

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass tax abatement compliance for Valeo (8), STI (2), Mi-Tech (1) and GECOM (2). So passed.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-18 Alley Closing. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations to pass Ordinance 2006-18 on 2nd and 3rd readings. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-18. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2006-18. So passed.

Glenn Tebbe explained that it is customary to pass salary ordinances on first reading and then discuss them in depth along with the budgets and make any necessary cuts that the Department of Local Government Finance designates as needed to have a budget within the maximum levy that the State allows for the City for the year 2007.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 1st reading employee salary Ordinance 2006-14. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading elected officials salary Ordinance 2006-15. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 1st reading employee salary Ordinance 2006-16 for Utilities. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading elected officials salary Ordinance 2006-17. So passed.

Jeff Smith explained in detail the reason for Ordinance 2006-19, Sewer Connection Fee. This would be for new homes and industry and monies would be held in a construction fund for further expansions needed at the Wastewater Plant. For many years the City did not charge a sewer connection fee and when expansion was needed everyone had to cover the cost. HJ Umbaugh & Associates had suggested a fee of approximately \$1300 and Jeff feels that is too high. Residential property would not be as high as industry. Jeff checked with other cities and their fees are much more than the City of Greensburg.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Sewer Connection Fee Ordinance 2006-19. Gary Herbert voted nay until he can sit down and talk with Jeff Smith. Helen Gardner, Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe and Ken Dornich ayes. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-7 Fire Department Handbook. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to suspend rules and regulations to pass Ordinance 2006-7 on third reading. So passed.

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

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-13 Sidewalk Café. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to suspend the rules and regulations for Ordinance 2006-13. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2006-13. So passed.

Discussion was held about the no smoking ordinance. Several residents were in attendance.

Larry Bower stated that the no smoking Ordinance 2006-9 actually amends Ordinance 1997-5. The Ordinance 1997-5 was the no smoking for City Hall and all city department buildings as well.

Glenn Tebbe stated that Ken Dornich and Helen Gardner had brought up the concern of amending the no smoking ordinance to include private clubs. Glenn feels that private clubs do have a lot of public events and are the same as other restaurants at that point and should be included in the no smoking.

Helen Gardner and Ken Dornich cited because of the public functions that private clubs have then they should be included.

Larry Bower told Council that research showed a lot of no smoking ordinances did not include private clubs, but was more as a trade off. Larry stated that he is ok with including private clubs.

Gary Herbert had signatures of several that did not want a smoking ordinance. Gary feels all businesses should be allowed to put up a No Smoking Sign in their window. He doesn't want to be a policeman on enforcement of this. He is not against the no smoking, just feels the ordinance is too severe.

Ken Dornich told that he feels all Council members feel the way Gary Herbert does, but also feels there are times that government has to intervene.

Larry Bower noted that he intentionally left the enforcement provisions an open end in order to make an effective Ordinance. It sounds as though the majority of the Council is in favor of including private clubs.

Several in attendance stated their feelings and the majority was in favor of the no smoking and including the private clubs. The City vehicles were brought up and it was suggested to include them also.

Larry Bower stated that the other Ordinances did not include the City vehicles. He would have to check with other cities to see how they handled the City owned vehicles.

Helen Gardner asked if the City owned vehicles needed to be included or addressed otherwise.

Bill Meyerrose Police Chief stated that he feels this should be addressed in the personnel handbook.

City Attorney Steve Taylor also felt the City owned vehicles should be addressed in the personnel handbook and the employee signs a sheet receiving the handbook.

Glenn Tebbe wanted to be sure that everyone understood that this only affects the City of Greensburg and not the County.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to have restrictions included for private clubs. Gary Herbert nay. Glenn Tebbe, Helen Gardner, Larry Bower and Ken Dornich ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-9 No Smoking. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2006-10 Smoking Compliance. So passed.

Bill Ernstes gave the Council an update about the airport. The grant for the 2nd site study has been approved and a committee is in the process of looking for another site.

Animal Shelter Board member Bud Ryle told Council that they would like to have a joint City/County Ordinance for animal control. Peg Polanski is willing to write one up and have the City Attorney to review it. As it is right now the City and County each have separate ordinances that have to be enforced.

Council agreed to have one City/County Ordinance for the animal control and to have the City Attorney Steve Taylor to review the Ordinance that County Attorney Peg Polanski writes up.

Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-20 Speed Limits and Stop Signs at Greensburg High School and Intersections in the City of Greensburg, Indiana. So passed.

According to the Mayor some ADA issues have to be addressed at Billings before City Hall offices can move in. Hopefully we can move in August.

Larry Bower asked if anything had come up with Majesty Manor. City Attorney Steve Taylor told that a court date is coming up.

Helen Gardner brought up that the property owner of the apartment building on North Street by the old YMCA had contacted her about getting their trash picked up.

Mayor said that he had looked into this and had called the property owners back and wasn't able to get a hold of them. Mayor asked Helen to please tell them to call him.

Ken Dornich stated that everyone is grateful that Honda is coming to Greensburg and Council members have talked about what it would take getting Honda to come. Ken would like to Thank Mayor Manus and Glenn Tebbe for all the work they have done on getting Honda. Ken stated that there was a lot of work behind the scenes by some that doesn't get recognized.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Attest:

_____ Clerk-Treasurer

