

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 2, 2014

TIME: 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Darrell Poling, Terry Wagner and Glenn Tebbe, Blake O'Mara and Jamie Cain

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken

Darrell Poling moved to approve the May 5, 2014 minutes as presented and Terry Wagner seconded; voice vote recorded all ayes no nays; Jamie Cain and Blake O'Mara abstained; motion passed.

**Gary Murray- City Engineer** provided **Ordinance 2014-5** amending **2013-1 Sign Ordinance** to include fines for temporary signs for a second reading. Blake O'Mara moved to pass Ordinance 2014-5 on its second reading and Terry Wagner seconded; voice vote recorded all ayes no nays; motion passed.

**Mayor Gary Herbert-** discussed **Ordinance 2014-4 Amending Ordinance 2013-7** Mayor Herbert would like to continue to improve the job description for the Mayor's Secretary by using social networking such as improvements to the City's Website and Facebook to help educate and inform the local citizens. Blake O'Mara moved to pass Ordinance 2014-4 Amending ordinance 2013-7 and Terry Wagner seconded; roll call vote recorded Blake O'Mara, Terry Wagner, Jamie Cain, Glenn Tebbe and Darrell Poling nays no ayes; motion failed.

**Marc Coplan-Economic Development Director** provided an update on the economic and community development of Greensburg and Decatur County. A job fair was held on April 17th with 25 employer exhibitors and a turnout of 349 job seekers. Decatur County's unemployment rate is declining over the year and as of April 2014 was 5%, declining from April 2013 at 7.8%. The International Material Handling project is a transition company from Custom Conveyor; EDC is considering providing a low interest loan from EDC's revolving loan program to help with some startup costs. New business topics include Fuzion Products, an industrial nail manufacturer that will essentially increase employment. There is a natural gas fueling station being built adjacent to INDOT facility on Highway 421 under the name CNG Fuels, Inc., this will add about 8 new jobs. Finally, Juvi Solar which is a German based solar energy facility seeking a Decatur County location. EDC is seeking approval of GECOM's Amy Bray as its recommendation for the reorganized Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board (SEIWIB). The next EDC annual meeting is June 12, 2014 at 12pm and the council is invited.

**Mayor Gary Herbert-** presented **Abatement Renewals** approved by the abatement committee. Terry Wagner motioned to approve GECOM 2006-1 and Neal & Neal, LLC. 2008-26 & 2009-7 and Blake O'Mara seconded; voice vote recorded all ayes no nays; motion passed.

**Jon Dooley- Airport Board President** provided information stating that Greensburg Airport continues to be self-sufficient by hanger rentals and fuel sales. In a few days they will be installing a new updated fuel system that fits all of the modern requirements. The system cost \$110,000. The taxiway and apron is planned to be resurfaced this year. The expansion of the runway is still moving forward; project is not worked by deadlines but instead a slow step-by-step procedure; the local board is working with engineers in Chicago on the project.

**Stacey Chasteen-Police Chief-** provided a 2012-2013 report to Council Members prior to the meeting and was available to answer any questions from the information provided. Chief Chasteen was asked to clarify different types of training and purposes. Between 2012 and 2013 the calls for service have dropped, but doesn't necessarily mean crime has dropped. However, the crime statistics show that the calls for service in 2013 were more substantial cases. They were overall higher profile cases than in 2012. Chief Chasteen has also asked for more manpower in the department. Currently the Police Department has 19 Officers and when compared to other cities with our population the City of Greensburg should have 24-26 officers.

**Gary Murray-City Engineer** provided a report for 2012-2013 from Engineering Department. Budget mainly consists of salary and office supplies. Report status of plans on new projects: Family Dollar expansion W. Main Street, new Verizon Store behind Waffle House and CNG fueling station North Michigan Ave. Veterans Way Phase 1- bids received and will be opened at June 25, 2015 Redevelopment Commission meeting. A small portion will be completed by Thanksgiving 2014 and substantial completion scheduled for fall of 2015. Possible funding for Phase 2 is being discussed with hopes of receiving local public agency funding from INDOT. Vandalia Road project is set to take bids in October, utility relocations happening over winter months and roadway construction to be started April 2015. Construction on the Historic Greensburg Square project has begun and is expected to be open for rent starting fall of 2014. Also, the Tree City Housing project at the corner of First and Ireland Streets is underway. Construction is expected to start late 2014 or early 2015. Everyday business is still running as the department continues to issue permits and notices regarding yard upkeep and mowing, and responding to questions regarding zoning classifications.

**Donna Lecher-Utility Office Manager** provided a Utility Office Report for 2012 and 2013. The report was provided to familiarize the council with

details from the office: staff and duties, money allocations (charges and receivables), and billing office projects.

**Rick Denny, Water Superintendent- provided a Water Superintendent Report for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Operations Report as well as the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.**

**Darrell Poling-**provided a report covering speakers and topics at the Board of Works meeting: Renewal for 2014-2015 Property Casualty and Workman's Comp; Tri-Kappa Sorority was approved to close city streets for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade; Duke Energy received approval for electrical line easement; Reedy Financial provided a report of City Financials for 2013.

With nothing further to come before the board or the public, Terry Wagner moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer