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Greencastle Common Council Special Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Greencastle City Hall

I. Call to Order; Roll Call

Mayor Dory called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM; upon roll by Clerk Treasurer Lynda Dunbar the following were present: Adam Cohen, Gary Lemon, Dave Murray, Stacie Langdon, Steve Fields and Tyler Wade. Mark Hammer absent.

II. Department Head Discussions:

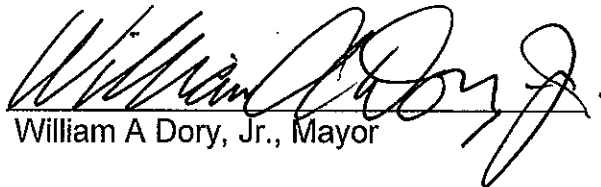
- A. **Tom Sutherlin – Police Chief** – Chief Sutherlin provided a hand-out at the retreat that included a summary of the police department, training, programs, and equipment needs and other needs for 2016 and 2017. Tom was asked what would give him the most bang for the buck. His response was more officers. Drugs are a huge concern to our police department. Other items discussed were as follows: the need for a drug dog, need for better security at City Hall in the event of an active shooter, active shooter preparedness at our county schools and the university. Adam Cohen wanted it noted in the minutes that DePauw University has not done active shooting training recently or requested any active shooter training from Greencastle Police. Chief Sutherlin's time was wrapped up by a discussion of body cameras and how important they have been for our police department.
- B. **John Burgess, Fire Chief** – Chief Burgess distributed to the council a 2012-2015 incident summary for the township and city. In his report he also included current staffing and training, breakdown of inspections for the last four years and an inventory of fire equipment and a schedule of replacing key pieces of fire equipment. He was also asked what would give him the most bang for the buck and he stated more firefighters. Discussion was held on seeing how many firefighters other communities our sizes have. Fire department will continue to seek grants to maintain our equipment however; grants are getting scarce for the purchase of equipment and trucks.
- C. **Oscar King and Tom Swenson, Acting Department Heads for Wastewater-**
A report was given to the council summarizing their 2015 accomplishments for the plant and collection system. Some much needed improvements were made. Mr. Swenson shared with the council why a new office building is needed at the wastewater plant. He also presented to the council the other

items that need to be looked at for possible replacement or upgrades. Mayor Dory shared with the council that we need to research what our future needs will be for the wastewater plant and exactly what we will need in a new building. Oscar and Tom invited the council members out anytime to tour the wastewater facility.

- D. **Ed Phillips- Acting Department Head for Water-** Mr. Phillips provided the council with the water department's accomplishments for 2015 and goals for 2016. Ed Phillips and Tom Swenson shared with the council that their biggest need in 2016 would be getting a new generator at the water plant that could run all of the equipment at the water plant. They thought we might have the option to either purchase or lease a generator through Duke. More research would have to be done on the lease option. It is vital that we have a generator that could power the entire plant in the event of an emergency. Our current generator is old and not sure it can power everything. Ed shared with us that our towers hold about a day's worth of water. It was noted that several items that need to be accomplished by the water department have been budgeted in 2016.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made by Gary Lemon to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 second by Adam Cohen, 6-0, motion carried


William A Dory, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynda R. Dunbar, Clerk Treasurer