

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 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.

Curtis Wendling with the Tourism requested the blocking of streets for the Christmas Parade November 23rd at 6:30 P.M. The parade will start at the Christian Church and come up Broadway to downtown.

The Council granted the request for the Christmas Parade November 23rd.

Jon Dooley spoke on behalf of the airport. The appraisal came in at over \$2,000,000. The negotiated price for the property is \$1,625,000. A grant from the FAA AIP Program in the amount of \$581,386 would be available at closing. A State of Indiana grant in the amount of \$15,299.63 would follow approximately thirty days later. The remainder will be reimbursed at the combined federal and state level of 95% to 97 ½ %.

Don Mandley of Butler, Fairman & Seufert and Richard Starkey of Barnes & Thornburg Law Firm were present and stated that they followed the Federal guidelines on the appraisal. It calls for one appraisal and then the appraisal is over seen and reviewed by a review appraiser. The grant money is available to use but you have to have a plan to advance the airport. The appraisal process follows Title 49 and talked about the environmental study process.

John Julien of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates gave an over view of the financial plan for the airport purchase. This opens Federal and State dollars to help fund this project. Borrow enough money to acquire the Airport with a note from a bank and be in place up to 2-5 years and could be as short as 6 months. Then enter into a long term financing, the operation revenue will pay for this. Long term bonds may be sold with a back up safety net promising stating property tax revenue to lower the cost of interest on the bonds. You do not have to use property tax money. The long term ceiling is \$3,000,000 and the total project cost is \$11,000,000.

Richard Starkey reported that he has talked with 4-5 banks and you could have a floating rate of interest as opposed to a fixed rate.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on first reading Ordinance 2007-11-27 an ordinance concerning the acquisition, construction and improvement by the city of Greensburg, Indiana, of certain aviation facilities, the issuance and sale of aviation facilities revenue bonds and cash on hand to pay the costs thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the aviation facilities, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of such bonds, the issuance of notes in anticipation of such bonds, and other matters related thereto, including the repealing of ordinances inconsistent herewith. Ayes Gary Herbert, Ken Dornich, Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Representatives of the Greensburg/Decatur County Animal Shelter were present to request support from the City to increase the salaries paid in 2008 for the Shelter Manager and Animal Control Officer. They stated the base pay had not been increased for 15 years. They brought information of surrounding counties and what the Greensburg/Decatur County Shelter has adopted and services they provide now as opposed to before. Their request is \$28,000 for the Shelter Manager (36 hours a week) and \$26,000 for the Animal Control Officer (36 hours a week).

Council stated they have no say over the Shelter budget. That is the County Council and the City pays half of the budget expenses set by the County. The City Council is supportive of a pay increase for the shelter manager and animal officer control for 2008.

City Attorney Steve Taylor reported that the two appraisals have been received for the Old City Hall/Carnegie Library and the old Senior Center lot.

Steve has been in contact with Mark Dollase of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. The City is interested in protecting the façade of the old City Hall as well as the dome and dome features inside.

Mr. Dollase indicated the City of Greensburg could convey an easement to the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana for those purposes and then, when the building is sold, it would be subject to that easement. The potential buyer would buy the property with the understanding that the façade and dome and interior of the dome would need to conform to historic preservation standards. There is a

\$5000 monitoring fee that would need to be paid by the City of Greensburg to the Historic Landmarks Foundation. This fee could be paid with proceeds from the sale.

The easement would need to be recorded prior to the sale of the real estate. The easement would be forever once it is approved and recorded.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Helen Gardner to request a restriction be put on the Old City Hall Building pertaining to the easement of the rotunda dome and the inside of the dome as well as the façade of the building. Ayes Gary Herbert, Ken Dornich, Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Third reading on Ordinance 2007-11-26 Water Utility Rules for City was tabled at this time.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2007-09-25 Water and Sewer Deposit Revised Ordinance 2001-28. Ayes Gary Herbert, Ken Dornich, Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2001-11-26 an ordinance changing the zoning of real estate "R-2" one and two family residence district to "B-2" general business district. Potential buyer must stay within the Comprehensive Plan. Ayes Gary Herbert, Ken Dornich, Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Glenn Tebbe reported on the annexation of Honda and the legal steps that have been completed with survey's done and all the other pieces put in place to get this all done before March 1st, 2008. There will be several special meetings in the months of November and December of 2007 and some in January 2008.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to approve pay for annexation surveys from Riverboat monies. Ayes Gary Herbert, Ken Dornich, Larry Bower, Glenn Tebbe and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

The MicroLoan Grant for \$75,000 is completed and sent to the State.

Bryan Robbins of HottCity reported a Governor's downtown grant of \$20,000 has been awarded and this will help to facilitate a new building or current building (no equipment). HottCity now has \$95,000 in a loan pool.

Ratio Architects will be coming to town on a two day meeting where the public can give their input.

A volunteer from the City is needed on the committee for bike trails. Update on the sesquicentennial.

Glenn Tebbe asked if anyone would be willing to be on the bike trail committee and Ken Dornich volunteered.

Vicki Kellerman EDC Executive handed out a report. She introduced Anita Kendall as the new administrative assistant.

Vicki invited everyone to the Indiana Automotive Industrial Expo at the Park 421 (old NTN building) on November 28th. EDC and Home Federal Bank will be hosting the first Southeast regional expo.

Mayor Manus stated the new MainSource Corporate Office will have 70-80 employees. MainSource had purchased the old Jay C building and renovated it into their Corporate Offices.

Scott Chasteen Fire chief told the Council that Neil Sullivan III has resigned to return to the Fisher's Fire Department where he originally came to Greensburg from.

Don Polston wanted the Mayor and Council to realize that on Halloween night the St. Mary's Youth collected a huge amount of canned goods etc and gave to the Bread of Life.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer

