

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2006
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Karen McKinley was present and stated that she has a gravel pad in front of her home that she had put in 1995. She stated that she has a garage that has grass grown over the entrance. She had originally planned on taking up the sod and putting gravel and at that time, neighbors had small children and ask her not to. Karen stated that is why she put in the gravel pad to get her car off of the street for safety. Karen told Council that there is no curb and never has been a curb. She stated that now the Ordinance regarding parking between curb and sidewalk is being enforced and she has been ticketed. She is asking for her situation to be grandfathered in.

Glenn Tebbe stated Karen McKinley's situation is a little different from most. Most of the time there are curbs and people are driving over the curbs and parking right on sod and the sidewalks. Often people park the wrong way in this area; these are some of the reasons this Ordinance was passed and put in force.

Helen Gardner told Council that the houses in this area are 40 ft. wide and Karen's home sits a couple of houses from the curb at West Central Ave. People are cutting this turn sharper and have taken out the curb and more. She put this gravel pad in before this Ordinance was in effect. Helen does not see a problem of grandfathering her situation.

Steve Taylor City Attorney stated the Council was concerned of the safety when people pull out into traffic. These are not areas that people normally look for a car pulling out.

Larry Bower does not have a problem of doing something for this special circumstance. He suggests the Traffic Committee look at this area again and at the Ordinance.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose told Karen that she got a warning ticket not a regular ticket and that she is not being targeted or watched. Bill asked what the Council wants him to do and stated that there are some grey areas.

Gary Herbert stated that she has no other access. There is a garage that the driveway is grown over with grass.

Glenn Tebbe would like to see set criteria and the traffic committee comes back with the proposal.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to renew tax abatements for Jerman Housing, Windemere Apartments and (9) GECOM. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to renew tax abatements for Charleston Square/Briarwood Estates, Doerflinger Insurance and (4) Sintering. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass CF-1 for Resolution 2005-32 for Tax Abatement, Norman Schlemmer, Jr. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to support the tax board committee on their recommendation to deny SB-1 Tax Abatement to Norman Schlemmer, Jr. on additional apartment buildings. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2006-1 for Tax Abatement and (2) SB-1 for GECOM. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2006-2 and SB-1 for Tax Abatement for M & S Precision. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Resolution 2006-3 and SB-1 for Tax Abatement for Collection Associates. So passed.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen gave the Mayor and Council a handout on his proposal for replacing fire apparatus. Scott gave a schedule of replacement, approximate cost of vehicle, arrival of new apparatus, funding, grant information, sale or trade-in.

After discussing the issue, **motion was made by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to allow Fire Chief Scott Chasteen to proceed for bids. So passed.**

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose told Council that he was approached by Mr. Roach from Laurel about the pool hall and billiards room that he is opening, and would like the age limit stricken altogether. Bill stated that he had Kathy Reynolds to amend Ordinance 1979 -19 and lowered the age from 18 to 15 unless accompanied by an adult.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-1 amending Ordinance 1979-19. So passed.

Mayor Manus told Council that he had talked with Steve Barth of the problem over at Billings with the old galvanized water lines. After talking with the contractor Tom Poole it was recommended to change the galvanized to copper and the cost would be approximately \$15,608.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to approve the changing of the galvanized water lines to copper. So passed.

It was also brought up that with the size of the new Council Room a microphone system should be put in. Conduit is already there in the walls and the floors. Drew Barth suggests that the Council go over and see what is there and decide what is needed.

Mayor Manus told Council that Bryan Robbins suggested installing cameras behind the Decatur Apartments. He would talk with some of the merchants and see if they would be willing to help out with the cost.

Six cameras would cost approximately \$6,000 and four cameras would be a little less than \$4,000.

Glenn Tebbe would like to see if the City could partner with the merchants on the South side on the cost.

Larry Bower brought up the idea of studying a smoking ban as other cities and communities have done. He suggests the Council look at what other cities have done and what their Ordinances say.

Larry Bower and Helen Gardner stated they have had calls concerning smoking

in public buildings.

Mayor Manus is to contact the Chamber of Commerce and ask that they survey their members regarding the smoking issue.

Jim Cummings requested \$25,000 from Edit monies to help the Learning Center. Jim detailed what they are wanting and needing to do. The Learning Center is in need of a little help to get them on their feet more.

Glenn Tebbe would like to see some budget of what the revenue stream has been before saying yes or no.

Helen Gardner asks if there is any charge for non-profits and Jim stated they charge very little to the non-profits.

Council asks Jim to put together more information and bring back to them.

Mr. Mike Williams was present concerning the no parking on the cul-de-sacs in Sunset Acres. Mr. Williams agrees that there is a parking problem and would agree to a compromise. His family would park only one car on the street several feet from the corner and not park any cars on the street at the time of snow removal. He would like to see the Ordinance revoked and he would be willing to work with the neighbors in question.

Glenn Tebbe took the list of other areas that Mr. Williams has mentioned and done some checking on these places of the parking. Only one place seemed of any sort of concern and does not feel that no parking signs are needed at this time in these areas.

Glenn Tebbe would like the traffic committee look at the situation again and come back with their recommendation regarding Mr. Williams suggestion.

All the Council members told Mr. Williams that they did not like having to issue an Ordinance of no parking.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

