

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

Attorney Richard Hall of Barnes & Thornburg introduced Gary Malone and David Frederick of H.J. Umbaugh to explain the preliminary financing plan for the Honda project infrastructure. Total cost estimates for the needed infrastructure improvements are: Water \$25,900,000; Wastewater \$13,000,000 and Roads \$12,000,000. Revenues to pay for the expenses will come from revenue bonds based on Water and Wastewater revenues from Honda usage and from Greensburg Tif and the new Decatur County Tif, where Honda will be located. Also a \$10 Million grant from the City of Lawrenceburg will cover most of the road improvements. Improvements and infrastructure costs for Honda will not raise our utility or tax rates.

Attorney Richard Hall of Barnes and Thornburg and Kim Blanchet took Council through the suggested changes for the revenue bond ordinances 2006-26 and 2006-27. The State of Indiana has a supplemental program of funds they would like to use before issuing the SRF funds draw down. On the SRF loans, you draw down only what is needed at the time to cover the costs.

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to amend the Wastewater Ordinance 2006-26 as per the supplemental changes according to Richard Hall of Barnes and Thornburg. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-26. So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-26. So passed.**

**Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to amend the Water Ordinance 2006-27 as per the supplemental changes according to Richard Hall of Barnes and Thornburg. So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Gary Herbert to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-27. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-27. So passed.**

The Wal-Mart Tif area funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 per year for 10 years need to be used in the paying of the SRF loan bonds being issued for the infrastructure. In order to make this possible an amendment is needed to extend the City's existing Tif area over to the Honda area. The County has designated this area over to the City.

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2006-21, Resolution of the Decatur County area plan commission determining that a Resolution and an Economic Development plan for the Honda Economic Development area approved and adopted by the Decatur County Redevelopment Commission conform to the plan of development for Decatur County and approving the Resolution and plan. So passed.**

Jennifer McNealy was present to represent Jean Johannigman in her absence. Jennifer and Heather Miller handed out pamphlets that showed the survey results that were taken at the Decatur County fair in July. Included are out of town residents as well as in Decatur County.

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to approve Resolutions 2006-13, 2006-14, 2006-15, 2006-16, 2006-17, 2006-18 and SB Tax Abatements for Valeo and Resolution 2006-20 and SB Tax Abatement for Green Sign, all for 5 years. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-19 Sewer Connection Fee. So passed.**

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2006-12 Capital Asset Policy. So passed.**

Rick Denney Water Superintendent explained the Ordinance 2006-23 establishing a water availability fee to be collected by the City from the owners of property served by the waterworks of the City.

Rick had David Frederick of H.J. Umbaugh to come up with the necessary figures for the amount to charge. Rick told the Council that these monies will be put in a special fund and used to upgrade at the Water Plant as needed.

Gary Herbert questioned the amount that is proposed for the residential.

Rick explained that this is just for a new connection or an additional water usage from an existing connection.

Ken Dornich and Larry Bower stated that if this had been put in place years ago then maybe we would not have had to raise water rates earlier this year and include scheduled rate increases in coming years.

Mayor Manus told the Council that before 1998 the City did not even have a tap on fee.

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-23 water availability fee. So passed.**

Kathy Reynolds, BZA/PLAN Director explained that Jack Brewsaugh has 51.34 acres that he would like to have annexed. The boundary is adjacent to the existing corporation territory. The City must provide a new fiscal plan that they can and will provide water and sewer to the area and other city services.

This is the public hearing for the Ordinance. The City must wait sixty days before passing the Ordinance and the Resolution will be passed after the Ordinance is passed.

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-25 Annexation of Brewsaugh Property. So passed.**

Kathy Reynolds told the Council that the plan commission recommended that the Old Dress Factory be rezoned from I-1 light industrial to R-4 multi-family.

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-24 re-zone Old Dress Factory property. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-24. So passed.**

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-24. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-21 establishing map fees, etc. So passed.**

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations. So passed.**

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-21. So passed.**

Salaries were discussed.

Glenn Tebbe is purposing to delete the fire certification pay and police breathalyzer pay, if the Council is planning to bring the police and fire base pay to \$31,000 and leave the longevity at 20 years cap. He also felt that the Council needed to take a look at the clothing raise the police has requested. The fire did not request a raise in clothing.

Ken Dornich stated that Council has in past years talked about the breathalyzer and certification pays and that these should be considered as part of their jobs and dropped as extra pay. He also was not in favor of increasing the clothing allowance.

Gary Herbert questioned if police clothing is destroyed is that passed on through the courts. He suggested increasing the police and dispatchers \$50 each. Gary also feels that the breathalyzer should be part of the job and not extra pay.

Helen Gardner stated the clothing allowance should not be increased for the police and the dispatchers.

Larry Bower had concerns of several items and would like to start the salary process earlier in the year.

Mayor Manus told Larry Bower and Ken Dornich that they could start the salary process next year in the early part of the year.

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to amend Ordinance 2006-14 to police and fire base salary to \$31,000; other employees at 2 1/2%; 20 year longevity cap; change to part-time dispatcher; delete breathalyzer pay; delete state certification pay; police clothing \$700 and dispatcher clothing \$350; department heads as set by the Mayor. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Ordinance 2006-14 on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. So passed.**

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass Ordinance 2006-15 elected officials salary. So passed.**

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to amend Utility employees salary raise as being 2 1/2% plus 20 year longevity cap. So passed.**

**Motion by Gary Herbert and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-16 Utility employees salary as amended. So passed.**

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2006-17 elected officials salary. So passed.**

Mayor Manus is going to Ohio on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to visit the Honda plant and also on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Manus announced that Councilman Glenn Tebbe would be going to Japan to represent the City of Greensburg and the City would pay for Glenn to go.

**Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to approve the City to pay for Glenn Tebbe to represent the City in Japan. Glenn Tebbe abstained. Helen Gardner, Gary Herbert, Larry Bower and Ken Dornich ayes, so passed.**

Bryan Robbins of Hottcity talked to Council of a historical preservation ordinance for the downtown. A commission would need to be established, appointed by the Mayor. The commission would need to work with property owners and there would need to be guidelines. Bryan stated that he felt the downtown needs to be

protected and that it is already on the National register. He will get information and present it to Council and then go from there.

Mike Casuscelli and other Fall Festival committee members along with K of C members were present to request from the City if a section of a city street could be closed off and the City would grant them the right to go ahead and have a beer garden for the Fall Festival. Mike stated that the beer garden was to be held within the rules of the state.

The Fall Festival Committee originally had the approval of the Decatur County Commissioners to have the beer garden on the courthouse lawn back in June and it was to be controlled and ran by the K of C members. The Commissioners met on September 5<sup>th</sup> and revoked the approval of a beer garden on the courthouse lawn. There was a group of protesters on the courthouse lawn and sidewalk and a group from about three churches approached the Commissioners at their meeting in protest of the beer garden. This revoked change is just 10 days away from the start of the Fall Festival.

Jennifer Sturges spoke of educational material that would be provided. The beer garden would be for Saturday only and you would need to be within the garden to drink.

Paster Doug Preston, Paster Carolyn Williams and Paster Charles Wolfong were present along with some other concerned citizens to speak against the beer garden. The Pastors expressed that they would be willing to help out with funding the Festival next year.

City Attorney Steve Taylor told the Council that he had checked and a beer garden would have to be 200 ft. from a Church or a school. He had checked on the City's liability insurance and the City would need to purchase special liability insurance because their original does not cover a beer garden. The insurance would cost the City \$1500 and they would also have to prepare some State paperwork that would have to be approved as well. There is a technical issue with the Law that would need to be looked at as well.

Council member told the Fall Festival committee and the K of C members that ten days counting the week-end would not give enough time to get all the necessary approvals that the City would need to put in place.

Several Council members expressed concern that the Commissioners would pull the rug out from beneath the Fall Festival Committee just ten days before the

event is to take place. Some felt that the Commissioners have an obligation to reimburse the Fall Festival Committee.

The Kingdom Walk was mentioned as being a Church.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

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Attest:

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Clerk-Treasurer

