

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2000
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

Minutes were approved.

Councilman David Leas wanted it stated that if after the Budget is approved by the State Tax Board and if the bottom figure should show that it would be possible to give the City employees a bonus, for that to be done.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Bruce Tressler to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2000-15, 2001 Budget. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2000-6, reduction of appropriations for year 2000. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bruce Tressler to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 2000-17 Amending Ordinance No. 1987-8. So passed. This ordinance adds one-way street being East Railroad Street (from South Franklin to South Broadway) and a stop intersection being North Hessler Blvd. (at Vandalia Road and US 421).

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass Resolution 2000-7, transferring of monies in police department. So passed.

Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. stated that he had made up an ordinance on False Alarms. Frank stated that the ordinance is quite detailed and he would like for Council to review and see if it needs to be streamlined to be more user friendly.

Joe Guzman of Benefit Strategies, Inc. was present to submit a medical health plan for the City and Council members to look over. Joe discussed the plan in detail and Council set a date being Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 P.M. to meet after reviewing.

Bruce Tressler brought up about grant monies and Southeastern Indiana SIRPC. Mayor Bailey stated he would try to contact them.

Bruce Tressler stated that the City Plan Commission passed Charlie Lee's subdivision plans at the last plan commission meeting.

Mayor Bailey stated he had met with Insight and changes are coming. Insight is 5th largest company. Mayor stated Insight is wanting a 15 year contract and that he had told them he didn't believe the City and Council would be willing to go with that long of a contract.

Dan Manus reported on the traffic committee meeting. Dan stated some street lights are needed on Montgomery Road by the Moose, and a couple of curves.

Helen Gardner stated a lady had called her and would like to see a four-way stop sign be put at Third and Monfort Street.

Ed Dwenger stated he had a phone call from a bus driver and they wanted to know why a railroad sign is still up by the Water Plant on Fourth Street when there are no tracks? It was told because that is still a right-away of the railroad.

Herb Hunter asked about the IRS information on Commuting and take home Vehicles and Pick-up Trucks that the Clerk-Treasurer June Ryle had sent. Clerk-Treasurer explained that a meeting had been attended given by the IRS and for the City to be in compliance with the IRS Publication 535 the Vehicles that are taken home at the Street/Sanitation, Wastewater and Water Departments will have to be charged a fee. This is a taxable benefit. Vehicles should be used for business and not personal. If the vehicle is not taken home and is left at the City Department after hours then there would not be a charge. Clerk-Treasurer June Ryle had sent copies of IRS Publication 535, business expenses that will help to explain the vehicle value as well as the exemption and non-exemption rules under this law, Police take home policy and a memorandum explaining all this to the Council and City Attorney and had given the information to the Mayor. Police and Fire are totally different under this law than the other departments. Clerk-Treasurer had spoken with Ron Radford of the State Board of Accounts and Chris Cummins of the IRS. They both agreed that the City needs a policy in place so that if they City is audited we are not charged with penalties and back penalties. Clerk-Treasurer stated that according to the State Board of Accounts Ron Radford, the written policy would need to be passed by Council since Council passes the Salary Ordinances for the City and Utilities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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