

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 3, 2001

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved with corrections. On the second page of the June minutes, the task force should not consist of any department heads.

John Julian and Jim McGoff were present to speak about the issuance of bonds for the police department. Ordinance 2001-15 gives the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer approval to sign certain documents pertaining to the new police department building. Frank recalls alternate bids in separate units that the Council can opt out of. Construction bids should be ready for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Bonds will be ready for sale on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the closing date will be around the 23<sup>rd</sup>. After the bonds are closed, the builders can execute the contract. Council can review and make selections on bid alternates at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Motion to pass Ordinance 2001-15 made by Herb and seconded by Ed. Herb, Ed, David, Helen - Ayes. Bruce - Nay. So Passed.**

**Motion to suspend rules and regulations made by Ed and seconded by Herb. All ayes. So passed.**

**Motion made by Herb and seconded by Ed to pass Ordinance 2001-15 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Herb, Ed, David, Helen - Ayes. Bruce - Nay. Motion carried. So passed.**

Tax abatements were brought forward for the Council's review. **Motion made by Ed and seconded by David to pass Resolution 2001-15, Tax Abatement for Prime-Time Bar and Grill. All ayes. So passed. Motion made by Bruce and seconded by Helen to pass Resolution 2001-15, Tax Abatement for Acro Engineering. All Ayes. So passed. Motion made by Herb and seconded by David to renew K-Fab's Tax Abatement. All ayes. So passed.**

The Council discussed Ordinance 2001-17 concerning off premises car tent sales. Herb questioned if an ordinance was the correct route of action to take. Bruce also questioned that if an ordinance did not permit car tent sales, then what about the furniture tent sales, and tool tent sales. The Council would rather take action by writing a letter to the property owner expressing their concern for local dealerships. Since car tent sales does not seem to be a problem right now, the Council will give support to local dealerships and the mayor will generate a letter to property owners if the need arises. Kirk Acra was present to represent the local dealerships and state their concerns.

Frank Hamilton presented the council with a copy of a county ordinance for animal control board fees. He suggests that the city enter into an ordinance similar to the county's. The council requested that Frank prepare an ordinance.

Jennifer Ruzicka, ARA representative, was present to discuss the senior center task force. This task force will work together to make improvements to the senior center or to decide if a new senior center is necessary. All work would be done through a grant that would be applied for.

**Motion made by David and seconded by Helen to pass resolution 2001-12 to authorize ARA to submit the CFF Application. All ayes. So passed.**

**Motion made by Herb and seconded by Ed to pass Ordinance 2001-9 on the second reading. All ayes. So passed.**

**Motion made by David and seconded by Bruce to pass Ordinance 2001-10 on the second reading. All ayes. So passed.**

Motion made by Ed and seconded by Helen to pass Ordinance 2001-11 on the second reading. All ayes. So passed.

Motion made by Helen and seconded by Dave to pass Ordinance 2001-12 on the second reading. All ayes. So passed.

Keith Gay is asking to purchase new police cars to replace old cars. He stated that the cost of repairing the old cars would be more than their value. He has started to get quotes on cars and pricing. Ford has given him a quote, however he is waiting to see if Dodge Intrepid has a police package. The department has an Intrepid and has a great history for the past 2 1/2 years. Council is waiting to give approval to buy cars until they have a more definite figure on the budget, although they commended Keith for having figures and information ready.

Ordinance 2001-16 is an agreement between the city and new hires at the police department. Newly hired police officers must stay with the department for three years or they must pay the city back \$150 per month for the remainder of their three initial years. This agreement is in effect if the officer resigns or is terminated for not following proper conduct. Motion to pass Ordinance 2001-16 on the first reading made by Ed and seconded by Bruce. All ayes. So passed.

Ordinance 2001-14 was not passed. The council wanted to wait on figures.

Herb discussed the city's noise ordinance. The ordinance is outdated and needs to be looked at. Gary and Keith, along with Frank Hamilton, are going to look into this ordinance and the possibility of updating the ordinance and adding a fine.

The mayor gave an update to the Council of what was discussed at the Board of Works meeting.

Herb questions the rate increase on the cable bill and would like to discuss the situation when the next contract comes up.

David relayed concern from concerned citizens about the brush policy. Citizens are to call Ralph and he would work with them.

Larry Dance thanks everyone for their support during his participation with the Police and Fire Games.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Presiding Officer Gay M. Bailey

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