

SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 19, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Terry Wagner and Glenn Tebbe, Jamie Cain and Darrell Poling.

Absent: Blake O'Mara

Ron May – City Engineer received word from Indiana Department of Transportation that bridge at South Michigan Avenue and Five Points Tire Service will be closed for approximately seven days after the project starts. Currently the City of Greensburg has a no thru truck ordinance for Wilder Street. All traffic will be routed on Wilder to Main Street during the project. Ron May requested a temporary suspension of truck traffic restriction during the project. Glenn Tebbe moved to waive restriction of truck traffic on Wilder Street during INDOT's bridge project and Darrell Poling seconded; voice vote recorded all ayes no nays; motion passed.

Brendan Bridges – Police Chief presented 911 Dispatch Center Consolidation Project for discussion. **Jamie Cain** and **Glenn Tebbe** were on the dispatch consolidation committee representing city council on this matter. In summary, consolidation of the Decatur County and Greensburg call centers will provide a more efficient service to the citizens and public safety organizations within Greensburg and Decatur County. The consolidation will save money for the general fund expenditures to both city and county, as well as reduce costs of current and future infrastructure needs. Several members attending the special meeting spoke on pros and cons of having the dispatch center in one location. **Dan Manus**, former fire chief, believes a new building should be constructed due to the age and improvements that will have to be made at the Sheriff's Department; **Bill Meyerrose**, Detective for Greensburg Police Department, believes the Shelby County model could be followed keeping city employees city and county employees county; **Erika Free**, a 6 year dispatcher, with the

Greensburg Police Department, read a letter that she prepared stating the losses to benefits and wages to Greensburg Dispatchers with a range of 42 years of service down to 2 years and asked what could be done to keep those benefits in place; **Robert Duckworth**, Emergency Management Director for Decatur County, stated that funding from state's 911 fees should be increasing to help fund future benefits and infrastructure needs for consolidated dispatch center; **Brendan Bridges** stated that the funds needed to update the city's equipment will be more than the city has and is able to fund on their own as a separate center. **Joshua Tressler** stated that from his information technology experience that maybe the committee should do further research on this matter before moving forward; **Mike Schantz**, Fire Chief for Greensburg Fire Department, and previous Emergency Management Director in Shelby County, stated that consolidating dispatch center will create less confusion when dispatching first responders; **Chris Bridges**, a patrolman, for the Greensburg Police Department, stated two separate entities can work together in one location and maybe city council should visit Shelby County to see their operation. **Leigh Ann Dashiell**, a 17 year dispatcher, for the Greensburg Police Department, also indicated that the salaries and benefits becoming a county employee will be a substantial decrease for her and her family and would like to be treated fairly for her loyalty to the job. **Jean Johannigman**, a concerned citizen, sees the benefits of going to a central dispatch but also sees the negative side to the employees that have been on a higher pay scale and have been on the job for a number of years. **Glenn Tebbe** mentioned looking at a "one time" severance package for the city dispatchers. **Jamie Cain** believes that based on the funding that will potentially be lost by the city to fund 911 consolidation needs to happen. **Terry Wagner** believes the consolidation is a good idea; **Darrell Poling** did not feel it was a good idea based on the employees that will be affected by the consolidation. Jamie Cain moved to consolidate with the Decatur County Dispatch Center and Glenn Tebbe seconded; roll call vote was taken ayes were Terry Wagner, Glenn Tebbe and Jamie Cain, nays were Darrell Poling; motion passed.

With nothing further to come before the board or the public, Terry Wagner moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer