

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present.

Minutes were approved motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Darrell Poling. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Jamie Cain to set Trick or Treat hours for the City, October 31st 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. Ayes Darrell Poling, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Bryan Robbins spoke about how an EDTA or Economic Development Target Area would benefit the downtown area with tax credits and tax abatement. An ER would need to be established first and establish your boundaries.

Council members ask Bryan to see what Columbus has and include information in their packets for the November meeting. They would like to utilize whatever is possible to help businesses move into the downtown area

Council had three names to consider for their BZA appointment, David Leas, Tony Colson and Cliff Nobbe

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to appoint David Leas to the BZA Board. Ayes Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve Resolution 2011-10 transferring money for BZA/Plan Assistant salary. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass Resolution 2011-11 Reducing 2011 budget. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass Resolution 2011-12 and SB-1 for tax abatement for GECOM for 5 years on manufacturing equipment on recommendation of the Tax Abatement Committee as long as number of employment is retained in the Greensburg Area. Ayes Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass Resolution 2011-13, transfer of dormant funds. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2011-17 amending 2010-8 salary ordinance. Ayes Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

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

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Bill Wenning to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2011-17, part-time clerical at police department to \$10 per hour. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass 2012 amended Budget on 2nd reading. Ayes Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

City Engineer informed the Council the Plan Commission is revising a sign Ordinance draft for Council to review. Shawn Green requested this.

A walk thru was done with INDOT on Lincoln Street.

Four bids were opened last week for the Gas Creek Project and some permits are still needed before awarding the project.

The sunset red maples trees that had been picked out for the Broadway Project, I get too big and full and can clog drains. They have decided to go with a Gingko tree that is slow growing, but they cost \$100 more per tree which amounts to \$1500 additionally.

The Freeland Road Project has to be started by this Friday and will take 2 ½ - 3 weeks.

Council member stated that coming up the inside of Broadway North and Washington Street, the drain is quite low and the lane doesn't align up more with the Broadway North across. You come up more to the right where the store sits on the corner.

A question concerning the sign on Montgomery being still up, couldn't this be taken down?

It was stated the sign could not come down until the project is completely done.

Mayor had a letter from the Community Foundation about a Council member appointment to their Board.

This will need to be done after the November election is over to see who will be on the Council.

Council President and Personnel Committee member brought up the situation of compensation for the Street Commissioner who is exempt and in a salaried position. Council President was at the Audit Exit Meeting and the SBOA stated this cannot be paid to him and would need to be paid back. They are to make a decision and let the SBOA know what they are doing. It is in the Audit report.

Mayor stated Mark did road inspections on Lincoln Street and got up at 2:00 in the morning. He stated that, he and the Tif Board made this decision and Mark has offered to pay it back.

Tif Board President stated that he recollects that the Tif Board did not approve this ahead of time, but agreed to pay for this after the fact.

A Council member feels Mark was given this job should be paid for doing the job.

City Attorney stated, as part of the construction project, felt this was beneficial to the City and he was hired by the Tif to do this. SBOA says this is the same as his regular job and cannot be paid overtime. You can make a one-time salary adjustment by changing the personnel policy.

Another Council member and also a member of the Personnel Committee stated that this is in violation of the personnel policy and cannot be paid overtime for this position. The Personnel Committee feels the only way to rectify this is to have it reversed. Mark is qualified.

Street Commissioner Mark Klosterkemper stated he would pay it back, he didn't care.

It was stated the Personnel Committee met and reported to Council the monies are to be paid back.

Council President stated they had had the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to do up a sheet showing exempt and non-exempt salaries for the last three years. There is quite a difference between the department head and employee salary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer