

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Mayor Manus advised Council of a water main that was hit by a contractor on the West side and because of that Rick Denney would not be at the meeting to give any updates.

Shawn Green came before Council with a land lease proposal for income for the City. Shawn would like to lease land along the reservoir, next to I-74 for three billboards. This proposal would not cost the City any money, but could generate approximately \$100,000 over a 20 year span for the City. The billboards are only permitted on industrial or commercial ground along highways according to INDOT. This would all be engineered and rules and regulations followed. Access land would be needed for any repairs or necessary work that might be needed. There is a possibility that the billboards might be electronic.

City Attorney Steve Taylor recommended the Water Superintendent and Engineer look at the proposal. The Mayor and Council advised Mr. Green to come back after the City Attorney's recommendation was addressed.

Bryan Robbins of Heart of Tree City presented the third quarterly report. The final farmers market will be this week-end. He has met with Ratio Architects concerning the downtown area and is working with four separate businesses with possibility of locating downtown. Bryan will be in contact to see about having someone from the City on PAC.

Mayor Manus complimented Bryan Robbins on his accomplishments.

Helen Gardner mentioned grants for Fire Departments through the Community Foundation.

Scott Chasteen Fire Chief and Glenn Tebbe a Community Foundation Board Member commented that the grants require a \$5000 match and cannot be tax dollars.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2007-07-23 Water Utility Rules for the City. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2007-09-25 Water and Sewer Deposit. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to pass Resolution 2007-14 Designating the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the Basis for all Incident Management in the City. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Ken Dornich to pass Resolution 2007-13 reducing 2007 budget appropriations for the 2008 budget. All ayes. So passed.

Darren Burkhardt of HNTB gave an update on current projects and the water main break.

Darren stated that the lines were visibly marked but the contractor in the area hit the line anyway. Rick Denney and half or more of his crew are on the scene and working to try and get the line repaired as quickly as possible. They more than likely will be working there for several more hours possibly into the night.

On the current projects, the water line is installed and tested to the Elevated Tank and ready to go. Painting has begun and the inside will be finished first. The painters will take a long week-end off and then will work seven days a week to finish the project.

The Lift Station Force Main is almost installed. They have met with the contractor for the Wastewater Treatment Facility project.

The final ok to proceed on the WWTP and Water plant has been received from SRF and INDEM.

Mayor Manus stated the Wastewater and Water are \$55,000,000 projects to the City.

Clarification was made on the Ridgecrest Tax Abatement as being one more year.

The County did contribute to the Catch-a-Ride, but the County has not contributed to it every year.

Mayor Manus commented the Catch-A-Ride is a worthy program for the community.

Mayor Manus asked if anyone from the audience had anything they would like to bring up. There were no responses.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

