

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM  
118 E FRONT ST  
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787  
AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup> 2017 6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were Council President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Bill Boggs, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Town Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard. Absent was Waste Water Operator/Utility Supervisor Kent Slater.

New Business-Arthur Little, resident at 402 W Buffalo was present to ask Council for sewage adjustment on a leak. Council looked over paperwork and denied adjustment. Council explained that because his account has not been current they could not justify giving the adjustment.

Old Business – None

Park Board-Judy Earnhart asked Council to consider appointing Jeff Beers to the Park Board as the Whitko School Board representative. Motion was made by Councilman Les Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Bill Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Ms. Earnhart mentioned she was completing paperwork for grant money, also stated that the Park Board was sponsoring a canoe float for the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and a Donut Run at 11:30. Kent Slater has been removed 14 tree stumps from Hagen Park and 2 from park downtown. She also asked the Council to consider raising the Park Budget to 10,000.00 which has been 7500.00 for several years, they stated they would take it under consideration. Ms. Earnhart asked if there has been release forms signed and fee collected for campers in Hagen Park. It was stated that there has not been a fee ever collected and would look into the forms. Ms. Earnhart stated to the Council that back in August 1985 the land was donated by the Hagen's with stipulation that it be used for recreational use only and with the Water Filtration project going back there that they may want to check into this. Attorney Hockemeyer stated that would be considered a Restrictive Covenant and would check into.

Department Heads:

Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender- Marshal Van Devender mentioned that he has received the permit to close State Street from Thursday until Sunday for the festival. Marshal Van Devender told Council that everyone that had received a Weed Ordinance Violation letter has taken care of the problem and reminded everyone that school is back in session to be careful and watch for children.

Waste Water Operator/Utility Supervisor Kent Slater-Absent

Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer- Attorney Hockemeyer asked Council for approval of the first reading of an Ordinance for the Redevelopment Commission so they can look over all paperwork to see what all will need to be done for Ordinance #08-22-2017 01 Creating the Redevelopment Commission. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. He stated that the Rural Economic Land & Grant Program was mentioned by John Myers that would also

be a part of this Commission. Attorney Hockemeyer is scheduled to meet with Nathan Bilger on the building ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard- Clerk Howard gave the Council three quotes for the paving projects wanting to have done this fall for Mr. Slater. NiBlock's bid came in at \$ 54,509.50, E & B \$ 63,745.00 and Brooks \$ 63,492.00, Council looked over and discussed. Motion to approve quote for paving from NiBlock was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Clerk Howard asked for approval for Transfer of Funds Resolution 08-22-2017-01, motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

August 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 Work Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

August 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 Regular Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Prepaid APV'S totaling \$ 13,956.63 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

APV'S totaling \$ 172,686.24 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

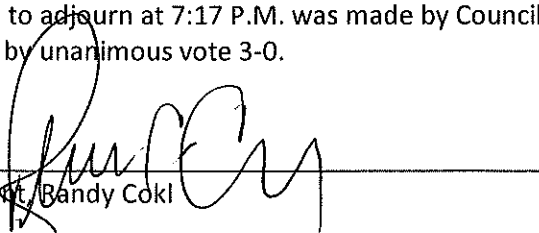
Payroll for Week Ending August 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 totaling \$ 9,541.11 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Payroll for Week Ending August 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 totaling \$ 7,694.32 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Public Input –Anna Simmons asked the Council what it took to get on the Park Board because she has been trying for 10 years and hasn't had any luck. There was discussion and Judy Earnhart from the Park Board asked Council to nominate Anna to the Park Board. Motion was made by President Cokl on the findings that no representative other than the Republican Party has come forward for this position so he would like to nominate Anna Simmons, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Ms. Simmons also asked the Council about an ordinance for a no truck sign on Main Street near her house and a speed limit sign. There was some discussion and council will need to talk with Kent Slater and check into ordinances. James Johnson asked about their decision for the dead end sign in Whispering Hills. The Council has set September 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting to have any interested parties to come and hear all views on this matter.

Motion to adjourn at 7:17 P.M. was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

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ATTEST: *Janet Howard*

Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard