

COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL
JUNE 19, 2005
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RE: Renovation of Billings School for a New City Hall.

John Groan and Mary Ann with Energy Systems Group were present and gave their concept of Conversion of the Billings building.

The building is in good shape for the age it is. If the City chose to partner with ESG, then they would need to pass a Resolution and publicly advertise for 30 days that they were going with a Design Build versus a Bid and Spec process. They would need to follow the State guidelines set forth in Senate Bill 244.

A committee of four would have to be appointed with at least two of the following and not more than one under each clause: an architect registered under IC 25-4, a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31, a qualified contractor under IC 4-13-6.

This program is a cost effective process that allows the City to negotiate total cost for the improvements and no change orders. You have to agree on a dollar amount for the project.

Steve Barth told the Council he would just need for them to tell him exactly what they wanted done. The building would need to be brought up to code. Electrical is in good shape except location of receptacles for rooms. Other structural changes would be minor such as: bathrooms would need redone, lighting upgraded and public bathrooms added. Would have to decide on the roof and windows as well as how to handle the ventilation due to the tunnels which are currently used.

Mayor and Council all pretty well agreed that they did not like the option of tearing down the existing building. They feel the building is in a good location and would afford needed space for many years with the opportunity to lease out a portion to non-profit organizations.

They all agreed that the amount of money available for renovations is needed to be determined first and then they will know how much and the process to renovate can be more precise.

The Mayor is to approach H.J. Umbaugh and Associates and give them a figure or two and see what they come up with. Mayor Manus suggested 1.5 million.

The Council agreed to table any decision until funding information is available. There will be more meetings. They all believe that the city should take time and do it right.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

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ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer
