

# City of Greencastle

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## Greencastle Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes

**July 8, 2008**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Greencastle City Hall**

- I. Call to Order; Roll Call
  - A. Mayor Murray called the regular meeting of the Common Council; upon roll call all councilor were found present.
- II. Public Petitions and Comments
  - A. None heard
- III. Special Requests
  - A. Putnam County Fair Board – Cheryl Spencer
    1. Request to close streets for Fair Parade scheduled for July 18, 2008. Cheryl Spencer present to request same closings as last year for fair parade on Friday, July 18, 2008. See attached. Councilor Bingham moved to accept this request with the provision that there be barricades located on Washington Street on South side of Courthouse to prevent children from running into the street. Second by Terry J. Smith, unanimous approval.
- IV. Department Reports
  - A. Cemetery – Ernie Phillips
    1. Ernie Phillips shared that the columbarium should be up next week and will then move forward with the Memorial Gardens. Councilor Bingham congratulated Ernie Phillips and Emory Phillips on achieving their Master Gardener Awards.
  - B. City Engineer –
  - C. Fire Department – Bill Newgent
  - D. Park and Recreation – Rod Weinschenk
    1. Rod Weinschenk shared update on Celebrate “4” event held this past Friday, July 4, 2008. Reminder that this Saturday will be the make-up date for the Fishing contest at Jaycee Park. Councilor Terry J. Smith thanked the Park Department and staff did a great job with clean up on Saturday.
  - E. Planner – Shannon Norman
    1. Shannon Norman updated Council on recent events. “Growing and Going Green” at Public Library. Invited everyone to visit the MS4 Green Corner located in City Hall with ideas for going green. Mayor Murray shared MS4 report has been completed and we have received positive feedback.
  - F. Police Department – Tom Sutherlin

1. Chief Sutherlin shared that National Night Out is August 5 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Councilor Bingham thanked Chief Sutherlin for sending kids to Ridpath for "Superhero" event.
- G. Street Department – Brad Phillips
  1. Mayor Murray shared that Brad Phillips has been appointed Street Commissioner effective immediately. Mayor Murray will be swearing Phillips in next week.
- H. Wastewater Department – George Russell
  1. George Russell answered questions from Councilor Cohen regarding the Septage program. Councilor Bingham asked regarding the recent water loss and why it is in excess of last year at this time. Russell stated the department is working hard to evaluate all areas where there could possibly be water loss. Plan is to replace large meters and if that does not help then the plan is to look at the city in sections.
- I. Water Works – Ed Phillips
- J. City Attorney - Laurie Robertson Hardwick
  1. Laurie Hardwick shared that Community Clean Up day will be held Saturday, July 19, 2008 beginning at 9:00 AM here at City Hall. Invited anyone interested to contact the Chamber of Commerce or herself to help out.
  
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Regular Meeting June 10, 2008
  - B. Special Meeting June 17, 2008
    1. Motion by Mark Hammer to approve both minutes as presented, second by Adam Cohen, unanimous approval.
  
- VI. Old Business
  
- VII. New Business
  - A. **Resolution 2008-7** – A Resolution Reaffirming Resolution 2006-30 and Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area and Recommended Tax Deduction (Chiyoda USA Corporation)
    1. Mayor Murray opened the Public Hearing on this Resolution at this time 7:34 P.M. Mayor Murray read the request in its entirety. Bill Dory refreshed Council on the purpose of abatements. Mr. Dory discussed the newer technology of "blow molding" in the automotive industry. Discussion. Councilor Cohen asked regarding number of employees at Chiyoda and if they are residents of Putnam County. Mark Hammer noted that the abatement amounts are approximately \$32,000 for a period of 7 years.
      - a. Motion by John Lanie, second by Adam Cohen, Marvin Long, resident of Greencastle voiced his disapproval on this issue. Melvin Gaston resident of Greencastle also voiced his concern that we are giving away potential tax revenue and this does cost us money. Mr. Dory shared that we should look at this as the same type of reduction as mortgage exemption and other exemption that the State allows individual residents. Discussion.

Mayor Murray closed Public hearing at 7:58 P.M. with a call for the vote, unanimous approval.

**B. Annual Tax Abatement Resolutions 2008-8 to 2008-17**

1. Bill Dory reviewed Tax abatement continuation requests. See Attached.
  2. **Resolution 2008 -8** – A Resolution Affirming Chiyoda USA Corporation (2001 Happico Expansion) Of Compliance With Statements Of Benefits
    - a. Motion by Mark Hammer to approve, second by Jinsie Bingham, unanimous approval.
  3. **Resolution 2008-9** - A Resolution Affirming Chiyoda USA Corporation (2007 Expansion) Of Compliance With Statements Of Benefits
    - a. Motion by Mark Hammer to approve, second by John Lanie, unanimous approval, Councilor Cohen not present to vote at this time.
  4. **Resolution 2008-10** – A Resolution Affirming Crown Equipment Corporation (1995 Project) Of Compliance With Statements of Benefits
    - a. Motion by John Lanie to approve, second by Terry J. Smith, unanimous approval.
  5. **Resolution 2008-11** A Resolution Affirming FB Distro Distribution Center LLC (FB Distro, Inc.) (1999 Expansion) Of Compliance With Statements Of Benefits
    - a. Motion by Terry J. Smith to approve, second by John Lanie, unanimous approval.
  6. **Resolution 2008-12** – A Resolution Affirming Garmong Development Company, LLC Of Compliance With Statements of Benefits
    - a. Motion by John Lanie to approve, second by Jinsie Bingham, unanimous approval.
  7. **Resolution 2008-13 – Resolution 2008-16** - A Resolution Affirming Heartland Automotive LLC (2000 Expansion) Of Compliance With Statements of Benefits
    - a. Motion by Jinsie Bingham to approve as presented, second by Terry J. Smith, unanimous approval.
  8. **Resolution 2008-17** – A Resolution Affirming Lear Operations Corporation (2005 Expansion) Now Know As International Automotive Components Corporation Of Compliance With Statements of Benefits
    - a. Motion by Mark Hammer to approve, second by Adam Cohen, 4 ayes, 1 abstain, motion carried.
- C. Resolution 2008-18** – A Resolution Authorizing A Temporary Loan For The City of Greencastle Park and Recreation Fund
  1. Motion by Adam Cohen to approve as presented, second by Mark Hammer, unanimous approval.
- D. Ordinance 2008 – 11** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2000-4, An Ordinance Designating Stop Intersections, **First Reading**,
  1. Mayor Murray read this Ordinance in its entirety.
    - a. Melvin Gaston spoke regarding this Ordinance. In his opinion people do no stop at any stop signs.
    - b. Motion by Terry J. Smith to approve on first reading, second by Jinsie Bingham, unanimous approval.

VIII. Approval of City Claims

- A. Motion by Mark Hammer to approve claims as presented, second by John Lanie, unanimous approval.

IX. Reports

A. Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Murray announced that we are now a welfare to work program site. We are also SSACI approved to hire students. Many questions about sidewalk and street repairs. Due to lack of revenue we are looking at prioritizing projects and doing projects as we can afford.

B. Clerk-Treasurer's Report

1. Nothing to report.

C. Councilors

1. Mark Hammer shared that Owen County have already paid property taxes.

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM by John Lanie, second by Adam Cohen, unanimous approval.

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Susan V. Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa P. Glenn, Clerk Treasurer