

# COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

September 2, 2003

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

**Present:** Mayor Gary Bailey , Ed Dwenger, Herb Hunter, Helen Gardner , David Leas and Bruce Tressler.

Minutes were approved.

Mr. & Mrs. John Stewart of the Fairview Addition, were present to disagree on the traffic study that was done in Fairview area. Mr. & Mrs. Stewart stated they have called on 121 residents of the area and 120 of them have signed the petition they had, wanting to change the speed limit from 30MPH to 20MPH.

Bruce Tressler stated Mr. Stewart had talked to him at the fair about this and Bruce stated he agrees with Mr. Stewart, because it is hilly and there are no sidewalks and lots of children.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose stated the average speed is 25MPH from doing the study.

Kathy Crippen stated she feels if one addition is changed then all additions would need to be changed from 30 MPH to 20 MPH.

Mayor Bailey stated that he would have the traffic committee reconvene and make a report at the next Council meeting in October.

Edward Culpepper Cooper and Beth Hall were present to report on the Cities Health Insurance. The claims are running at 56% and by taking an actuarial look at claims plus fixed cost and retention increase for 2004, Mr. Cooper advised a 10% increase in the line item for the health insurance benefits. The balance in the non-reverting fund is \$668,794.56.

David Leas asked if it would be more appropriate to change the insurance renewal date to a month prior to the deadline for preparing the city's budget.

Mr. Cooper stated that with a fully funded plan that this statement would be very appropriate, but with a partially self-funded plan, such as the city has, we would need to start over on the 12 month attachment point for claims that fall under the reinsurance contract.

Mr. T.M. Wells of Wells Valuation Services gave a presentation on fixed assets and inventory of City Hall Offices, Police, Fire and Street/Sanitation departments.

Quote of \$6,000 plus any meetings with State Board of Accounts or any other agency at \$125 hour plus reimbursable expenses. An annual update yearly at a cost of \$600 per year plus, billing per hourly rate and reimbursement for travel, meals and related expenses.

Council will take under advisement.

Mayor told Council on the Ordinance 2003-18 Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Enhanced Telecommunications of Indiana, they would pay a 5% of gross revenues. This cable service comes from Sunman/Batesville and would give residents a choice for cable service.

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 2003-18. So passed.**

Discussion was held concerning raises.

Bruce Tressler wanted it to be known that the number \$1,350 was just thrown around NOT SET. Employees received the biggest raise two years ago of \$1,050, to make up for the year when there was no raise. Last year they received \$650 and that is about average of raises normally being given.

Helen Gardner feels we should be careful and feels \$1,000 is a good number for a raise.

David Leas feels that the city has very good employees, but feels that \$1,350 is too high.

Ed Dwenger told Council members that they knew what his feelings were.

Herb Hunter stated we have a responsibility to the taxpayers, but feels a raise of \$1,000 is good.

**Mayor asks for a motion for \$1,000 raise, motion by Herb Hunter, dies for lack of second.**

**Mayor asks for a motion for \$900 raise, dies for lack of motion.**

**Mayor asks for a motion for \$800 raise, dies for lack of motion.**

**Mayor asks for a motion for \$750 raise, motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by David Leas. Helen Gardner , David Leas and Bruce Tressler ayes. Herb Hunter and Ed Dwenger nay. So passed.**

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by David Leas passing Ordinances 2003-11, 2003-12, 2003-13, 2003-14. Helen Gardner , David Leas and Bruce Tressler ayes. Herb Hunter and Ed Dwenger nay. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on final reading Ordinance 2003-15 Budget for 2004 with cuts made in the special budget sessions and leaving \$75,000 in the animal control budget for new building making the city's portion being \$125,000. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance 2003-16. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance 2003-16. So passed.

Herb Hunter gave an update on the Board of Works meeting.

Extra manhole is needed on Lincoln Street .

Greg Rust spoke to the Council asking the City to fund \$25,000 for the IACT program for downtown.

Rick Meadows spoke and stated he feels the IACT program is a good program but feels Fortune Management is better. Ball State is very good and the cost of their program would be \$7500. September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Courthouse, Ball State representative would be coming for an informative session and would like for anyone that could attend to come if room is available.

Bruce Tressler stated that he would like to hear from all before making any decision.

Herb Hunter stated that he feels a common voice is needed before the City spends any money.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.**

Minutes prepared and presented by: **L. June Ryle, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Greensburg**