

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2010
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with all present but one.

Minutes were approved, motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Herb Hunter.
All ayes. So passed.

Richard Pleak addressed the Council and handed out a letter from himself and letters from Tom Stricker Cutting Edge Sporting Goods, Rhonda Trenkamp & Lori Helms Artistic Studio, Shane Smith Martial Arts and Josh Wolfington Sherwin Williams. They were all concerned about the elimination of the few parking spaces on the south side of East Main Street. He stated that mainly these parking spaces offer quick in and quick out convenience to their customers for these small businesses.

A Council member suggested that maybe the police can monitor on how long any of the vehicles are parking and see if it is longer than 15 minutes.
It was suggested to leave it as is for now, police the area and monitor the parking.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2010-4 traffic control. Ayes Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Miranda Maxwell gave an Ec015 update. This is originally funded by the Lilley Foundation.

Local advisory group is focusing on healthcare, tourism and hospitality. K-B Foods is going to be lying off people because their bakery department will be leaving.

ETC is receiving \$12 million dollars in Stimulus money and is planning on investing it in Decatur County.

EDC Director Vicki Kellerman spoke about Hi-Temp dba Blue Water Thermal proposed project for Greensburg. They are proposing 15 new jobs and a capital

investment of \$2,020,000 in Southeastern Indiana and are requesting a new tax abatement on equipment for ten or five years.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Jamie Cain to grant tax abatement and pass Resolution 2010-4 on equipment only for five-years. Ayes Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Vicki Kellerman told about going to Indianapolis and meeting with several companies.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Darrell Poling to approve tax abatement renewals for GECOM (6), Westridge Professional Building (2), Walgreen (1), Jerman Housing LP (1) and GS Lodging Venture (2) that had been approved by the tax abatement committee. Ayes Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Two tax abatement renewals that had been submitted had expired.

Matt Westhafer will not be returning on the Historical Preservation Committee and the Mayor stated he is appointing Melanie Maxwell and would like Council approval.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Jamie Cain to approve the Mayor's appointment. Ayes Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Diane-Hart Dawson spoke about a Wellness Program for the City employees. With the proposal the employee would pay for the membership and the City would reimburse the employee after the employee showed proof of number of sessions attended.

The joiner's fee is \$125 and if the employee uses the YMCA 10 times, the YMCA would reimburse either the City or the employee whichever has paid for the joiner's fee.

This is not limited to a number in the family.

Council will review and get back to Diane.

Gary Murray gave an update on Lincoln Street and Vandalia Road Projects.

A pre-construct meeting will be held next week on the Raw Water Main Project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer