

COMMON COUNCIL

April 30, 2018

6:45 P.M.

The City of Lawrenceburg Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kelly Mollaun, Clerk- Treasurer Richard Richardson read roll call. Present were Board members Tony Abbott, Paul Seymour JR, Randy Abner, and Aaron Cook, Fire Chief Johnnie Tremain, EMS Director Bobby Mills, City Attorney Del Weldon, Police Chief Donnie Combs, Mayor Kelly Mollaun and Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson. Absent were City Councilperson Mel Davis and Utility Director Olin Clawson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mayor Mollaun announced that May 4, 2018 at 11am will be the ground breaking ceremony for the City Civic Park. He invited all to attend.
2. Mayor Mollaun announced that on May 6, 2018 will be the ALS car show. All Council and elected officials are asked to be at the awards stage at 4pm. That same evening at 6pm will be the annual 1st responder's dinner at the Hollywood Casino Buffet. He asked that all get their RSVP's in so that Cari can have an accurate count as to how many shall be in attendance.
3. Mayor Mollaun announced that the opioid initiative that was created last year, to recognize gaps in the local process of the drug issue, would meet on May 11, 2018 to discuss the gaps that were found. They would meet again in June to discuss a plan forward.
4. The Woman's Aux of the American Legion Hall are requesting permission to sell flowers on May 19 from 10am to 2pm on the corner of Center and Walnut St. City Attorney Del Weldon stated that he would craft a hold harmless agreement and Chief Don Combs requested that they wear orange vests for added protection. A motion was made to allow them to proceed forward with the sale.

Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried

5. Councilperson Aaron Cook requested that Police leave his Council packet at the door instead of hunting him down to deliver it. He said he's been called out on the trail while running. The Mayor advised that he requested that the Police deliver the packet to each person personally due to confidential information that could be in the packet. Mayor Mollaun went on to advise that we are looking into updating the Ordinance for the agenda. Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson advised that they are currently looking to craft an Ordinance more in line with the Indiana Code and one that would relieve the Police from this duty. He stated that they have other things to do with their time rather than deliver Council packets. It was agreed that the Council members could pick their packets up at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. This process will begin for the May 21st meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Aaron Cook—Streets, Alleys, and Curbs---Aaron advised that the process had been started for a handicap spot to be placed by Richter's eye office on Walnut St. Mike Clark stated that he would get started on this immediately.

Councilperson Tony Abbott advised that a citizen had requested a handicap spot to be placed in front of his home located next to the Beecher Presbyterian Church. Mike Clark advised that he would need to turn in his medical records so that the spot could be approved. It was also advised that the same home owner would need to move his motorcycle off the side walk or be ticketed. At this same property, there have been issues with speeding in the alley. It was advised that they would look into a temporary fix.

Councilperson Tony Abbott advised that the property located on the corner of Arch Street and Margaret Street has been having issues with animals going in through the windows. He is requesting that the property be secured. Mario Todd advised that he would look into this and make sure it is properly handled.

Paul Seymour Jr. advised that there is garbage and debris piling up around the old funeral home property on the street and it needs be addressed.

Anthony Abbott—Finance—No report.

Paul Seymour JR—Parks and Playgrounds— No report.

Randy Abner—Fire—Randy advised that Firefighter Cody Ratcliff provided fire training to the Greendale Cinema employees. Councilperson Tony Abbott advised that we should have them check the machines at the pool as well.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: Aaron Cook

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire- March total runs report was distributed.

Police – Chief Don Combs advised that the Dearborn County Hospital runs would continue through the end of June. Officers will be getting free tourniquet training and kits will be placed in all the vehicles.

EMS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Dearborn County Foundation Youth Grants Committee offered a thank you to the City for funding the program. E.G. McLaughlin gave a report briefly summarizing the support that the Foundation has been able to offer the community over the past year. Overall, there was over \$110,000 given out in 2017.

2. Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson advised that Ordinance 6-2018 had been created to free up dormant funds totaling more than 2.9 million dollars. The Ordinance was read aloud by Richard. Richard asked if this could be passed this evening since Councilperson Mel Davis was not present. City Attorney Del Weldon advised that if unanimous support was garnered, then the Ordinance could be passed. The Ordinance was opened up for questions. Paul Seymour Jr. advised that two of the dormant funds were Utility funds. Richard advised Council that this money was appropriated at a time when the Utility Dept. was not doing as well as it is today financially. One fund was for annexation for the Utility Dept. Richard advised that he was informed that there was no current annexation plan. A motion was requested to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 6-2018.

Motion: Randy Abner

Second: Paul Seymour Jr.

Motion carried

Ordinance 6-2018 was read by title only for a final time. A motion was requested to pass Ordinance 6-2018.

Motion: Randy Abner

Second: Tony Abbott

Motion carried

3. Mike Clark presented a request from INDOT's Tom Carrow to do some work at night on U.S. 50. To do this, he would need to apply and be granted a noise ordinance waiver. A motion was made to provide him the waiver.

Motion: Randy Abner

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried

Mike Clark went on to advise that U.S. 50 would tentatively have some lane closures July 13-17, 2018.

4. Councilperson Aaron Cook requested more information as to why an individual was having issues opening up a food truck business in Lawrenceburg Indiana. He advised that Tim Denning wanted to open a food truck business on his own premises. He advised that Mr. Denning already has his business license and has been selling items at the Antique Show, at the fairgrounds, on a

monthly basis. Aaron advised that Mr. Denning was handed a packet and told to fill it out. He felt that Mr. Denning was not given good courtesy. It was advised that the Clerk-Treasurer's office had given this packet and that they do not generally give advice as to how the packet should be filled out. Aaron advised that the packet was too big and most of the items didn't pertain to anything Mr. Denning was attempting to do. Mike Clark advised that he does not make the rules, but enforces them. Mayor Mollaun continued that point to state that Mr. Clark enforces rules that are created by Council. After a lengthy discussion, it was advised that the Ordinance needed to be looked into further. Aaron asked if Mr. Denning could open his truck and it was advised that he could not open the truck without the proper information being obtained from the packet that he was given. Mayor Mollaun asked that Mr. Denning get into contact with Mr. Clark to gain assistance in filling out the paperwork.

Main Street's Pat Krider came to the podium to advise that the packet had been created by Mike Clark to assist in making things easier for new businesses to get started. She advised that traditionally she has assisted business prospects in knowing what papers are needed and what papers are not needed.

Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson advised there was assistance available to businesses through the Dearborn County Community Foundation that may be able to assist in opening and starting a business. Mayor Mollaun advised that he thought this service was only for obtaining a business license and Mr. Denning already has that.

Tim Denning took the podium to advise that he feels that this packet is detrimental to new businesses opening in Lawrenceburg. Mayor Mollaun restated that they needed to address the ordinance at a future meeting. He again stated that Mr. Denning and Mr. Clark need to get together to figure out how to move forward at this time. Mayor Mollaun did state that several new businesses have jumped through the hoops and were able to open.

5. Councilperson Aaron Cook stated that he had received a text from Bob O. of the Levee Breaker restaurant and bar located across from the Event Center. The business has created a new outdoor space with a nice metal fence in place around it. He is requesting that someone from the City send a favorable letter to allow the business to sell alcohol outside on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Currently, only a restaurant that can view the river has the ability to do this. It was determined that the Mayor could send a letter stating that the City was in favor of allowing the business to sell alcohol outside on all days.

City Attorney Del Weldon advised that he would like to see a lot of these issues be discussed outside of the meetings since there are some legal issues that have to be overcome before these issues can be handled appropriately. Aaron expressed that he felt that the issues were fine to be discussed because all parties were there and that would prevent a "he said, she said" situation. Paul Seymour Jr. spoke in agreement that they should be more transparent.

6. Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson felt that he needed to make mention, for the record, that he feels confident in his staff and the courtesy they provide at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. He stated that he has heard them deal with difficult customers and they have done a good job. He is very proud of the work being done at the CT office.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Mollaun spoke about the clean up on the hill by Water Street. He advised that he had received estimates of around \$10,000 to clear the hill. This would include tree and stump removal, as well as removal of debris and any trash. Paul Seymour Jr. stated that he didn't realize they wanted to remove trees, he was under the impression that this was a cleanup operation. Councilperson Aaron Cook advised that we need to make the area look good because it overlooks the dog park, Community Center, Adult Center, and other public use facilities. Aaron motioned that we spend the money to clean up the area. Councilperson Tony Abbott advised that if we do this for one resident, we will need to do this for all residents. He stated that if he gets a resident asking for a tree to be removed he would have to advise them that we would do it. After a lengthy discussion, the Mayor advised that he would look into the matter further by having Carl Fryman approach the home owners about a cleanup and Aaron Cook rescinded his original motion and advised the issue could be tabled for now.

2. Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson presented a mileage report that was requested by Councilperson Tony Abbott. Richard advised that, due to the nature of their work, these individuals are allowed to take vehicles home. Richard went on to advise that these reports are generated by the City Garage Administrative Assistant Linda Mumfrey and kept on file in the CT office.

3. Paul Seymour Jr. requested that we find out why Civil City employees, in particular foremen, are working four 10's rather than five 8 hour days. He advised that this is causing an issue with overtime. Employees are being called in on Monday's and Friday's when they could just be working 8 hour days. Paul Seymour Jr. stated that he would like to have the matter looked into and find out if there is an acceptable reason an employee might work four 10 hour days. Paul advised that he understands that office staff are different than labor oriented employees.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

CLAIM FOR DERBORN COUNTY ADULT CENTER PUBLIC FACILITY GRANT ADVERTISING CLAIM

A motion was made to pay the claim for advertising.

Motion: Paul Seymour Jr.

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion Carried.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the claims was requested by Mayor Mollaun.

Motion: Aaron Cook

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.