

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM 118 E FRONT STREET, SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
OCTOBER 25TH 2016
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25th, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were Council President Bill Boggs, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Randy Cokl, Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Boggs and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business – Motion was made for approval of the first reading adopting 2017 Salary Ordinance #10-25-2016-01 by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote. Motion was made for approval of 2017 Salary Ordinance #10-25-2016-01 to be considered for final passage by unanimous vote by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

New Business – Code of Ordinance Paperwork was given to Council members for review. Discussion with Council and Town Attorney on the Delinquency Repayment Agreement about resident disagreeing with Clerk as to how the 10% of late payment should be paid back. It was stated by the Town Attorney that the resident was wrong in the way she determined it should be paid back.

Park Board – Review of chain link fence in the park. The company that put the fence in wanted to replace all at 17,000 and Eagle would do all repairs for 4800.00, Councilman Hoffman asked if possible for the town employees to repair in spare time but Teresa was looking to get it repaired in one day, but she would get with Kent and see what he says. Friends of the Park will meet Nov. 9th at 6:00 in the community room and Nov. 12 at the Library at 10:30 in the morning to talk with volunteers to get new ideas and programs going for this winter.

Department Heads

Town Marshal – Mikel said that the police video had lost the hard drive a day before the new IT person came and lost video that was needed. He was asking to be able to spend 1000.00 from his budget to install network drive that would have a two drive backup system, They all agreed by accumulation. SRO Officer Matt Gilbert graduated from the academy and did very well. Blake will start academy November 7th and graduate in February.

Kent Slater – Not Present

Town Attorney- Gregg Hockemeyer ask for approval of Ordinance #10-25-2016-03 amending the speed limits for Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Motion to pass Ordinance #10-25-2016-03 for final passage by unanimous vote was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Discussion about the abandoned property, nuisance ordinance and unsafe property ordinance. Gregg will look into further. Councilman Hoffman stated he would like to have something that would allow them to go in and inspect buildings on a yearly basis that are abandoned buildings uptown. Discussion

on reference to head of police department should be Town Marshal and not Police Chief and this will be looked into. Need to get a list of things for American Legal to look at and fix with ordinances.

Clerk Treasurer- Ask for approval of Resolution #10-25-2016-02 Authorizing Clerk-Treasurer to pay Christmas Bonuses for 2016. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Christmas Bonuses will be run thru payroll which is a comment on most recent audit report that was not done in the past years. Discussion on 2017 Holiday schedule was tabled until next meeting. Discussion about ITRON representative coming up and talking with town employees about hand held reader and how to get problems solved. Clerk asked about rescheduling November 8th's regular meeting due to council members helping with election and not getting done until 7:30 or 8. It was decided to change meeting to November 9th at 5:30 PM.

Approval of the October 11th 2016 Work Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

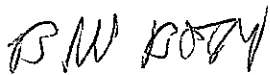
Approval of the October 11th 2016 Public Hearing Meeting minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of the Prepaid APV'S totaling \$19,507.75 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.


Approval of the APV'S totaling \$174,364.91 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Approval of Payroll for week ending October 17th 2016 and week ending October 24th 2016 were presented, approved and signed. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

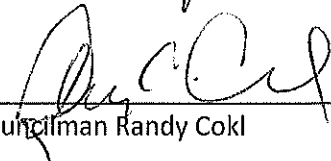
Public Input – Tom Crowder asked about the time table on the water filtration project and Council President said the applications have been submitted and should hear something in a few months. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:34PM was made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.



Council President Bill Boggs

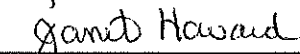


Councilman Les Hoffman



Councilman Randy Cokl

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard