

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Helen Gardner, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Bill Wenning.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present.

Minutes were approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Police Chief Brian Heaton presented Rev. Lee Riggs a plaque in honor of his 16 years of service as Chaplain with the police department. Rev. Riggs will be retiring at the end of December and moving.

Rev. Riggs expressed his appreciation and thanks.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass Resolution 2008-25 and Resolution 2008-26 and to approve new tax abatements for Pro-Fab LLC three years on personal property and Neal and Neal LLC five years on real estate and three years on personal property. Ayes Darrell Poling, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2008-21 reducing the 2008 budget to help fund the proposed 2009 budget. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Darrell Poling to transfer monies from the Cumulative Fire, Rainy Day and River Boat to the General Fund if needed by the end of the year. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2008-28 an ordinance allowing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay certain types of claims prior to allowance of the claim. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2008-28. Ayes Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 20080-28. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2008-29 (amending ordinance 2004-15 and all amendments thereto and ordinance 1980-6 and all amendments thereto and ordinance 1983-8 and all amendments thereto and ordinance 1999-22 and all amendments thereto) an Ordinance amending section 3.15 overtime, fire department personnel policies of the City of Greensburg, Indiana Code of Ordinances. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2008-29. Ayes Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Jamie Cain to suspend the rules and regulations. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2008-29. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen stated the city had replaced the first city fire truck. The truck, engine #2 will be 30 years old. The City owns three fire trucks housed at the Fire Station. Engine truck #2 has an extension on it. He would like to keep a replacement rotation of the City's fire trucks.

The new proposed ordinance for the animal control was reviewed by Laura Johnston, animal shelter manager. When the ordinance is worded the way the City would like to see then they would like for the ordinance to be passed by the City Council and then taken to the smaller towns to be passed.

The animal shelter personnel would like to have the animal control officer to be able to issue citations. The licensing and vaccinations spelled out, a license fee for neutered/spayed dogs and cats, a higher fee if the animals are not spayed/neutered, fine has to be paid at the shelter for dogs running loose before getting the dog returned to owner, permit for owning several animals, training for animal officer to (maybe) be able to carry a firearm because of the large amount of pit bulls in the City and County and the pit bull puppy mills in the County.

They are having a huge amount of dogs and cats coming into the shelter that is causing them to have a hard time trying to keep ahead of the situation. Many people are surrendering their animals because of the economic times.

You can e-mail the shelter personnel at Shelter22@Verizon.net.

Council revisited the list of organizations that had requested funds from the city.

After discussion the Council favored giving \$30,000 for 2008 to HottCity. Four of the Council members felt the intentions of the former administration were to give HottCity \$30,000 for the 2008 year and they felt they should honor that.

David Miers represented HottCity and informed the Council that they are working with DGDC to come together as one group. HottCity had planned on having a fundraiser, but without the \$30,000 funds from the City this year, they were not able to have the fundraiser. He would like to leave the door open for the request of \$30,000 for the year 2009 from the City.

HottCity to receive \$30,000 from Edit funds for the year 2008.

After discussion, Council members all favored giving EDC \$60,000 for the year 2009 from Edit funds.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Bill Wenning to give Catch-A-Ride \$5,000 from the Riverboat Fund for 2009. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Jamie Cain. Nays Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. So passed.

The Fitness Path was tabled at this time.

Council agreed to give \$4,500 from Edit funds for the Historic Preservation & Landmark.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to give the Learning Center \$10,000 from the Riverboat fund in 2009. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Jamie Cain to give \$5,000 from the Riverboat Fund to the Greensburg School Resource Officer. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

The report from the Plan Commission was submitted to Council concerning the approval for a certain site plan owned by Sundance Property Management, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio for a 120 unit apartment complex. The developers agreed to have appropriate drainage for the entire site in which includes pre and post development. Also, the water line will be looped within the site and have adequate fire protection, in which includes an access drive for a fire department connection at the retention pond.

Scott Chasteen Fire Chief gave the traffic control report. They had a request from a resident to have a handicap space sign placed in front of their home. They were informed that a handicap space sign placed in front of their home would be for any vehicle that has a handicap plate or card.

There was a kitchen fire down by the Corner Store and the Fire Department could not find the home because of the address.

Helen Gardner asked the Police Chief Brian Heaton for a report on his recent trip to San Diego, California to the International Police Seminar.

Police Chief Brian Heaton stated that he was not prepared to report on his trip at this time.

Helen requested him to make a report at the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer