

The City of Greenfield Common Council met in regular session on March 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 127, located at 10 South State Street, with Council President, Gary P. Evans presiding. Councilman Carwein gave the invocation, followed by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Brad DeReamer called the meeting to order for conducting the business of the City of Greenfield, Indiana.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:	Councilman	Mitch Pendlum
		Greg Carwein
		D. J. Davis
		Gary Evans
		Kerry Grass
		Jason Horning
		Kelly McClarnon
	Mayor	Brad DeReamer
	Attorney	Gregg Morelock
	Clerk-Treasurer	Larry J. Breese

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Pendlum moved to approve the February 24, 2010 meeting minutes of the Common Council as presented, seconded by Councilman McClarnon. Motion carried *viva voce*.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Horning gave report from a recent Traffic and Safety Committee meeting, which they discussed the intersection of Lincoln and Swope Streets and at this time that intersection with traffic counts taken in consideration would not warrant a four-way-stop. In regards to questioned raised at the last Council meeting with concerns about truck traffic damaging the round-a-bout at McKenzie and Broadway Streets, it was determined that the construction of the round-a-bout was designed to handle truck traffic and there should not be any problems.

Councilman Carwein gave brief update from recent Advisory Plan Commission meeting with regards to property within the Home Depot Subdivision area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Compliance with Statement of Benefits Real Estate Improvements for Home News Enterprises, L.L.C., presented by Jeffrey Rogers, CFO with Home News Enterprises, L.L.C., for Councils consideration of compliance. Jeffrey Rogers and Randall Shields presented their request before Common Council and gave a brief explanation on how they are doing and stated that they were proud of the fact that they had exceeded their original Statement of Benefits and thanked Common Council for their help and looked forward to the future. Councilman McClarnon thanked them both for coming and explaining their request for compliance. Councilman Davis moved to approve the Compliance with Statement of Benefits as presented, seconded by Councilman Horning. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2010-4 an Ordinance Regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes; Councilman McClarnon moved to recess the regular meeting of the Common Council for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried *viva voce*. Council President, Evans declared the public hearing to consider Ordinance 2010-4 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes was now open and would hear any public input at this time.

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Ron Boyle was first to speak and he asked Gary McDaniel to read a prepared statement he had prepared to Common Council with concerns that he had with the PILOT program and overall questions about the budget prepared by the Common Council. Also in attendance and wishing to speak before the Common Council addressing their concerns were Sheldon Oakes, Randall Shields, Joe Turner, Janet Brown, and Edgar Ward. All spoke before Common Council with concerns on how the PILOT program would work and what would the impact be on them as individuals in regards to possible rate increases with the city owned utilities. Council thanked them all for appearing and for their comments. Councilman McClarnon moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried *viva voce*. Council President, Evans declared the Public Hearing closed and now would reconvene the regular scheduled meeting of the Common Council.

Ordinance 2010-4 an Ordinance Regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes on second reading and eligible for any amendments. Councilman Pendlum made statement that if Ordinance 2010-4 is approved upon its passage, that it be placed in the official minutes of this meeting, that Council review the appropriateness of continued payment in lieu of taxes from one or all of the municipal utilities in May of 2012 and in each May thereafter. This review shall be performed prior to budget planning for the following year. City Attorney, Morelock presented Ordinance 2010-4 on second reading as prepared. Councilman McClarnon moved to approve on second reading as presented, seconded by Councilman Horning. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Ordinance 2010-4 an Ordinance Regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes on third and final reading and approved upon passage. City Attorney, Morelock read Ordinance 2010-4 on third and final reading of Ordinance 2010-4 as prepared. Councilman Pendlum moved to approve on final reading as presented, seconded by Councilman McClarnon. Council President, Evans called for a roll call vote by Clerk-Treasurer, Breese. AYES: Councilman Pendlum, Carwein, Davis, Evans, Grass, Horning, and McClarnon. NAYES: None. Council President, Evans declared Ordinance 2010-4 approved with a 7 to 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2010-5 an Ordinance Closing Certain Alleyways within the City of Greenfield, Indiana on first reading as introduced. This ordinance was requested by the Traffic and Safety Committee to increase downtown public parking. Councilman McClarnon moved to approve Ordinance 2010-5 on first reading as presented, seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Hancock Community Education Alliance, Inc., presentation by Board Members, Ron Pritzke, Dave Tucker, Dennis Maloy, and Harold Gibson. Each gave a statement on the necessity of this partnership of education, business and community stakeholders focused on aligning and integrating our community learning system, economic development and quality of life. This presentation was an overview of the proposed learning center for Hancock County and the City of Greenfield. Councilman Davis questioned down the road what this alliance would be asking Council to provide and what commitment they would be seeking? Ron Pritzke stated at this time they had no request for city just wanted to provide the information so Council was aware of this project. As things come together they will keep this Council informed as they continue to look at all of the positive information flowing in at this time. Councilman Carwein asked if the organization would be applying for Federal and State grants to supplement the revenue stream for this effort. Ron Pritzke stated yes they would and the reason they have applied for a 503C designation. Councilman Davis asked that they be kept informed with the progress and with any major decisions that your board may make in the future. Councilman Horning thanked them for their time and efforts thus far and wished them well as they move forward.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PETITION OR COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

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Sheldon Oaks spoke before Council wishing the Hancock Community Education Alliance well and asked the city to support in regards to zoning or permit request. His concern with this project is the price tag of 8 million dollars and what he sees is that most of those funds will come from the public. He questioned the demand here in Hancock County for higher education as currently Vincennes University is offering classes at the Hancock County Library and only two individuals signed up for the class, so he questions the need. He also mentioned several area locations where higher education would be available to those seeking more education. He feels that the timing of this request is atrocious and is all that he is going to say at this time. Councilman McClarnon spoke stating he felt that timing could not be any better as education is at the forefront for citizens and the revitalization of economic development. Bill Bolander, President of the Hancock County Council spoke before Council and stated he felt that the time could not be any better, when do you need to market and retrench and start going, you need to do that when times are bad so when things change you are prepared and ready. Ron Pritzke thanked those for their comments and concerns, but wanted to clear up the fact that no one had a vested interest in this project and that the board members only wanted to what was best for Hancock County and the City of Greenfield.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to be brought before the Greenfield Common Council, Councilman McClarnon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Councilman Horning. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Larry J. Breese, IAMC, MMC
Clerk-Treasurer

Gary P. Evans, Council President
Presiding Officer