 63 vehicle stops, 9 citations, 6 written warnings, 11 crash reports, and 12 parking tickets. Chief Mullin said Bacon Fest preparations were underway and there would be a meeting August 12 to coordinate safety for the event. Chief Mullin will also be meeting with the business director of the carnival for Old Settlers prior to the event starting. Chief Mullin also reported that he and Mayor Evans reviewed mileage from May after he had reported approximately 8,000 miles driven and the math was actually somewhere around 5,000 miles driven that month.

**WASTEWATER:** Dick VanSickle read from his written report: KDM Services moved a job trailer on site 7/24/19. They have excavated for the Phosphorous Building foundation and have been setting rebar and framing for concrete. Also, due to a low pH condition in the clarifiers, he has increased the carbon feed rate and has doubled soda ash usage. Additionally, caustic soda has been introduced just prior to the contact tank which have greatly improved pH conditions.

**WATER:** Craig Myers read from his written report: Peerless-Midwest pulled and replaced the motor and wiring for Well 4 the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Duke energy is working to get power to Well 7. Bowen is working on the new booster station at Well 5. They have been pouring walls and installing piping out of the buildings. They are preparing the site for the tank contractors. There were 2 water leaks in July. Mike Shockley asked when Bowen would be digging across the golf course. Mayor Evans and Craig Myers

responded it would likely be in October or November but that that pipe section is a low priority at this time.

**STREETS AND PARKS:** Aaron Lyons read from his written report: the department finished painting the playground equipment in Riley Park, painted the shelter at Trailhead Park, and has been grinding stumps throughout the city. They have ground 50 – 60 stumps and have about 6 left.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Evans read from his written report: the City has applied for round two of Community Crossings for the Samuel Milroy Road project. The City has also applied for a ROZI grant through OCRA and PCRD. The Patronicity Grant for Trail Security is closed out thanks to Julia Leahy and Leanne Aldrich. He reported that the Indiana Finance Authority had approved \$1,000,000 in funds to be provided to the City of Delphi for Phase II of the Water Project that will not have to be paid back to them. He stated he is still waiting to hear back on the OCRA Grant.

**AREA PLAN:** Dale Seward reported he was out of state for the last APC meeting but that the Board had hired Kamron Yates to serve as Director.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Mike Shockley stated he found out who donated the sign for the Community Center. He has not received information regarding the grant for the acoustic panels. He stated there are around 6 – 8 documents left to gather and he will be able to get a binder of materials to Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich.

**CLERK:** Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich reported the federal audit is already wrapped up. She stated it was a fairly clean audit. One issue continues to be internal policies – the Board of Public Works and Safety approved the Clerk-Treasurer's policy regarding job duties and internal controls at the August 5 meeting. The office will also be reviewing distribution reports in payroll with two sets of eyes.

**EDC:** Dick Traeger reported the EDC Board is starting an evaluation of the organization and a strategic plan. The Board will be conducting a self-evaluation which has not been done for some time. The Board will also be putting together a list of expectations that contributing entities expect from the EDC. He expects that to be completed by the end of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

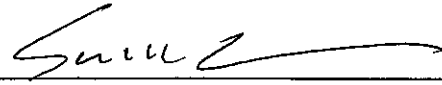
Mayor Evans presented Chapter 94 weeds for discussion. The question is whether the accumulation of cut weeds is a violation as defined by the Delphi Code. Carolyn Pearson stated the citizen which brought this up to the Mayor also called the Council members and that the citizen thinks the weeds attract snakes and rodents. Mike Shockley stated he didn't see anything in the Delphi Code which required business owners to cut weeds. He stated the Old Methodist Church has tall weeds and he has talked to representatives of three filling stations in town about their weeds. Carolyn Pearson suggested the ordinance be amended to say, "cut, removed *from property*..." She stated we all as citizens have a responsibility to our neighbors and that by keeping our properties clean it creates pride in the city. Dick Traeger stated he thinks it should be cut weeds and remove from property. Dale Seward agreed that it should be cut, remove, and maintain weeds. City Attorney Makenzie Martin stated the easiest way to accomplish this would be to replace "and" for "or" in Chapter 94. An ordinance will be drafted for next meeting.


An oral resolution was presented to waive garage sale permit fees from August 5 to August 12 for Old Settlers city-wide garage sales. Dale Seward moved to approve. Second by Brian Garrison. Motion carried (5-0).

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**


Mike Shockley stated he has a NWSWD meeting Thursday night for the second reading of the budget. In the first reading it was approved for an assistant to the director.


With no further business, Carolyn Pearson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

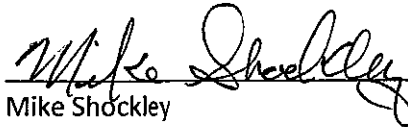
  
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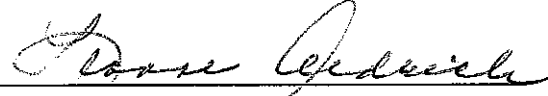
  
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