

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 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, motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner. All ayes. So passed.

Discussion was held concerning Ordinance 2009-5. This ordinance would be putting signs at a cap of 75ft. on Interstate. Two signs would be grandfathered in and they are the Napoleon State Bank and Green Sign. No sign can be less than 2500ft. radius from a center of an interchange.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2009-5 amending sign ordinance 1999-15. Ayes Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2009-6 amending ordinance 2008-16 salary adjustment for part-time clerical. Ayes Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass Resolution 2009-8 establish line item and transfer money for custodian and part-time services. Ayes Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

A letter was given to council on all the updates going on with the Economic Development Corporation. The Annual Meeting will be at noon on June 30th at the Hampton Inn.

Bob Dawson reported on the Bike Path. They have applied for an INDOT grant and were one of seven entities to be interviewed. They did not receive a grant

but can try again next year. They have looked at the Stimulus grant. You have to be shovel ready for it and all easements obtained.

Sharon Hollowell presented a check for \$5,000 from the Decatur County Community Foundation for the 150th celebration.

Bill Wenning was originally appointed by the Council to the 911 Board.

Bill stated that due to his job he cannot make all the 911 meetings and he feels that Council should re-appoint someone to this Board. They do not have to be a Council member.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Herb Hunter to appoint Jeff Steele to the Decatur County Enhanced 911 Board. Ayes Darrell Poling, Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Discussion was held concerning the tax abatement for R & C Realty LLC. Mayor Herbert would like to terminate this abatement and then issue new tax abatement to the new owner of the property.

Much discussion was held if this could be properly done. Mayor stated he had talked with Janet Chadwell and this could be done.

Council asked the City Attorney to look into this.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to make a recommendation to terminate the tax abatement for R & C Realty LLC due to non compliance. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Two council members attended the Historical Preservation meeting and reported that the Board is going to go back to the drawing board.

Council members stated that they would like to see a majority of property owners involved in this.

Council is open to tentative seeing if an option could be worked out with the Historical Society for storage at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer