

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2005
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

John Groan of Energy Systems Group of Indianapolis gave a presentation on Strategic Energy Master Planning concerning Utilities, Projects, Programs and Financial Services.

The City had this company come in back in 1998, but did not utilize their services at that time. There are some risks, but the initial evaluation is free. If you use their suggestions or have them to go any further with their work then there is a fee.

After discussion, **motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to proceed with the study on the Billings School and for the Mayor to sign the contract for this. So passed.**

David Fry gave a presentation of Envision of Decatur County 2015. This is a vision of the future of Decatur County and looking at ten years out. Five-Hundred people participated and these were envisions they came up with.

Leadership team wanted:

- a. Comprehensive Educational Opportunities
- b. Strategic Growth Management
- c. Emphasis on Quality of Life Initiatives

People need: Government support, financial support, private sector leadership, partnership developed and strategic planning.

David Fry commended Marilyn Woods for all her help and coordination. Helen Gardner commended Marilyn as well.

Ken Dornich and Mayor Manus thanked David for the presentation and all his work and dedication.

Charles Lee was present along with Pace Engineering representatives. Charlie has purchased property of the Forrest Stevenson Estate off of Millhousen Road and is planning to lay it out into three lots. The major concern is drainage. Pace representatives stated that there is a ten inch pipe and the City is telling them the pipe needs to be twelve inches. They thought they needed to bring the concern before Council.

Darren Burkhart explained that the City Ordinance reads that the pipe must be a twelve inch and that this needs to be taken before the Planning Commission.

Council members also told Mr. Lee that this issue needs to be taken to the Planning Commission.

Fire Chief, Scott Chasteen requested permission to start looking on maybe replacing Engine #8 and different ways of financing any needed purchase. Delivery on a new piece of equipment is over a year away right now.

Scott had given the Council information on the fire apparatus that the City owns and the year they were bought and original purchase price then. The average life of a custom fire apparatus is twenty years. Engine #2 is a 1979 American LaFrance Tele-squirt, 26 years old, was refurbished in 1999 at a price of \$101,000. Ladder #6 is a 1992 102' Grumman Aerial-Cat Platform, 13 years old, and Engine #8 is a 1987 KME fire truck, 18 years old that has the tank leaking.

Council gave Scott permission to start looking into this.

Larry Bower asked the question to GECOM representative, on how the City knows that the tax abatement given them, the equipment will still be in Greensburg. Larry also wanted to know if there is some way that tag identification numbers could be listed. Larry stated that he feels all companies that have tax abatement should have this not just one or two.

GECOM representative stated that the tag identification numbers could be listed on their tax abatements.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Tax Abatement Resolutions 2005-5, 2005-6, 2005-7, 2005-8 and 2005-9. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2005-7 for GECOM will represent years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. So passed. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass tax abatement CF-1 renewals for: Thomas Macielal-Kuhen, BP Station, Larry and Carol Bishop, Charleston Square Apartments, Dennis Doerflinger, GECOM (9), Green Signs, Greensburg Commerical Warehouse (3), Rollin Harping, Holiday Inn, L-Fab, Dan McLean, Morning Breeze, Norm Schlemmer, S&DS Investments, STI (3), Valeo (4), Windermere Apartments, Bill Whitkemper and Colonial Northgate. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass moving insurance monies from the general fund to the police cars. So passed.

The County has come up with an Emergency Ordinance and feels the City should try and have one similar.

Ken Dornich feels the City should have phases for winter storms and Scott Chasteen, Fire Chief likes having the different levels 1 – 2 – 3 and educate the public. Police Chief Bill Meyerrose agrees that you either have a snow emergency or you don't, and agrees with the other types of emergency, but not with the different levels.

Library Board appointment needed to be made and three have been given by the Library and all are really good people.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to appoint retired teacher Susan Wilson. So passed.

The City is still in need of Democrat applications for the School Board.

City Attorney Steve Taylor told that he has delivered the contract and \$1000 deposit on the Billings School to Bill Robbins. Contract was signed on March 1st. The closing will be around the last week of March.

EDC executive Mike Walker spoke to the Council and told them are having a conference in their office on March 15th, with two different time settings, being 11:30 – 1:30 and 4:00 – 6:00.

Ken Dornich told the council members that Lowell Rethlake is asking for some ideas on Tif priority projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

