

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 5, 2005
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Kathy Eaton of INDOT was present in regards to parking on East Main Street, Hwy. 46 East and their recommendations to the City. They recommend restricted parking on both sides, from Franklin Street East to the alley would be three parking spaces. This would free up some of the congestion on the turn lane onto 421 south. On North East Street, eliminate two parking spaces just before the traffic signs. The west side of Main would be three parking spaces from the alley going west. INDOT will mark all of these areas, as they are the ones liable for this Highway. There will be five parking spaces in all eliminated.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve the recommendations by INDOT. So passed.

H.J. Umbaugh and Associates representatives gave a presentation on Water and Wastewater financial data for the purpose of discussion and consideration of increasing the rates for the water and wastewater. Umbaugh recommended a rate increase of 16% for each the Water and Wastewater, with 10% being the first phase, a year later 3% for phase II and 3% for phase III the following year.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on first reading Ordinance 2005-12, to approve the rate increases for the Water, but to come back in 18 months and do another study to make sure the percentages are correct. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on first reading Ordinance 2005-13 approving rate increases for the Wastewater, but to come back in 18 months and do another study to make sure the percentages are correct. So passed.

ARA representative, Lisa Lang told of a \$50,000 housing grant is available for looking into a comprehensive plan. The meeting tonight serves as a public

hearing and this had been advertised. There is a 10% match and the planning commission will meet this match. The grant comes from Community Focus Funds.

Kathy Reynolds stated they have had a couple of meeting pertaining to this and they are looking at a ten-year plan.

Lisa Lang told about the Housing program grant. The guidelines have changed and the owner occupied applicants would be granted more monies for upgrades. There is not a match requirement and if a person sold their home, then it must be to someone that would meet the guidelines or they would have to repay. ARA would pre-qualify everyone before an application goes in.

Council agreed to proceed forward with this grant.

Drew and Steve Barth gave an update on renovating Billings School for City Hall. They met and talked with the department heads and the new cost for renovation is between \$800,000 and \$900,000.

Drew stated that the storm sewer in back of the lot floods when there is a hard rain. Erosion control would need to be done. The figures include taking out the parking lot and replacing this because some work needs to be done on the drainage in that area. Replacing the windows that are single pane glass.

Paul Walston and Ernie Clemons spoke on behalf of Hospice and they would like to have consideration for space. Where Hospice is at present is very small and not ADA accessible.

After much discussion it was decided to figure a bond issue for the project and going with the high figure of \$1,200,000 for the 2006 budget. If it is seen that the bond could be issued for less then it would be lowered, but the Clerk-Treasurer needs a figure to be able to include this in the debt service for the 2006 budget.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to approve if needed a bond issue of \$1,200,000. Gary Herbert nay. Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe, Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner ayes. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve tax abatement compliance for Valeo (4), STI (2) and Mi-Tech. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to approve Resolution 2005-22 and SB-I for new tax abatement for Walgreens. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2005-5 vacating a street. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2005-5. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2005-6 Flood Hazard. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on first reading Ordinance 2005-8 salaries for 2006. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on first reading Ordinance 2005-9 elected salaries. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on first reading Ordinance 2005-10 salaries for 2006, Utilities. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on first reading Ordinance 2005-11 elected salaries for 2006, Utilities. So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2005-21 Petition to Appeal for an Increase to the Maximum Levy. So passed.

Dax Norton gave a handout showing what is in the process for HottCity. He had a draft of an Ordinance about sidewalks for merchants and asks the Council members to review and he will review it with Kathy Reynolds.

Dax gave a projected budget and stated they have been receiving donation checks and depositing them. He will get copies and provide the Council members and Mayor with them.

Council set August 8th and August 22nd at 6:00 P. M. for budget work sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer