

COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 1, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Werling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich took the roll call:

Present were Gayle Conner, Mike Isley, Spencer Kingery, and Cody Nelson; Sandra Flora was present by Zoom.

Minutes from the meeting held on February 1, 2021 were presented for approval. Spencer Kingery moved to approve. Second by Mike Isley. Gayle Conner offered an amendment to board comments as follows: Aldrich replied that \$ 6378.50 was transferred from the 475 fund to the 275. Without objection the minutes as amended were approved.

REPORTS

Craig Myers has provided this accounting of final water numbers for February: City Pumped 27,219,000 gallons; IPC used 20,282,020 gallons. Without objection, the department head reports are incorporated by reference into the minutes.

CCATC. Mayor Werling reported that she was elected Chair and Pete Wagoner Vice Chair at the February 9, 2021 meeting. It was announced that Sallie Fahey was retiring with David Hittle from Johnson City named as her replacement. Traffic count sites for 2021 were reviewed along with bid INDOT lettings.

Fire Territory Board. Mayor Werling reported that the board met on February 24. Discussion continued on the issue of the mortgage and CD. Leanne advised that Dan Hedden from Baker Tilly recommended against using the CD to pay off the mortgage this year due to the uncertainty of revenues with COVID; he recommended that it be revisited next year.

Area Plan. Sandra Flora having been on vacation, Kamron Yates reported that the APC approved a rezone of Arma Acres from Agriculture to Business1; plat approved for subdivision near airport.

NWSWD. Cody Nelson reported that the previous year's officers were reappointed and the minutes from last meeting approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Werling introduced Jake Adams, the new Executive Director of the Carroll County Economic Development Corporation and asked if he would update the Council at the meeting on April 6, 2021.

Julia Leahy, at President Pro Tem Kingery's invitation, spoke on the activities and plans for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Executive Director since 2011, Leahy reported that the Chamber presently has 211 members with five new members this month. The Chamber hosts ribbon cuttings for new businesses; Third House legislative updates on March 13; State of the City, County and Towns on April 30; a luncheon in May promoting mental health. The Indiana Bacon Fest is tentatively scheduled to be live this August 28. A downtown business committee has been formed as a precursor to a Main Street program. Entrepreneurial grants are being offered. The Chamber website is being updated and will be live this week with a Jobs posting addition. Leahy described Chamber Five—a separate

organization which purchased the building where the Chamber is located. Coworking spaces are available for rent.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Werling updated the Council on the process of selecting a banking service for the City. Request for Proposals were sent by certified mail to five banking institutions in Delphi. Proposals were received from First Financial Bank, Regions Bank, Horizon Bank, and Security Federal Savings Bank. IFCU declined to submit a proposal as they do not have a commercial division. On the basis of the rankings from the written proposals, Security Federal Savings Bank and Horizon Bank were asked for in-person meetings to clarify points in their proposals and to meet personnel. These institutions were close in their rates, services, and both are active in the community. Both were willing to waive virtually all monthly and transaction fees. Both were willing to find alternatives for Invoice Cloud—the vendor that the City currently uses for water payments and which now results in a transaction fee to the City. The interest earned from Security Federal over the course of a year would be significantly greater than that earned at Horizon Bank. Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich and Mayor Werling recommended that Security Federal Savings Bank be designated as the official bank depository for the City of Delphi.

Proposed Ordinance 2021-2 *Official Bank Depository*, was introduced by title alone. Passage was moved by Cody Nelson. Second by Mike Isley. Gayle Conner asked if the City would continue with the current number of separate accounts, noting that SBOA had recommended consolidation. C-T Aldrich responded that separate account would be maintained citing ease of reconciliation as a major factor. Conner asked if there were issues with the present banking institution. Aldrich and Werling detailed some concerns. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Werling asked for a motion to suspend the rules and allow passage of Ordinance 2021-2 on second and third readings on the date of introduction noting that a unanimous vote would be required for that action. Spencer Kingery moved to suspend the rules. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Spencer Kingery moved to pass Ordinance 2021-2 on second reading. Second by Cody Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Spencer Kingery moved to pass Ordinance 2021-2 on third and final reading. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was a request to advertise for additional appropriations and to set a public hearing date.

FROM	AMOUNT	TO	REASON
EDIT FUND 440	\$40,000	EDIT 444001111	Reimburse for local SBRG II Expenditures
GENERAL 101	\$227,231	RAINY DAY FUND 450	10% of prior year budget
RAINY DAY FUND 450	\$90,000	RAINY DAY 450001590	Correction for Form 3 Error

Mike Isley moved to approve the request to advertise and set a date for a public hearing. Second by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Werling outlined the grant request from the City for \$250,000 for Phase III CARES Act funding through OCRA. OCRA will allow communities to offer resilience grants of up to \$10,000 to businesses. The City's grant administrator K-IRPC has indicated that Phase III will be more competitive than earlier OCRA rounds and that the City might not receive the full \$250,000 requested. Werling stated that K-IRPC needed the parameters and guidelines that Delphi would use for future SBRG rounds. By consensus, the Council agreed to extend the geographic eligibility to businesses up to one mile outside the City limits; to continue to allow for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to apply; to leave the maximum grant award at \$5,000; and to leave the number of employees at a maximum of 25 FTE.

Board Comments.

Councilman Isley indicated that Mark Mendel told him how appreciative he was for the grant and felt that business was beginning to pick up in the downtown.

Councilwoman Conner asked the name of the new bookkeeper. C-T Aldrich stated Amanda Sowders.

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich asked for the Council's help in curbing the micromanagement of her department by one of its members. Aldrich described coming into her position in 2009 inheriting a situation where the books had not balanced for five years. Within a year or so the department was running smoothly. During her 12-year tenure as Clerk-Treasurer, Aldrich stated she has never had a bad audit from SBOA. Aldrich described her working environment as a pleasant one until the last year when her department has been under heavy scrutiny. She described the final straw as having the Council person contact Keystone—the City's financial software vendor—to confirm whether or not 2021 reports could be run prior to the 2020 being closed out. President Pro Tempore Kingery responded that the Council's responsibility was to legislate and approve the budget—not to micromanage the departments. Other supportive comments were offered.

Cody Nelson moved to adjourn. Second by Mike Isley. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest