

The City of Greenfield, Common Council met in regular session on April 28, 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. Marcia R. Moore, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer gave the invocation, followed by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order by Mayor Brad DeReamer.

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Grass moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Common Council on April 14, 2010 as submitted, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried *viva voce*.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS:

The only report was from Councilman Carwein, who reported that the sign committee was on target to bring the revised Sign Ordinance before council by the projected deadline in August, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Evans, entertained discussion from the council as it pertained to the budget cuts that the city needed to complete to be in compliance with the budget order. Councilman Pendlum requested clarification as to the reduction in Animal Management 324 telephone fund; Mayor DeReamer spoke to that possible shortfall as the acting department head had been out of town at the previous meeting.

The following department heads were summonsed to discuss their suggested department budget reductions: Chief Roberts, Chief Jester and Greg Neice. Upon further discussion, the Mayor answered the budget shortfall figure was \$478,818. Council determined there was no point in continuing to drag on this discussion or any reason to table; therefore, Council President Evans called for a motion to accept the departments' cuts. Councilman Carwein stated he preferred to use PILOT, Councilman Horning agreed and Councilman McClarnon stated that he preferred to accept the department heads suggested cuts. Councilman McClarnon moved to accept the departments' budget cuts, seconded by Councilman Grass. Motion carried by roll call vote 4 in favor – 3 opposed.

Councilman McClarnon continued discussion of the motion just passed by stating that they could entertain the thought of using PILOT for the remaining shortfalls. Clerk-Treasurer Breese approached the podium to reiterate the process and terminology of the PILOT program. The PILOT is 3% of Gross Revenue. State statute mandates an annual review. In addition, Breese asked for clarification of the exact figure and understanding that the budget cuts will be made, but also that the DLGF cuts of approximately \$445,000 will use the PILOT funds so that he can then commence with the ordinance to be prepared for additional appropriation.

Councilman Horning then raised a concern that the Fire, Street and Parks Departments had suffered two sets of budget cuts while other departments had only had to make one round of cuts. Upon further discussion, Councilman Horning made a motion to restore DLGF cuts for the Fire, Street and Parks Departments, seconded by Councilman

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Carwein. This action would use an additional \$263,853 PILOT. Motion carried 4 in favor – 3 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Dellacca from the Thayer Business Center, 26 N East St., Greenfield, IN approached Council with a presentation and a request for a tax Abatement for a future downtown multi-retail center. The request was a request to have 100% property tax freeze for years 1 through 5; year 6 would be a 40% property tax abatement of 2015 property assessed value and year 7 would be a 30% property tax abatement of 2016 property assessed value and year 8 would be a 0% property tax abatement paying 100 % back into the local economy.

Councilman Davis will abstain from this conversation because of his employer representing this company. Councilman McClarnon brought up the need for a public hearing for abatement and city attorney Morelock explained the series of forms that Mr. Dellacca can pick up from the Clerk-Treasurer's office. In addition, Mr. Morelock explained that the tax abatement laws are incremental and not freeze; therefore, it may be best to return with a more formal petition at a later date.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Larry J. Breese, approached council requesting a two year loan agreement from an internal fund so that the city can save an approximate \$21,000 in loan expense. On the purchase of the police cars that are being purchased through Inskeep Ford. Motion by Councilman Grass to fund a loan to pay for the purchase of police cars from the Gaming Fund, seconded by Councilman McClarnon. Motion carried *viva voce*

City Attorney, Mr. Morelock approached council to request to strike the line pertaining to insurance from the Inter-local Agreement for the use of work-release and trustee's. Councilman Horning moved to accept Mr. Morelock's request to remove the line regarding insurance from the agreement, seconded by Councilman Pendlum. Motion carried 4 in favor – 3 opposed.

PETITION OR COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

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 Davis. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Larry J. Breese, IAMC, MMC
Clerk-Treasurer

Gary P. Evans, Council President
Presiding Officer