

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2006
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Sue Brandt brought fliers and told about "The Making of America Constitution Seminar" sponsored by: The Thomas Jefferson Center for Education. This will be held at the Greensburg Junior High School Auditorium April 20th, 6P.M. – 9 P.M., April 21st, 6 P.M. – 10 P.M. and April 22 nd, 8 A.M. – Noon and 1 P.M. – 5 P.M. The featured speakers are Dr. Donald Sills and Dr. Glenn Kimber. The cost is \$25 for individual, \$40 for couple and \$60 for family. Call 1-800-806-6904 for reservations.

Bryan Robbins of HottCity was present and gave the Council information on cameras and recording system for the parking lot area behind the merchants on the South Side of the square.

Gary Herbert stated that he felt the City should not have to pick up the majority of the price of these cameras, even though the City owns this parking lot, because it is mainly used by the merchants and patrons.

With money presently raised, the City would pay \$2500 if they go with four cameras.

Glenn Tebbe understands what and how Gary Herbert feels, but believes that a joint venture at a reasonable figure would benefit everyone.

Helen Gardner would like to see a little more money coming from the merchants.

Ken Dronich asked if Council is in agreement of four cameras, then Bryan could approach the merchants for more funding. Council members indicated agreement.

Gary Herbert and Helen Gardner feel that there could be other areas in the City that could come forward and ask for help on acquiring cameras. The other

Council members agreed. Because of this, it is important for the merchants to come up with the majority of the funding.

Bryan Robbins had information on sidewalk ordinances of other cities. He would like for the Council to decide if the City intends to create such an ordinance.

Tom Hunter Superintendent of the Greensburg Schools and Jim Cummings presented Council with information on the Greensburg Learning Center and offered to answer any questions that Council might have. They are requesting \$20,000 funding from the Edit fund to help with the financial needs. They have been in operation for 1 year and 2 months and it takes a little time to get self-funded.

Fewer people take classes in the spring and more classes are being added. Teachers have been contacted and they can now get their recertifications over the summer months here in Greensburg instead of having to go out of town.

Industry had pushed for this Learning Center and now they are using it the least. There are approximately 300 people taking classes from time to time.

They could have sold this building, but they kept hearing that these post-secondary educational opportunities and training services were needed here in Greensburg.

The Greensburg Administration is closing the building they are now in and moving into the Learning Center building; this will help in defraying the cost of utilities.

Glenn Tebbe stated that he was lead to believe that the Learning Center would be self sustaining and wishes that it would have been told ahead of time that they would be coming back for funding. Glenn feels that school officials should have anticipated this shortfall and planned on using the monies from the sale of the two school buildings which totaled a half million dollars, to help fund the Learning Center. This definitely is an Economic Development Program and a worth while project.

Helen Gardner questioned if it is anticipated of increasing rental fees. Jim Cummings answered yes and that they have told others that they will need to put the Learning Center in their budgets. Helen believes the Council needs to look at this much more seriously because this is affording a big opportunity here in this community and in the past another facility had gone to another community.

Gary Herbert expressed that the Council is behind this project. A lot of good jobs here in this community are awarded to people from out of town and wonders why the industry cannot fill those jobs with the people here instead. He would like this addressed with the local industry.

Ken Dornich said surely the school board does budgeting and planning ahead of time and is disappointed that this has not been shown. If there had been a business plan, then the monies that they are falling short would have been addressed. Why did the school administration wait until now to move into the building?

Tom Hunter told the Council that every year there are monies set aside. When the school budget is done it is only for Kindergarten thru the twelfth grades and there is no place for post-secondary facilities.

Ken Dornich and Larry Bower wanted to express to everyone that the Council does not want anyone to think that the Council is opposed to this facility and that it is not needed here in this Community. The school budget and the city budget both come from taxpayers.

Mayor Manus told of being at the Greensburg Country Club when it was talked about Ivy Tech either coming to Greensburg or Batesville and because Batesville had the building it went there. Mayor feels the City should do something to help out.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to approve \$10,000 to the Learning Center.

Discussion held: Helen Gardner stated that if we feel we can provide \$10,000 then why not \$20,000 since we believe that this is a good thing. Ken Dornich and Larry Bower think that at least the \$10,000 shows support of the City.

Gary Herbert is not going to turn his back on this.

Ken Dornich, Gary Herbert and Larry Bower ayes. Glenn Tebbe nay, citing the Billings issue. Helen Gardner nay, because she felt the full amount of \$20,000 should be given. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Resolution 2006-8 Utilities financial software. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-2 clarifying a couple of areas on the personnel policy. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to suspend the rules and regulations for Ordinance 2006-2. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-2. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2006-2. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2006-9 take home vehicles with amendment discussed of two mile rule and grandfather for current employees that live about five miles. So passed.

Kathy Reynolds spoke for the traffic committee. An alley closing was requested by Scripture Auto Sales. They would like to close the alley between Scripture Auto Sales and the house next to their business. They own both properties and would like to black top the alley area. The traffic committee approves.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve the alley closing. So passed.

Kathy Reynolds told that she sent out approximately 100 surveys about the request from the Greensburg School Corporation on changing the flow of traffic on North Street and Central Avenue. One hundred and four surveys were returned and 38 were for the change and 48 were against it. People opposed to the change cited several issues. Most were answered and addressed or are no longer present. The traffic committee doesn't have a problem with the requested change.

Scott Chasteen Fire Chief learned after the traffic committee meeting that the bridge on Central Avenue has a weight restriction and they cannot take the big apparatus fire truck across it. Are there plans to update it anytime soon? The county would need to be contacted. Council asked Scott to check with Mark Mohr.

Decision to Table this for now.

Discussion was held about the no parking in the cul-de-sacs in Sunset Acres.

Ken Dornich had contacted several people and got a 50/50 response. Ken feels that the Ordinance needs to stand as passed.

Resident Bob Cochran does not understand what the safety purpose is that the Ordinance states. Bob believes overnight parking should not be allowed, but parking for families get together for special occasions or just come over to visit ought to be permitted. Bob feels that this is selective enforcement since other areas are not so regulated.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen explained that he cannot get the fire truck apparatus through when there are parked car. If there should be a fire, they do not have time to stop and knock on doors about the vehicles.

Ken Dornich explained that the street department has not been able to plow the snow because of parked vehicles.

Council discussed to occasional parking on the grassy circle of the cul-de-sac, but not permanently.

Mayor made the decision Ordinance stands as passed No Parking.

Discussion was held about the City Ordinance that states no parking between curb and sidewalk. City Attorney Steve Taylor stated the area is public right of way and belongs to the City, parking there presents a liability issue.

Karen McKinley stated that she does not want to park on the street because she has had her car damaged. She put the gravel pad in because her neighbors were going to take her to court if she put in a driveway along the side of her property in the back of her house. She is requesting this gravel pad be grandfathered.

Gary Herbert is in favor of grandfathering this because it was done three years prior to the Ordinance being passed.

Glenn Tebbe brought up that there are several places that this has been done, it is not safe and that if this is allowed then these would need to be handled through the Plan commission and require them to make provision of a street cut.

Helen Gardner stated that a lot of people have not addressed this like Karen has done and the City needs to make some sort of adjustment as we have many areas where lots are only 40 by 160 and parking is limited.

City Attorney Steve Taylor recommended that if this is grandfathered then it needs to be for her only as long as she lives there only.

Mayor Manus ended the discussion and decided that the ordinance should remain in force.

Karen McKinley asked to have time to try and put the driveway in by her house. Council agreed.

Gary Hebert and Helen Gardner expressed that they would like for the rest of the Council to review and make either deletion or recommendations on the tax abatement guidelines they are working on and asked for a special meeting.

Ken Dornich thanked Helen and Gary for all their work on this.

It was decided to have a special meeting to work on the tax abatement guidelines. The meeting will be April 19th at 6:00 P.M. at the Courthouse.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to move insurance money from the general fund to the police equipment fund in the amount of \$448.50. So passed.

It was brought up about having trouble with trash in the City. A resident asked about all the trash in the alley's also.

The City street department will be having heavy trash days on April 17th to the 21st. **NO PAINT OR USED TIRES AND NO CONSTRUCTION.**

The smoking ordinance issue was discussed. The newspaper did a survey and it came back 63% in favor of and 37% against. Response to The Chamber of Commerce survey was minimal and could not be tabulated; response was primarily comments only. A petition in favor of smoking restriction was brought into the Chamber of Commerce.

Ken Dornich and Larry Bower thanked the Daily Newspaper. They will act as a committee and will come back with a draft of a No Smoking Ordinance. Several other cities have an Ordinance banning smoking. Private clubs and taverns are

exempted, but where it is primarily a restaurant and has a bar it is also no smoking. Typically in the Ordinances that Larry has seen, industry is no smoking within the building, but industry employers provide an outside area or “shack” as they call it.

Mark Brickens approached the Council about a neighbor that has three barking dogs. Mark stated that he had called the animal warden and was told the warden did not have time because they had kennels to clean. Mark did report that one other time he had called the animal warden, the warden came and the dogs were not barking. Mark told he had called the police one time and they came and the dogs were not barking. He inquired if there is anything the Council can do to help him.

Council told him to get pictures or camcorder video and provide to the police department.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest: _____ Clerk-Treasurer

