

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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.

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

Gary Murray gave the Lincoln Street Project update. Surface layer to be put on the south end, raise manholes and address a few issues

Broadway Street project has some punch items being addressed.

A Council member asked if the city is going to be able to get the city trucks through on the Broadway project.

Mark Klosterkemper and Gary Murray stated yes.

Mike Wenning and Dan Wells came before the Council to make known the Animal Shelter is requesting to the County to be able to purchase a 4x4 truck. The truck they have is costing a lot in repairs and in the winter they cannot access areas because of the snow and weather.

They wanted to come before the Council since the City and County split the Animal shelter budget. They stated that usually the County will ask them to go before the City Council and they thought they would come and get the Council's thoughts first.

After discussion, the Mayor stated the City is on board for the cost of a truck if the County approves the purchase.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass on 1st reading amending Ordinance 2011-12 and amending Ordinance 2011-16, salaries and wages, clarify clothing allowances and fringe benefits. Ayes Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

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

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 2nd reading amending Ordinance 2011-12 and amending Ordinance 2011-16. Ayes Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

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

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3rd reading amending Ordinance 2011-12 and amending Ordinance 2011-16. Ayes Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2011-13, Ordinance 2011-14 and Ordinance 2011-15, salaries for employees, appointed and elected for year 2012. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to move insurance money from General Fund to Police Equipment Fund. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Gary Murray City Engineer explained the North Corridor Road Extension. The cost is approximately \$15,000,000 to \$16,000,000 million dollars. He has submitted this to INDOT to be put on their list of projects. The cost for this project will probably not be approved for now. Some landowners and businesses are willing to donate on the phase I of the project.

A Council member questioned if a four lane road would be better than a three lane. He feels the roadway needs to be kept big enough to accommodate good businesses.

Gary Murray stated he did not feel a four lane would be warranted and INDOT takes a look at all of this. You have to already have the need for a four lane. The best place for this extension is off of Lincoln Street. All of this is only in the talking stage. Phase I will be from 421 to Moscow Road.

Eric Krantz of the SISBDC gave an update and a handout on the first half of 2011 compared to the first half of 2010 and requested approval of \$2500 for the last half of 2011.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to approve \$2500 for the last half of year 2011 for the Southeast Indiana Small Business Development Center. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Marc Copeland came before the Council requesting approval for a joint City and County proclamation for EDC, Chamber of Commerce, Decatur County, City of Greensburg and Greensburg Main Street program to assist the businesses Thursday, September 22nd with an Appreciation Business Day.

A Council member asked if we have enough rooftop to bring big businesses in. The economy has played a big factor when it took a dive.

Another Council member questioned if City would want to have EDC move into City Hall. Does the Council or Board of Works approve this.

City Attorney Tim Coriden stated it would be the Board of Works who would need to approve this move.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Herb Hunter to approve partnering with the County on the City and County proclamation. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Mayor Herbert brought up the subject of loaning EDIT money to the Tif Redevelopment Commission to finish the Lincoln Street project. The ban the Redevelopment Commission had taken out will mature the last of August and with the project so near being done, he would like for them to use their funds and pay off the bans. Then to finish out the project, loan from the EDIT funds and let them pay EDIT back when they get their November/December draw of money from the County. This would save a lot of fees and interest paid out.

City Attorney Tim Coriden explained how this would all work. EDIT money would act as a cash flow it money got to tight for the Redevelopment Commission on the finishing up of Lincoln Street.

He stated that H.J. Umbaugh & Associates recommended Council support the Tif to use EDIT funds not to exceed \$600,000, repayable from Tif to EDIT.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve the use of EDIT funds for the Redevelopment Commission, any funds loaned to be paid back. Ayes Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Bill Wenning nay. So passed.

City Attorney Tim Coriden spoke about an employee (department head) who was used on the Lincoln Street project and according to the State Board of Accounts with this person being exempt, he cannot be paid overtime.

In order to correct this, the personnel policy would have to be ratified.

A Council member stated this needs to go before the personnel committee. This was brought up back in January and the City Attorney was going to review the job descriptions for the City Engineer and Street Superintendent.

City Attorney Tim Coriden feels this has to be for the Lincoln Street project only.

Question was asked about the news on installation of traffic lights out on the 421 North areas.

A count study is being done for the determination of if a light is warranted or not.

Will have a budget workshop August 11, at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

ATTEST: _____ Clerk-Treasurer