

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

April 7, 2003

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Bailey, Ed Dwenger, Herb Hunter and Bruce Tressler.
Helen Gardner and David Leas were absent.

Minutes were approved.

Weblo Cub Pack #377 was present to observe the workings of City Government.

Kathy Crippen explained to Council the waiver brought before them by Jane Bauer. This waiver is a waiver of right to object to annexation of territory. Mrs. Bauer is requesting City Water and Kathy stated this would not be a problem since the City lines go out that way.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Bruce Tressler to approve the waiver.
So passed.

Mike Walker spoke to the Council concerning Economic Development. Mr. Walker stated that he retired from Cinergy last year and is wanting to start an Economic Development Program and Project. His office is at the Chamber of Commerce and will be working closely with the Chamber. He has been talking with the County Officials and Industries. Will be dealing with local and outside firms, create opportunity for grants, long range plans, obtain land, marketing and growth plans. Grants over \$2,000,000 would require a 60% matching funds of over \$900,000. Mr. Walker would like the Mayor to sign to apply for a Grant and would like a Council member to serve on this Board. Mr. Walker stated they needed to have funding in order to get this all started and they are looking at around \$200,000 and possibly at least \$50,000 from the City.

Council members stated that they felt this is a duplicate of what the Chamber does.

Mayor signed the grant application.

Alex Crowley from Insight was present and told about the digital and high speed cable and anyone is welcome to stop in for a demonstration. They are going to be starting marketing of the products and some will be door to door.

The parking lot issue was brought up. The downtown development group has signed contracts for \$15,000 towards the purchase price. They are asking the City to come up with the remainder of the purchase cost, which would be around \$35,000.

Bruce Tressler stated that he felt the Downtown Development Group should come up with more than the \$7500 of the \$15,000, rather than the City pay the majority.

City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. stated the Council needs to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Hale Feaster on price for the parking lot and then subject to Council approval.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2003-5 Rezoning Moffett Water Care. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Bruce Tressler to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2003-5. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2003-6 Rezoning McCamment's Property. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2003-6. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Bruce Tressler to approve tax abatement renewals for: Valeo (2), Greensburg Commercial Warehousing, Ridgecrest L.P., Denny Doerflinger, McCamment, Crites, GECOM (7), Green Signs and BP Crossing. So passed.

The County is going to take Bridge 140 that is located outside of Letts, and relocate it out at the City Park . The County will maintain this bridge for 25 years and then it will be turned over to the City.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Bruce Tressler to approve the Bridge 140 relocation. So passed.

Mayor Bailey told Council members that a local retail business is looking at the lot on the corner of Main and Franklin Streets. They would need to cut the curb for a dock and that would take out 2-4 parking spaces.

Council voiced their approval.

Bruce Tressler questioned the police chief about the \$5000 cost of equipment for the new police cars. Police Chief Bill Meyerrose explained that the radios are obsolete that they have and newer ones are needed. Bill stated he figured high and doesn't think it will cost that much to equipment each car.

Mayor Bailey stated the meetings will be moved to the County Courthouse starting in May until HNTB can work out the ADA situation at City Hall and the elevator lift.

Bruce Tressler questioned the Cinergy high speed cable and if we have heard anything back on it. Mayor Bailey stated that now the attorney's are involved.

Herb Hunter gave an update of the Board of Works meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes prepared and presented by: **L. June Ryle, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Greensburg**