

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT STREET
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
June 13th 2017 at 5:30 PM

The work session was called to order at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 13th 2017. Those present were Council President Randy Cokl, Councilman Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Waste Water Operator/Supervisor Kent Slater, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

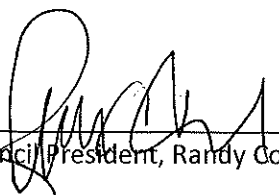
Clerk Howard gave Council members a letter from State Examiner about the Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund, also given to Council was information on salary increases for 2018 Salary Ordinance to look over and start to think about percentage for salaries. Information given to them was current pay scale for all positions and figures for 1%, 2% and 3% increases. It was mentioned if they would like any other percentage figure to let her know.

Mr. Slater mentioned that the first public hearing on the Waste Water plant would be July 11th at 5:30 PM before the regular session. He had some good news about the flood wall around the sewage plant lit would not cost as much because they came to an agreement with IDEM that no wall or levy would need to be built. Mr. Slater stated that Friday, June 16th he and council will meet with DLZ to walk and look over the sidewalk situation south of the bridge.

John Myers was in attendance and wanted to let the council know that Joe Kessie has sold his house and moved to Winona Lake but he would be willing to stay on the EDC board as long as the council would like him to. The council agreed that they would like Mr. Kessie to remain on the board. Mr. Myers stated that he had been in contact with the owner of the old Dollar General building and he has a couple of people interested in the building. He wanted to know if the council had any ideas as to what they would like to see go in the building, it was mentioned they would like to see something like a hardware/auto store go in if possible. Mr. Myers said he would relay the message. Mr. Myers also mentioned that the Whitley County EDC will be hosting a Redevelopment training session on June 29th in Columbia City and would like to invite council to attend.

President Cokl mentioned that he talked with Tom Bills and that Mr. Bills was interested in buying the ground just south of Whispering Hills addition with the intention of putting in senior apartments. President Cokl told Mr. Bills that he would be willing to help in any way he could and Mr. Myers stated that there was probably Federal funding to help with this and Lori Shipman would be a good source to use.

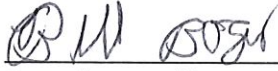
Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:12 P.M. was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.



Council President, Randy Cokl

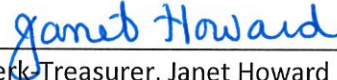


Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Bill Boggs

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Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard