

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present.

Minutes were approved, motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner. So passed.

**Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Herb Hunter to change the order of the agenda. Ayes Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

**Opened discussion was held for Salary Ordinances 2009-9, 2009-10, 2009-11 and 2009-12. There were no responses from the audience.**

**Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Bill Wenning to pass Salary Ordinances 2009-9, 2009-10, 2009-11 and 2009-12 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for Employees, Elected Officials, Utility Employees. Ayes Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

**Meeting opened for public hearing discussion on 2010 Budget. There were no responses from the audience. Meeting closed. Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Helen Gardner. Ayes Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

Council will have a public Budget Work Session Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall.

Kathy Reynolds BZA/Plan Director stated she has complied with the Council's suggestion to set down with Mr. Green about the City's Sign Ordinance. She stated that you do not want to have any disability when coming out at any intersection. They did make a minimum of changes to the original sign ordinance. She told the Council she had brought in about six other city's sign ordinances to look at.

Herb Hunter remarked, speaking for the Plan Commission, he feels they have bent over backward to accommodate the owner of the sign business.

**Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Darrell Poling to pass on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading the amended sign ordinance 2009-5. Ayes Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.**

Mayor Herbert would like to revise the City's Peddler's Ordinance and would rather not allow any door to door sales except for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, some not-for-profit groups, disability and those legally by law.

Kathy Reynolds stated that some places make pavers and tree trimmers that drive around looking for business to have a permit and liability insurance.

The City Attorney Tim Coriden, police chief and clerk-treasurer are to meet and look at this.

EDC director Vicki Kellerman gave a status report update and information handout. They have moved to the second floor of MainSource Bank. They are working with two businesses that are expanding. Tower Tree Tutoring and Testing Services are being started. One hundred forty thousand dollars has been given as loans out of the \$200,000 they had available from a grant. The State approved of these loans. VIP is set for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at New Point. Vicki thanked the City for their continued support and presented a proposed budget for 2010. A \$25,000 grant has been received and ETC has partnered to run fiber cable for all the computers and network for the digital connectors program. The first will be at New Point and second possibly at Westport. This will help to get teenage children involved with the older generation. Decatur County is the second county in the State of Indiana to have digital connectors.

Mark Klosterkemper Street Superintendent gave the Lincoln Street project update report. He met with INDOT and is hoping to receive some additional funding, hopefully about three-fourths of a million. Duke has poles in phase I completely removed and have moved on to pole removal in phase II. The Engineering firm that is working on the Giddings Site to get the contamination clean up started has their testing done. Everything is slowly moving. By the end of the month they should be starting on some of the roadway, mainly the area of the Hospital.

Mayor Herbert questioned the City Attorney and his thoughts on how to handle the payments of citations written by the police department. Could these be filed as a lien and added onto the residents property tax?

City Attorney Tim Coriden stated the city can file these into court. Late charges could be added and the Ordinance could be amended for the addition of this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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Clerk-Treasurer

