

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2004
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Frank Manus, Helen Gardner, Gary Herbert, Glenn Tebbe, Larry Bower and Ken Dornich.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

New Directions director Jan Bartels, came as she had been requested by Council members at an earlier meeting. Jan stated that any one in need of the shelter can stay for 30-45 days and they have had one to stay 43 days. They try to help find a job for them. The shelter is in need of at least \$5,000 to help fund the remainder of the year. They have had to use extra funds for their part-time helper to take care of the residents they served. Jan also ask for Council to include them in the 2005 year budget. Batesville and Rushville are both opening a shelter. Batesville will serve five of their surrounding counties that also receive riverboat monies from the same county as they do. Greensburg is not in this.

The Clerk-Treasurer told Council and Mrs. Bartels that she feels the City will be able to help, but it will be later in the year to see where monies might be available and that she has put them in the 2005 year budget, as it stands right now for \$10,000 and it will be up to the Council on that final amount.

Helen Gardner told Mrs. Bartels that Council will help with whatever they feel can, come towards the end of the year.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Ken Dornich to look at what is available in the budget in December and see how much they can give. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Gary Herbert to approve advertising for additional appropriation for grant monies for the police and fire departments. So passed.

Alex Crowley from Insight Communications gave an update of services they offer, like high definition, digital recorder box and their high speed broadband.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve on 2nd reading, Ordinances 2004-6, 2004-7, 2004-8 and 2004-9. So passed.

The Downtown Development Group wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their support of the car show. It turned out a huge success and more than anyone had expected. They counted 767 cars and most of the merchants had a very good day. The venture scouts helped to clean the whole area.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Larry Bower to approve putting \$5987 and \$12,883, insurance monies from general back into the appropriate departments. So passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Madden talked to the Mayor and Council about the water problem they are having from the waterway by their home.

Gary Herbert stated he walked it with boots on and has had Ralph Land and Jeff Smith to come and take a look at it. It is about 150-200 ft. and it has quite a bit of debris in it. Gary said that Ralph is going to talk to commissioner Charles Buell and see if any of this is county property. It needs to be straightened out and cleaned out as well.

Glenn Tebbe said that DNR has a say as to what and how anything is done on cleaning out.

Kathy Reynolds said that she has a call into DNR on another matter and will ask them about this area.

Mark Haston said his father owns a portion of this and pays a family to clean this out two to three times a year and they will check on that and make sure that they are doing the job they are being paid for.

Bill Meyerrose and Kathy Reynolds gave a traffic report. A request for an alley closing in the 200 block of West Hendricks, by owners Mark Ricketts and Penny Showater was discussed. They had had "holy moly" check the area and there are no utilities in the alleyway. If the alley were closed, the area would be divided between the properties, with private access to their garages.

Jeff Keuhl did not come representing the soccer program. Council members discussed the proposal to allow development of soccer fields in the area north of the reservoir and had several concerns like parking, city's water supply, trash,

and other things this opening up could lead to. Council members do not feel this is in the best interest of the City.

Motion by Ken Dornich and seconded by Larry Bower to deny the request for the area up by the Upland Reservoir to be used for soccer fields. So passed.

Fire Chief, Scott Chasteen, told of receiving approximately \$122,000 in grant money to be used in breathing apparatus. They have to purchase a new style that also meets terrorism and this will be a huge savings to the city by receiving this grant.

Scott told the Council of the wonderful job that Iris Wilhoit of the Emergency Management, has done in getting grant monies for the city and county.

The fire department has been able to pick out an F 450 Ford truck for hazemat response that the County purchased. This truck will be used for decontamination as well as other things to do with hazemat.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Council Member

Attest: _____ Clerk-Treasurer

