

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present.

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

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bill Wenning to amend the agenda order and move Gary Murray first under old business. Ayes Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Gary Murray City Engineer gave the update on the Lincoln Street Project. By July 1st the area from the Hospital to the By-Pass should be done curb to curb. Landscaping will be into the fall. They are also working on pot holes.

There is a change order coming for \$5750 on the Broadway Street Project. The Mayor has offered to pay for this from EDIT funds. This was overlooked in the original design and will run all the drainage under the sidewalks.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Jamie Cain to approve the Edit funds for the change order. Ayes Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Drew Barth could not be present and Bryan Robbins of Greensburg Main Street represented the Historic Preservation Commission on their request of third reading for their Ordinance 2011-3.

Bryan read reasons why this ordinance should be passed and the time that has been utilized into putting this altogether.

The three tier process was a concern and discussed. A Council member would like to see the three tier appeal referenced in the Ordinance.

It was stated that the third reading is only establishing the District and not the guidelines.

Kathy Reynolds BZA/PLAN Director stated the original start of this Ordinance has been constantly changed due to the State changes in codes and it has been written to consider those constant changes as they are passed down.

There were several that spoke in opposition of this ordinance.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass amendment and the addition of it to Ordinance 2011-3 as Section 3 and move original Section 3 to be Section 4.

Section 3 will read as follows:

Application for Certificates of Appropriateness. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be made in the Building, Planning, and Zoning Office, 314 West Washington Street, Greensburg on forms provided by HPC. (Pending: HPC will create forms.) All applications shall be subject to the rules and requirements established by the Commission. Rules may include, but not limited to, filing deadlines and application requirements such as sketches, drawings, photographs, descriptions, or other information which the Commission requires to make a decision.

Approval or denial of Certificates of Appropriateness. The Commission may approve or deny Certificates of Appropriateness for any actions covered by this title. If an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness is approved by the Commission, or is not acted on by the Commission within 30 days after it is filed, a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be issued. The Commission may grant an extension of the 30-day limit if the applicant agrees to it. The Commission must report its findings and the reasons for its decision in written form and supply the applicant with a copy of its report. A copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness must be submitted with the application for a building or demolition permit; no building or demolition permit shall be issued unless a copy of the Certificate of Appropriateness is provided by the applicant with the application. Any person aggrieved by the Commission's decision may appeal to the City Council of Greensburg.

Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2011-3 with amendment. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays Bill Wenning and Herb Hunter. So passed.

Eric Kranz from the Southeastern Indiana Small Business Development Center was present and gave an update and reviewed the first quarter progress report.

The new Economic Development Director Marc Coplon was introduced and he gave an update. A business appreciation day is planned for September 13th.

Mr. Mike Mlecsko came before Council to request five year tax abatement on the Valeo personal property instead of the three year abatement the Council passed at the April meeting. These tax abatements and resolutions are on the Chrysler, Nissan and Ford projects. He stated they plan on hiring 114 employees and most of these would be full-time and start sometime in 2012.

It was decided the Tax Abatement Committee would meet again and review all the information and they requested Mr. Mlecsko attend their meeting.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Jamie Cain to approve renewal for Neal & Neal 2 real estate and 1 personal property for 2011 and Don Horan 2 real estate for 2011. Ayes Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Mayor Herbert included a letter to the Council members recommending Council go back and waives the late tax abatement for Don Horan on 2 real estate

abatements for year 2010. Mr. Horan admitted he just forgot to apply for the renewal last year.

Two of the Council members on the tax abatement committee stated they are not in favor of waiving this. They stated if they do this for one then do they go back and do this for others. Mr. Horan told the committee that Janet (the Mayor's Secretary) should send out reminders in January to all that have tax abatements with the City.

Mayor Herbert and a couple of the Council members stated they felt this should be waived this one time due to the economic times.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Jamie Cain to waive the non-compliance and approve the 2 real estate tax abatements for the year 2010 for Don Horan. Ayes Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Darrell Poling. Nays Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. So passed.

BZA/Plan Director Kathy Reynolds talked about the Ordinance 2011-11, the annexing of the St. Mary's Parcel. St. Mary's wants to annex the area to be in the City and be a City Street.

The Plan Commission has recommended this annexation. It would need to be advertised and have a public hearing at the meeting next month.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bill Wenning to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2011-11 annexing St. Mary's Parcel into the City of Greensburg. Ayes Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer