

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2000
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Bailey, Herb Hunter, David Leas, Ed Dwenger, Helen Gardner and Bruce Tressler.

Minutes were approved.

Kathy Dunagan of River Valley Resources was present. Kathy stated they took over the county wide transportation from the Parks Department in 1998. Last year they came to the City Council asking the City to take over the responsibility. Kathy stated she had done a feasibility study and presented it to the Department of Transportation to try and get funding. Department of Transportation came down and looked around and stated the City needs to take it over according to Kathy. Department of Transportation has helped to fund this for another year. Kathy stated they operate Monday thru Friday 7:30 – 4:30. They average around 120 per month. Helen Gardner ask what would the City be involved financially? Helen also stated she feels City/County needs to be pursued since that is what they (Department of Transportation) are saying.

Bruce Tressler ask if there are some private funds?

Kathy Dunagan stated there are some private funds and that the Department of Transportation will not fully fund this. If the City wants to proceed then they need to appoint a Transportation advisor. Kathy also stated an updated feasibility study needs to be done.

Debbie Taylor from ARA was also present for any questions and comments and stated they would help as they have helped other cities. Mayor Bailey stated he would get a committee up.

Mileage reimbursement rate was brought up. The City pays .24 a mile and has for quite some time. This originally was in the personnel policy. When the new personnel policy was constructed this inadvertently was left out. The State pays .28 a mile. City Attorney Frank Hamilton, Jr. is to write a policy up addressing the mileage reimbursement.

Betsy Willey, Toni Collins and Carolyn Bean were present for New Directions Domestic Violence Shelter. Toni Collins handed out an estimated budget for the shelter. Toni stated they plan on running the shelter books separately from the Babes program. Toni stated she has applied to United Fund, Philip Morris, Decatur Community Fund and about 20 other firms to see about getting funding. They are asking the City to hopefully match the County Contribution of \$15,000. They are in the process of trying to find and hire a director. Toni has contacted the Sisters of St. Francis to see if they would consider making this a project of theirs and help staff the shelter. Toni stated that Paul Pank is letting the shelter have free rent for 3 years.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to approve said list of tax abatement compliances from last month since the Committee has approved them. So passed.

Mayor Bailey told of the water main break out on 150 North. Mayor stated everyone chipped in and he would like to Thank everyone.

Mayor stated the contractors, Metro met with City Personnel the next morning and the meeting went well. Metro has stated they will meet everyday and let the City know of their plans for the next day, this way the City can let them know if there is a problem and Metro is to follow what the City lays out and not going pass as they did.

Herb Hunter wondered if the City can revoke the agreement if something like this should happen again?

City Attorney Frank Hamilton, Jr. stated he would have to review the Contract/Agreement. Helen Gardner ask about the long range planning session that was held. Mayor stated he has them back.

Keith Gay Police Chief told Council of Andy Hadler completing his one year probationary and that he is being moved to 1st Class Patrolman. That the Board of Works approved this at their morning meeting.

Bruce Tressler stated that he went to Glenn Beisel's weather spotting school and he does a great job.

Keith Gay stated that Beisel is going to put this school on for the City people as soon as it can be arranged.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Minutes prepared and presented by: L. June Ryle, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Greensburg