

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2009
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:

Election of the new president for council for the year 2009 was held.

Herb Hunter nominated Bill Wenning for president. There was no second, the nomination failed.

Jamie Cain nominated Darrell Poling for Council President, seconded by Helen Gardner. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Darrell Poling abstained. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to designate the Greensburg Daily News and Times as the City of Greensburg advertising newspaper. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Tim Ortman from the County presented information on the County's extension of GIS mapping and is requesting \$16,000 from the City to be a joint partner in the additional process. The City originally paid a portion of the first previous GIS mapping. Since the last mapping, there have been several road changes and Honda has been added. He wanted to know if the City was interested in receiving the GIS mapping data and for a portion of the \$71,000, being \$16,000 then the City could have the data information for area photos.

The Homeland Security does not have any grants presently for GIS mapping. The County pays for this out of their reassessment fund.

The Council feels this is worth while for the City.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve from RiverBoat funds the sum of \$16,000 to the County towards the GIS mapping continuation. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Street Superintendent Mark Klosterkemper reported to the Council that with all the Storms and Flooding that the City has had to deal with, the cost was \$43,000. Fema reimbursed the City \$36,500 and United Fund helped and did all the gathering of information and received from the Eli Lilly Fund \$6,500 that was distributed to the City through the United Fund, making up the \$43,000.

Mark had a Thank You card that he was asking the Council members to sign and he would send it to the United Fund for all their effects and help in getting the Eli Lilly funds for the City.

Eric Frey from ARA at Columbus was present and gave an update on the housing grant project. The grant is for \$250,000 and is for repair and helping to fix up low income, elderly and handicap applicant homes. There would be up to \$13,000 worth of improvements per applicant homes that are approved should the City be awarded the grant. They are soliciting letters of support.

Council suggested getting the newspaper and radio involved and maybe they could do a separate article about this program.

Council members received a letter from the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church requesting a partnership with the City in case of an emergency or disaster situation should ever arise.

They have approximately 50 children and 6-8 staff members at their Good Shepherd Christian Academy held at the First Baptist Church.

They are requesting the use of the City Hall gymnasium as shelter for them in an emergency situation and in return they are offering the First Baptist Church gymnasium as shelter for all City Hall personnel if there should be an emergency situation arise at City Hall.

Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Herbert stated that the Animal Control Board has a position that is up for the Council appointment. Mary Miers position is up this year and he has talked with her and she would be willing to stay on for another four years. Mayor Herbert stated that Mary is very dedicated to the Board and to the responsibility of all animals.

Council members unanimously approved the appointment of Mary Miers to the Animal Control Board for four years.

Charity Mitchell and George Granholt came before council representing the Historical Society. They are in need of storage and are asking if the City would have a 20x30 ft. space that they would be willing to allow the Historical Society to use. There would not be any paint or any inflammable materials being stored. They would agree to the hours of City Hall and would not expect the storage to be available at other times.

A Council member suggested maybe storing on a year to year base and Council take this under advisement.

The Fitness Path Group is on hold for now.

Police Chief Brian Heaton reported on his trip to San Diego, California to the International Chief Conference November 8th – 12th. He handed out a report to the Council on the classes he attended. He feels the department needs to become more involved in advanced technology.

A Council member asked if securing grants would be possible for this advanced technology.

Eric Frey of ARA stated that there are not grants readily available for police departments. He will keep this in mind and they will look for any possible grants.

Council members suggested using the tech guys in the department to put their heads together and come up with what is really needed for the department.

Councilwoman questioned how many other states are going to a 10 -12 hour work shift. She asked about the Chief networking with other police chiefs in the State of Indiana instead of out of State.

The chief told Council he is planning on starting 10 hour shifts in June.

Animal Control would like for the new City Attorney to look at the revised animal ordinance and give comments.

Kathy Reynolds handed out a 2008 Building Permit report. Building permits were way down from 2007. In 2007 there were 180 and in 2008 there were 134.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

