

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken.

Minutes were approved motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Helen Gardner. Ayes Jamie Cain, Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Drew Barth was present and handed out to Council a Greensburg Historic Preservation Commission summary sheet.

This sheet included the establishment of the Commission, assigned task, rationale for area chosen, steps taken, questions about design guidelines, addressing concerns of building owners, economic and tourism considerations, conclusion and recommendations.

The Commission was established by Ordinance 2006-32 and was adopted February 2007. They have been meeting for 4-5 years, working on the proposed Historic area and setting guidelines. They have had public meetings and the last one was attended by the Mayor and a council member. Seventy-three certified letters had been sent out to businesses and property owners.

Bryan Robbins stated that the businesses and property owners that he has sat down with have been supportive. He would be glad to set down with any of the businesses and/or property owners that have concerns and questions and go over everything with them. The guidelines will only pertain to the facades of buildings that are visible from public right-of-ways. Only if significant change is being made to the façade, building a new building or demolishing an existing building. The guidelines do not cover normal maintenance of buildings, nor do they cover any building in the district that is zoned residential, only commercial.

A councilmember wanted the minutes to reflect that he had went around and ask businesses and property owners, if they wanted to be a part of this or not. Councilmember stated 23 (16 were property owners) said no, 2-3 were indifferent and 5-8 were ok.

Bryan Robbins asked if he could have the names of these businesses and property owners and he would be glad to contact them at their home, over coffee or lunch and explain this all to them. Councilmember stated he could not give that information of who they were out. Bryan asked the Councilmember to have the business or property owner to contact him.

It was suggested to have another public meeting just for the guidelines. Council was told that this has been done and only the Mayor and a councilmember attended.

Drew Barth expressed his and the commission's frustration over all the years and time they have spent and still having everything questioned. He recommended for the project to either move on or disband the whole idea.

Rick Pleak expressed that he wants to see the downtown look nice and uniform. He has gone to Columbus and driven their downtown it is all uniform and looks nice and even back behind their buildings the alleys are nice.

The City Attorney was asked if Columbus has a Historic Preservation Commission and Mr. Coriden answered yes.

After much discussion **motion was made by Herb Hunter and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2011-3. Ayes Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays Bill Wenning. So passed.**

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2011-5 and Ordinance 2011-6 changing utility rate review date from February 1 to March 15. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Herb Hunter to suspend the rules. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2011-5 and Ordinance 2011-6. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion was made by Bill Wenning to repeal the rate increase for 2011 and to look at the rate next year. Motion died for lack of second.

The rate increase was reviewed by the Council at the February meeting and a councilmember requested this be included in the minutes.

A concerned resident stated he feels the Council should go on record to review and reflect what is actually done to cut cost.

Mayor Herbert responded one of the highest paid employees at the water plant had been transferred to the street department. Both water and wastewater have cut cost for their departments. The City is taking over the utility shared salary of an employee in the BZA/Plan department to help reduce cost.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve a 5% rate increase. Ayes Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays Bill Wenning. So passed.

The Council's Greensburg School Board appointment member David Weigel's term will expire on 6-30-2011. He sent a Council member a letter and would like to be considered for re-appointment. He has thoroughly enjoyed his time on the Board.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner.

Before a vote was taken, a Council member stated that they would like to see residents be given the opportunity to apply to be on the School Board and Council make their decision at the next meeting.

Jamie Cain with drew his motion.

The Wellness Program Proposals were reviewed by a Council member who is on the Wellness Committee. The program would be for all full-time City Employees and they would be able to choose from the YMCA or Anytime Fitness. The employee would be able to use payroll deduction if they choose. They would have to pay the monthly cost and if they use the facility 10 days a month they would be reimbursed quarterly. The City will not pay any joining fee; the employee would be responsible for that. The YMCA will offer a two week free trial period for any new person.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Jamie Cain to approve the Wellness Program. Ayes Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Jamie Cain to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2011-8 and Ordinance 2011-9 amending 2011 salary ordinances for the city and utility. Ayes Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain, Helen Gardner. Nays Bill Wenning. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules. Ayes Herb Hunter, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays Bill Wenning. Motion denied.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2011-10 public nuisances from unkept properties, with an amendment of 10 days instead of 5 days. Ayes Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

A special meeting will need to be held pretaining to monies that is being approved from the Honda Tif area for City and County projects. If possible the joint meeting of Council, Redevelopment Commission and County Redevelopment Commission will be March 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

