

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2004

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Kuehl, President of the Decatur County Youth Soccer Club, came before council to ask for their approval to be allowed to use the City's property located at the SE corner of the Greensburg Reservoir on Highway 421 for four soccer fields and concession stand. Mr. Kuehl stated they could use the High School this year, but need to find a permanent home. Jeff has talked with the Parks and Recreation Department and they could provide portable benches for seating.

Larry Bower asks about the Liability for the City and if the Park and Recreation has been contacted to see if they have an area that could be used.

Mayor Manus told Council that the City would not be providing monies and the City Attorney recommends having a contract.

Gary Herbert commended Mr. Kuehl on his presentation but has concerns with this being City Property and this could cause other issues to open up.

Ken Dornich was concerned about the upkeep.

Mr. Kuehl told Council he has talked with Bob Barker and Bob is looking for an area but so far has nothing as of yet. He has talked to Rick Denney, Water Superintendent and Rick has maintained that his department would maintain the mowing.

Mayor Manus ask Mr. Kuehl to come back to the August meeting and this would give the Council members a little time to think on this.

Jean Johanningman and Tim Meadows of the Downtown Development and Brad McCarter came before Council asking for approval for a Car Show on the square. Tim Meadows and Brad McCarter told Council members they would like to have it on Saturday, July 31st during the sidewalk days. They would need to have the square shut down except for the outside lane on the South Side. They would anticipate approximately 200-500 cars. They will take care of all the advertising to really promote and would have a couple of grand prize raffles as well as other drawings and prizes. They would do a minimum of 10,000 flyers that would be distributed.

Glenn Tebbe wanted to know what sort of parking provision would be provided for the people coming to see the cars?

Ken Dornich asks if any of the merchants would be willing to stay open later that night?

Brad McCarter stated that if they could use the old K-Mart area, then they could shuttle people from there by the Catch-A-Ride at no cost to the people. Tim Meadows stated their group would bear the cost and that he has contacted the merchants and all but two would stay open longer.

Fire Chief, Scott Chasteen, had concerned about how close would the cars be so he can get his equipment in if needed.

Brad McCarter stated there would be room and no one will be allowed to drive these cars out they will have to walk them out.

Council gave their approval.

Mayor Manus, Larry Bower and Gary Herbert are the personnel committee. The committee approved of the Ordinance 2004-4 and Ordinance 2004-5, changing from Administrative Assistant to Secretary and from exempt status to hourly status wages.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2004-4. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2004-5. So passed.

Janice Bartels of New Directions explained to Council members the operations of the New Directions center and requested funding in the amount of \$5000 for this year and requested monies to be put in the yearly budget in the amount equal to what the County Commissioners are planning on giving, \$15,000.

Janice stated they have two full-time and two part-time employees and have served 350 clients. Whenever they are certified by the State then they will need to be staffed by one person twenty-four hours a day. They are trying to raise funds and they did get a \$4000 grant from the R.E.M.C. This shelter is for Decatur County where others have more than one County involved.

Larry Bower was impressed with what they do, but wanted to know if the City gives \$5,000 for this year, how does Council know they won't come back asking for more for this year.

Helen Gardner questioned about having another county involved, could they get monies and Janice stated no.

Glenn Tebbe questioned the \$5,000 for this year and then monies put in the budget on a yearly basis. The main concern is the 50-50 because the City residents not only pay City taxes but they also pay County taxes verses the County residents only pays County taxes. This way the City residents are being double dipped.

Peg Polanski explained that the major churches are doing well helping and private funding is doing well but their budget is extremely tight.

Mayor told them as of right now the 2004 budget had not been approved by the State and for them to come back in October and the City will see where they stand and if they feel they can come up with the \$5,000.

Police Chief, Bill Meyerrose told the Council about the cop grant and that the Board of Works had approved to apply for a new School Cop Grant. This would put two cops in the schools. The City would hire a new officer and pick up the officer's salary on the fourth-year the same as the School Cop Grant that the City now has.

Bill Meyerrose also told of the Board of Works approving the purchase of three police vehicles. This is the rotation schedule.

Chief Meyerrose also told of the approval from the Board of Works for restructuring ranks, by doing away with the Assistant Chief position and having two Captain positions.

Meyerrose stated that he would like to have permanent shifts and try it out on a 6-month trial basis.

Glenn Tebbe stated that he would like to see the rank restructuring done as soon as possible.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve these. So passed.

Mayor Manus stated that annexation is in the process for the NTN-BCA area. NTN-BCA wanted to revise the original fire protection agreement.

Council members feel there is a communication conflict on the funding issue for the Decatur County Youth Sports Complex.

Council members had a letter from Parks and Recreation thanking the City for their support of the new Skate Park.

Three tax abatements have been granted to STI, but the 2002 tax abatement failed to designate the years, being 5years for manufacturing and 10years for real estate. Shelbyville Attorney, Peter DePrez represented STI and explained the problems with the previous abatement applications.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2004-2. So passed.

There are two Greensburg School Board appointments coming up for July 1st. One position is an appointment by the Mayor; the other by City Council. Larry McCamment would like to be considered for a second term as the City Council position on the School Board. David Meyer would like to continue on the Board as the Mayor's appointmenat. Jeff Dugan would like

to be considered for the School Board, but it was noted that Jeff is not eligible because he does not reside within the city limits.

Mayor tabled this for now to give others time to consider putting in an application.

Darren Burkhart and John Meyer of HNTB gave a presentation on the Lincoln Street Project. There would be a three year development time and were asking Council for permission to proceed for a Federal Money Grant. The application is due May 14th. The estimated share for the City would be 1.5 million dollars.

Council had a handout showing the amount of Edit monies the City has received and spent out.

Council remarked about the good job being done on keeping the bird droppings cleaned up by the property owner of the building on the square corner of Broadway and Washington.

Wastewater Superintendent, Jeff Smith, was given permission by Board of Works to dispose of a radio and camera.

Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief, told the Council of the regional fire-training center at Versailles and wanted to know if he could have permission to take one of the City's fire trucks to use in this training center.

Council gave their approval to the Fire Chief.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Council Member

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ATTEST: _____ Clerk-Treasurer

