

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Trick or Treat hours were set for Halloween night, Sunday October 31st, 5-8 P.M.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Resolution 2004-4 additional appropriation for police and fire departments. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2004-5 transfer of funds. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2004-6 fire dept. transfer of equipment with Marion Township. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to amend Salary ordinance 2004-6 reflecting a \$750 raise, part-time dispatchers \$11.30 other part-time no raise. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Salary Ordinance 2004-7. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to amend and pass Salary Ordinance 2004-8 reflecting a \$750 raise and part-time no raise. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Salary Ordinance 2004-9. So passed.

Mayor Manus appoints three members on the Tiff Board and Council appoints two members and they are to be bonded in the amount of \$15,000 for each.

Mayor told Council that he had chosen Dennis Doerflinger, Lowell Rethlake and Bruce Tressler.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve Council members Helen Gardner and Ken Dornich to the Tif Board. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2004-10 Alley Closing for Mark Brickens. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2004-10. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2004-10. So passed.

Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise an executive session following the Special Council meeting on Monday, September 13th, to discuss the Billings School Building.

Jeff Kuehl stated that he could not make the August council meeting and wanted to just keep the City informed about the soccer teams and their quest in finding a permanent home. The current field and concession stand used by the soccer club at Washington School will go on sale October 1st by the School Board. The area is located on South Ireland and they are asking \$97,000.

Mayor Manus told Council members that he will be attending the IACT convention on September 26th –30th and is appointing Larry Bower to act as Mayor in his absence.

Mike Walker of the EDC and Jim Saler were present. Mr. Walker and Mr. Saler each read a letter to the Council concerning the EDC goals and the use of Edit and Tiff monies. Both are asking the City to supply them with Tiff monies in order to generate payment of interest on money that the EDC would borrow for purchase of property adjoining the Wal-Mart area from an individual.

Mayor Manus read a letter he had from the City Attorney relating to Tiff monies and what the monies can be used for under the Indiana Statute (IC 36-7-14-1) and (36-7-14-39). City Attorney had talked with the State Board of Accounts and Tiff monies cannot be given to private entities to purchase land and EDC is a private enterprise.

Mayor Manus told Mike Walker and Jim Saler that the City gives the EDC \$50,000 a year to use for Economic Development and that next year we will give \$12,500 on a quarterly basis and monitor the workings of the EDC.

Ken Dornich stated that he is 100% dedicated to creating jobs and that the Mayor and he attended the EDC meeting and takes offense to what Mike Walker and Jim Saler are saying in their letters of the City and Council.

Glenn Tebbe told Mr. Walker and Mr. Saler that he is glad that they came to the meeting and yes there is and should be accountability of Edit and Tiff funds and in the last four years there was no accountability.

Helen Gardner and Gary Herbert ask about the project that they and the Mayor were told to keep secret out on the Vandalia Road, that they were told by the EDC to make a decision on the spot and this project would tie up the City's Edit money for quite a few years. Where is this project?

Gary Herbert told Mr. Walker and Mr. Saler that he takes his job on the Council to heart and trying to bring jobs here and keep jobs here. The City gives Tax Abatements to bring in these industries and then the industries turn around and instead of hiring the people here in Greensburg and Decatur County for certain jobs they bring people in from out of town and out of state.

Larry Bower spoke of how Edit monies have been used in the past and how this administration is open and is responsible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest: _____ Clerk-Treasurer

