

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2004
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Frank Manus, Helen Gardner, Gary Herbert, Glenn Tebbe, Larry Bower and Ken Dornich.

Minutes were approved with three corrections noted.

Culpepper Cooper of the Culpepper Group Health Insurance was present and handed out a pamphlet and explained The Self-Funding Option. The City is on the Partial Self-Funding.

Bill Wenning gave the Council a background of what he does at all the departments for the City as the IT Computer Tech. Bill stated that he was hired by the former Mayor and talked with Frank after the election was over. Bill told about the GIS System that he is also working on for all the departments. He is asking for approval of his contract that the Board of Works has ask him to extend until the end of June.

Donald Manley of Butler, Fairman & Seifert and Don McCrary were present to give an update of what was originally planned for the airport expansion that was set in motion by the former Mayor Gary Bailey. He originally planned on an 80ft. wide and 5000ft. long runway. Right now they are waiting for approval from the Federal FFA. They would like to have at least an 80ft. wide and 4000ft. long runway for now. This is just the planning stage and the area is developable. Local monies are needed for the environmental cost \$23,000 and public hearing cost \$7,000.

Helen Gardner stated that this is the first knowledge she has ever gotten on any of this. Helen stated that all of the former Council members were told was that the Mayor (former) was going to use Edit monies for the airport study so they could qualify for Federal monies to expand the width and length of the runway.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to table for 60 days to obtain and review information. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2004-1 Building and Inspection Fees. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2004-2 Landfill price increase. So passed.

City Attorney, Steve Taylor told the Council that all department heads have given him the information on cell phones and take home vehicles. He will prepare a policy for Council to review. He has talked to IACT and State Board of Accounts.

Charlie Beggs invited the Mayor and Council to come and take a look at the proposed Airport plan for expansion. Just give him a call of when it is convenient for them to come and he will provide a wagon and bales of straw to take them around. He has also extended this same invitation to the County Council and County Commissioners and Airport Authority also. Charlie stated he will take as many days that are needed to accommodate everyone.

Marc Haston told the Council his information about the Airport expansion and that the whole project is \$14,000,000. He feels more checking needs to be done.

Larry Robbins stated that they have a lot of information they are willing to share with the Council and would be glad to make them copies.

Mayor told of the Insight Cable increase.

Glenn Tebbe gave an update on the Board of Works meeting.

Helen Gardner ask Kathy Crippen about the parking and visibility issue on Scoby Street.

Council was told that the State didn't see a need for a turn lane off of 421 North and Moscow Road with the brim there.

Kathy Crippen, BZA/PLAN Director, told the Council of the roof problem at the Club 46 Skating Rink. The Fire Chief, herself and Steve Barth had gone and looked at the situation and Steve Barth recommended that the City not sign off on this. The owner had made some repairs, which in turn only made the issue and building more unsafe. Kathy stated that they have done the paperwork and closed the building till further notice.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB stated he has found someone in the Department of Justice at Washington, D.C. to re-look at the files on the elevator lift at City Hall. HNTB are trying to recreate the files.

Council members were given handouts on the Downtown process from HyettPalma and about the YMCA Alternative School closing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

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Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer