

# City of Greencastle

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## **Greencastle Common Council Minutes Council Retreat Special Session**

**January 24, 2008**

**6:30 P.M.**

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- I. Call to Order; Roll Call at 6:35 PM
  - A. All present
  
- II. New Business
  - A. Focus the Nation Endorsement
    1. Mayor Murray spoke regarding the request to support this initiative. Council was presented with Resolution 2008-1.
      - a. Resolution 2008-1 - A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Greencastle supporting Focus the Nation Initiative.
        - i. Mayor Murray read this Resolution in its entirety. Mark Hammer spoke regarding the importance of supporting this initiative as it brings together others to discuss this important issue. He shared his concern that is it the business of this council to pass a resolution of this kind. Steps outside the boundaries of what this council's jurisdiction is. Mayor Murray reiterated this is not changing policy or making policy it is simply supporting the efforts to begin dialog regarding the issue of global warming. Adam Cohen shared he agrees with Mayor Murray this is important. Motion by Adam Cohen to adopt this resolution as presented, second by John Lanie, 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mark Hammer) motion carried.
  - B. Change in date for second Council Retreat
    1. Mayor Murray asked to change the next retreat date and asked Council for feedback. Next meeting set for January 29 at 6:30 PM.
  - C. Council Appointments for Redevelopment Commission
    1. Jim Ruark and Steve Gauly currently serving. John Lanie spoke with both and both are willing to serve another term, John Lanie motion to appoint same, second Mark Hammer, unanimous approval.
  - D. Other Business
  
- III. Department Head Updates
  - A. Fire Department – Bill Newgent – 6:45 PM
    1. Chief Newgent presented his end of the year report for 2007 and reviewed items in his report. Chief Newgent updated Council on status of aerial truck and asked for council's approval to move ahead on the purchase of new

truck. Council agreed to allow Chief Newgent to get bids and start the process. Chief Newgent presented Council with information on construction and site of new training site. Discussion.

B. Planner – Shannon Norman – 7:15 PM

1. Shannon Norman presented her report for 2007 and goals for 2008. Norman answered questions regarding her goal to address unsafe buildings. Jinsie Bingham asked for minutes from BZA, Plan Commission and Tech Review be emailed to Council. Norman updated council on IVY Tech project.

C. Police Department – Tom Sutherlin – 7:45 PM

1. Chief Tom Sutherlin presented his report. He also shared update on vehicle take home policy with new Council. Chief Sutherlin shared with Council data regarding his staff and various duties of his office. Chief Sutherlin discussed his goals for 2008. Discussion regarding upcoming “Active Shooter” Training. Specialized training EMT, Sex Crimes, Cell Phone Information Retrieval. Chief Sutherlin will be working with Laurie Hardwick to revise the SOP, Standard Operating Procedures, and present to Council by July 1, 2008. Goal to continue proactive communication with local schools with officers on campus as a positive factor to students. Car Seat Fitting Station Program which is a fully donation funded program allowing GPD to provide car seats to individuals who qualify. This program also allows GPD to instruct families on proper installation and restraining of their child in seats. Question from Jinsie Bingham regarding AED’s in patrol cars. Chief Sutherlin stated that currently we have 2 trained officers who carry them in their vehicles. Question: How many officers on shift at a time? Anywhere from 2 – 3 assigned per shift. What is required to become a reserve officer? We ask that these individuals pass the agility test and go through an interview. Updated Council regarding smoking ban and that today 4 citations were issued, 3 to patrons and 1 to owner at Moores’ Bar.

D. Park Department – Rod Weinschenk – 8:15 PM

1. Rod Weinschenk presented his 2008 goals. Present for this presentation were members of the Park Board; John Hennette, Barb Bryan, Kara Thomas, Tim Trigg, and Russ Evans. Rod highlighted items of concerns and reviewed new goals for 2008.

IV. Adjournment

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM motion by Jinsie Bingham, second by Terry J. Smith, unanimous approval.

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Susan V. Murray, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa P. Glenn, Clerk Treasurer

