

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL
AUGUST 30, 2006
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

RE: Budget Work Session.

Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds Issuance Consideration carried over from the special August 21st meeting.

Glenn Tebbe and representatives of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates brought Ordinances 2006-26 for Wastewater and Ordinance 2006-27 for Water, SRF Bond Loans, interest free from the State to fund the infrastructure needed for the Honda project.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-26. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2006-27. So passed.

Council discussed the salary for the budget year 2007. Even though they would like to see somehow capping the longevity, it was felt that longevity needs to stay as is for now. The reason for trying to raise the police first class patrolman and fire first class firefighter base salary, is to have better qualified applicants apply for the jobs.

Council also feels that they need to look at salaries a couple of months or more in advance of approving salaries and the budget. Council would like to have any information pertaining to being able to cap longevity on any new hires.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose told the Council that the County gave the sheriff's department a \$3500 raise, but they have to pay \$170 a month on Health Insurance and their longevity is a straight \$200 a year, which brings the sheriff's department base salary to \$30,883.

The City's police first class patrolman's base salary for 2006 is \$29,315 plus a 1% per year longevity and the City pays all the Health Insurance except for \$1 a year that the employee pays.

Mayor Manus told Council that the County employee also has to pay taxes on the \$170 a month that they pay on their insurance and that would figure around \$400 a year.

After much discussion the Council asked the Clerk-Treasurer's Office to refigure as follows:

1. Police and Fire 1st Class Patrolman and Firefighter base salary at \$31,000 plus longevity.
(Probationary is still \$900 less)
2. All other non-exempt employees at 2 ½ % plus longevity.
3. Exempt department heads at \$2,000.
4. New part-time dispatcher at \$12.50 per hour.
5. Propose of hiring 1 new police officer.
6. Propose of hiring 3 new firefighters
(And as side footnotes hiring 1 ½ instead of 3)
7. Option of financing the two vehicles the Fire Department is asking for.
8. Leave the new part-time hire position in the BZA/PLAN department budget.
9. Regular part-time at \$6.50 an hour.
10. Option of Street Dept./Sanitation financing new truck they are asking for.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST: _____ Clerk-Treasurer