

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING-SPECIAL  
DECEMBER 28, 2010  
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken and all was present.

Mayor Herbert announced the opening of public hearing for grant funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (IOCRA) in Disaster Recovery for improvements to the Gas Creek Watershed area.

Mary McCarty of Southeast Indiana Regional Planning Commission was present and Jessica Hartman, Project Engineer.

The local match would be \$73,000.

Connie McCracken manager of Rain Motel Apartments, read a letter from her son Don who lives in Texas and is owner of the property, in support of the project.

David Begley has an office across from the area and stated this is a serious problem and is in support of the project.

Scott Chasteen Fire Chief stated he is in support of the project because it effects his department in personnel.

City Engineer spoke of the purposed issues and projects for the area, retention pond, work at the Railroad Bridge and running of tile and pipe.

A couple of council members inquired about dredging of Gas Creek and what would be the procedure to dredge or clean the area.

City Engineer explained the big problem is the railroad bridge. On dredging there is a problem with DNR and the killing of fish and easements would have to be signed. Just cleaning some of the trees and brush could be done when the area is dry. Additional work would need to be done on the pond behind A to Z.

Dave Begley stated this is a good place for little trees to grow and if people would cut them off and put them out for the street department to pick up instead of throwing them in the creek where they go down stream and cause problems.

A council member stated that he cleans the stream behind his property every spring and if others would do the same would be a big help.

Monies have been spent from EDIT so far and the amount is approximately \$75,000. They are looking at an 8% contingency.

The City is trying to negotiate with a property owner by interstate 74 to locate a second retention pond, but have not been able to come to terms.

Mayor Herbert closed the public hearing.

**Motion to adjourn the public hearing by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass Resolution 2010-10 Authorizing Application Submission and to use Rainy Day Funds. Ayes Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Bill Wenning to amend Resolution 2010-10 to include item #2 and pass Resolution 2010-10 as amended. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

City Engineer Gary Murray explained that they received four bids for the Downtown Revitalization Renovation. The bids came in higher than they had

anticipated and he, Mark Klosterkemper and Kevin Foster with Schneider went to the Commissioners and requested more money from the County for the project. The County is willing to give \$25,000 more but is taking out some of the original plans for the War Memorial area renovation.

Kevin Foster explained the painting of the crosswalks and stressed the use of stamped asphalt instead of painting. The cost of painting is \$55,000. Stamped Asphalt would last longer than painting. This is the Broadway area only until the other sides of the square is proceeded with. The other sides would not cost as much as the Broadway side.

**Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to take \$55,000 from the Rainy Day Fund for Stamped Asphalt of cross walks for the Broadway area of the square. Ayes Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

Gary Murray City Engineer stated the low bidder is Johanningman Excavating but this cannot be awarded at this time until they can sit down with the contractor. They will have to be able to meet the time limit.

Mayor Herbert stated he has talked with two people for the Plan Commission Board, Larry Hadler, Jr. and Julie Himes. If any of the Council knows of anyone else to let him know.

Mayor Herbert spoke with Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner about one of them serving on the Board of Works for the year 2011. Jamie Cain has agreed to serve on the Board of Works for the year 2011.

Mayor Herbert thanked Darrell Poling for being on the Board of Works for the year 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Presiding Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer

