

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

March 04, 2002

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Ed Dwenger, Helen Gardner, David Leas, Herb Hunter and Bruce Tressler.

Council President Helen Gardner presided over the meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

Minutes were approved.

Mike Murphy of Pyramid gave an update on the new police station building. Project is 70% complete. May 22, 2002 is the planned date for moving in. Public is invited to tour the building, just check in at the trailer with Bruce Williams, Field Rep. Minor problem the roof is 1 ½ months behind. Osha visited and there are a few minor write-ups that are being addressed.

Dr. Paul Hirt, Animal Control Board President came before the Council to present information on the proposal of expanding the Animal Shelter Building and to ask if the City would help with a portion of the cost.

Dr. Hirt ask how they can help the city and what sort of changes the city would like to see?

Dr. Hirt stated right now the building has 10 cages and there may be as many as 3 or more dogs in one cage. They have stainless steel cat cages that a local lady purchased and donated. Wintertime the outside run cannot be used until warmer weather. The shelter hours are 8-4 Monday – Friday and 8-12 on Saturday.

Proposed plans for enlarging the shelter would run approximately \$240,000 and would be started 5 ft. west of the existing building. The existing building sets in a flood plane.

County commissioners recommended Dr. Hirt go before the City Council and see if the City would help with a portion of the cost of this project. Commissioners have committed to the shell of the project.

Council stated they would like more information and would review all that Dr. Hirt has provided them with. Council also stated that the Mayor has some monies that might be available to use towards this proposal. Council stated this is a worthwhile project.

It was stated there was nothing to bring forth on the Cable TV at this time. City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. stated he feels the City should not get an extension on the existing contract.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass tax abatement renewals for O'Mara Poultry, Harpring, Doerflinger and K-Fab. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to table at this time tax abatement renewals for McCammet (2), Crites and Witkemper.

Jennifer of Ara explained the Resolution 2002-4 CFF Grant Senior Center. Council and City Attorney would like to have changes included and spelled out in the contract and grant concerning the commitment of monies by Ruth McClintic and City. City's money being from Edit Funds.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Ed Dwenger to include the changes and City Attorney to review and approve. So passed.

Motion by David Leas and seconded by Ed Dwenger to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2002-4 Subdivision Control. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Herb Hunter to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2002-4. So passed.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by David Leas to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 2002-5 Stop Ordinance. So passed.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by David Leas to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 2002-5. So passed.

Mr. Ken Nelson, Jim Higgs, Jeff Lynesss and Paul Bryan of Maxwell Development were present to explain their converting of the Jerman Elementary School into affordable senior housing. There would be 30 units and a small addition of 6 units not attached to the original structure. They are asking for tax abatement under the point system. They have done five developments of this type of project. The funding is through Section 42 of the IRS Code. They are asking for a 10 year abatement, but would be willing to go with whatever the local policy of the City is.

City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. stated the original tax abatement submitted would need to be changed and passed by the Council and would also need to be changed at the Auditor's office.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by David Leas to approve the change of the original tax abatement from 34 to 36 units and grant a 10 year period. So passed.

Herb Hunter recaptured the morning Board of Works meeting.

Helen Gardner stated that Ralph Land Street Superintendent is back to work and doing well following surgery.

Keith Gay Police Chief stated that Mike Riley retires on Friday and a retirement party is in the works.

Kathy Crippen reported the Traffic Control Committee met and request a partial alley closing with an easement for utility purpose be granted to the City by each property owner. The area is Wilson and Scoby Streets.

City Attorney stated this would need to be done by Ordinance and would need to state a Utility Easement back to the City.

Motion by Ed Dwenger and seconded by Herb Hunter to approve Ordinance and statement of utility easement. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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