

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2009
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Helen Gardner, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Bill Wenning.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present.

Minutes were approved.

Mayor Herbert reported to the Council that he had attended the 911 Board meeting and it was brought to his attention that the City does not need to pay the County \$16,000 for the GIS data, the money is already available. The City has contributed through taxes.

Lisa Westenberger of ARA was present and explained letters of support are needed for the 3rd Street project grant application. This is a very competitive grant which makes it very hard to receive.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Darrell Poling to passed Resolution 2009-2 authorizing submission of the CFF grant application. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Police Chief Brian Heaton spoke about Jeananne Cruser receiving a very special award for Telecommunication Dispatcher. The application had been submitted last year by Stacey Chasteen, Dave Wilson and police Chief Brian Heaton. Jeananne has been with the City for 25 years and 4 years with the County. Jeananne will be retiring this year. The Mayor, Stacey, Brian, Jeananne and her family all went to Indianapolis for the awarding.

Mayor Herbert and Council members extended their congratulations to Jeananne.

Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner will be on the Personnel Committee Board.

Laura Johnston and Mike Wenning spoke about the ordinance the Animal Control had brought before Council. They are working on the spaying and neutering of all dogs and cats.

Enforcing of the Ordinance was a major concern of Council. Concerns were brought up of ownership of Pit Bulls and if something could be incorporated into the Ordinance. Will this be a City/County Ordinance? The City doesn't want to dictate to the County, but would like to see what the County is looking at in an Ordinance. Some of the costs seemed quite steep.

The Animal Shelter personnel has talked with city Attorney Tim Coriden and he recommends that sometimes you don't adopt an ordinance or if you do adopt an ordinance, see what comes up and then re-address the ordinance.

City Attorney Tim Coriden went through sections of the Ordinance and brought up concerns of the Mayor's.

The Animal Shelter personnel will look at the concerns of Council and the ordinance again and bring back to the Council with amendments.

Hugh Miller of the Decatur County EMA was present and spoke about the mitigation program for eligibility for grants in disasters.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to move Insurance reimbursement from General Fund to the Street Department. Ayes Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Street Superintendent Mark Klosterkemper told Council about the Vandalia Road Project and the cost of construction would be up to \$1.2 million dollars. The State had a call for projects and the Mayor, Roger DeVore and he went to INDOT and pleaded their case. They were awarded \$645,105. They will need to get approval of right-aways from six parcels. They hope to start the project by the end of 2009.

The City is hoping to get some stimulus money for a couple of projects. Some of the projects mentioned were water wells, water lines and other infrastructure.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer