

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 1, 1999**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Frank Manus, Roy Middendorf, Jr., Helen Gardner, Larry Bower and Glenn Tebbe. Bruce Tressler was absent.

Minutes were approved.

Jim Saler, President of First Federal Savings and Loan was present along with Marc Hellmich to show the walk through tunnel under Franklin Street that they are proposing. They are asking the Council for approval to close a portion of Franklin Street starting March 15<sup>th</sup> for a month. Tunnel would be 5' wide and 8' tall. Twelve inches of concrete will be on top of tunnel and 6 inches of asphalt on top on that. Plan on lowering existing sewer line 16 inches and sleeve sewer lines.

**Motion by Roy Middendorf, Jr., and seconded by Larry Bower to approve project starting 3-15-99, closing Franklin Street during Construction. All ayes. So passed.**

**Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Roy Middendorf, Jr. to approve Tax Abatement Renewals for: Harp, Gbg. Commerical Warehousing, Inc., O'Mara Poultry, McCammet, K-Fab Investments, Doerflinger, McLean, Domingo, Charleston Sq. and 5 for GECOM. All ayes. So passed.**

**Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Roy Middendorf, Jr. to pass Resolution 1999-3, Resolution 1999-4 and Resolution 1999-5. All ayes. So passed.**

Darren Burkhart, engineer from HNTB gave an update and handout on the Wastewater Treatment Plant engineer plans and the SRF preliminary engineering reports and timetable that the City has approved. The plant is currently at 92% and when it rains it exceeds. IDEM could put a ban on the city since they are at 92%. Rates would be increased that would cost \$3-\$4 more on the monthly bill.

Improvements, upgrading and expansion are needed to keep the City in compliance with IDEM and for future growth, Mayor stated. A few years back there was a reduction on the sewer rate on the resident's monthly bill.

Mayor spoke on the Y2K and the different City departments being in compliance and the ones working on the Y2K. Mayor told the Water Office is looking into getting Internet.

Mayor also spoke about the Census and how we all need to get involved to make sure everyone is counted for. It could mean loss of big dollars for the City for anyone not accounted for. Working on Millenium 2000 past, present and future.

Mayor also talked of the 2.5 million-dollar project for the Water Company.

Debbie Porter and others that live on AmRhein Drive were present to voice their concerns of the condition of the property bought by Tim and Kathy Reece and operating Tim's Auto Repair and Wrecker Service. Debbie spoke the concerns of being a health hazard, safety, didn't want the value of her property to go down because of the look and condition of said property. Debbie stated she did not want to keep anyone from making a living, but at the same time she wanders what can be done to improve the conditions. She stated there are lots of vehicles, some without plates or real old plates and now a mobile home has been moved in. She has concern that should Mrs. Ardery should sell the existing other property or if something should happen to Mrs. Ardery and the other property is sold, what else might go in. Debbie spoke of how 3 members on the plan commission board, that are also on the board of zoning appeals board, could vote no and then change their minds at the BZA meeting.

Council members stated that there are 3 council members also on the plan commission board but that they are not on the BZA board. They spoke how they were not in favor of the passing of this property for said business and the plan commission voted it down. One Council member told Debbie Porter that he had attended the BZA meeting and had voiced his concern and opposition and yet it passed.

Margie Loudon, director of September Place was also present and agreed with Debbie Porter and the others.

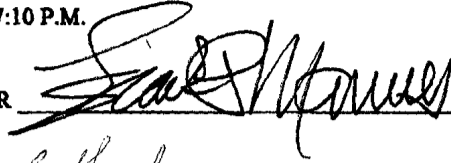
Steve Taylor, City Attorney stated that at the BZA meeting held February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1999 this was brought up. Some of the board members have had several complaints concerning this property. Steve stated that the BZA board had made a motion for Kathy Crippen to investigate the situation, take photographs and send a written letter to the property owners. That if the property owners do not meet the conditions that were

stipulated to them at the time of granting them a special exception that they would be taken to court since it has only been about 5 months ago. The special exception was granted for one year and would need to be asked for again at the end of the year at which time the BZA board could deny.

Mayor told the group that this would be looked into.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER



Heleen R. Gardner

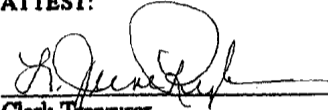
Ray M. Muddendy Jr.

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W. Bruce Foster

Alan Tabbe

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer