SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

JANUARY 26, 2021

6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 in the Town Hall

Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Randy Cokl, Councilman Brock Waterson, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender, Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS – ARTISTIC HOLIDAY DESIGN PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION – Amanda Johnston represented their company a plaque and was presented by Council President, Les Hoffman proclaiming, thanking and honoring them for supplying the Town of South Whitley with Holiday decorations this past Christmas Season.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Motion made by Councilman Waterson to nominate Councilman Cokl as President and Les Hoffman as Vice-President, after Councilman Hoffman had expressed a desire to remain as President one more year to finish a few things he had started. Councilman Cokl seconded the motion for his nomination as President and was carried with a vote of 2-1, with nay vote by Council President Hoffman.

HOLLY GILLIAM – SEWAGE ADJ of $218.95, motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

MAIZIE HOLLARS – SEWAGE ADJ of $578.12, motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

LANA SECRIST – SEWAGE ADJ of $153.63, motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

JUDY WESTNESS – SEWAGE ADJ of $51.32, motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

DLZ – COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT APP 2021-1 APPROVAL – Motion made to approve grant made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0. The project will involve total repair Fosler to Mulberry, Randolph to Front-Broad, widen Market to Buffalo, repair storm sewer from Short to Schultz St.

OLD BUSINESS – 206 and 208 S STATE ST PROPERTY STATUS – per Attorney Hockemeyer no new proposal combining the two properties has been submitted by BMJ Entertainment.

PUBLIC INPUT – Karen Jordan inquired if a 3rd bid had been accepted for the two buildings for sale and complained that Council didn’t accept Eberly’s bid and Kambucha couple pulled out of their bid. If BMJ declines their bid, possibility would be up for rebid per Council and Attorney.

PARK BOARD – Dave Warner wasn’t present, but Kent Slater reported that lasat week the other two pickleball courts posts were installed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDEVENDER – Marshal Vandevender reported that car grant has been submitted and no kick backs to date. Looking at no out of pocket grants to be used for tasers, cameras and equipment for police department thru 2021. Motion first made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0, then amended to say allow thru 2021.

Amended motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 30. Councilman Waterson also suggested checking out the Tire Company in Manchester to get quotes on tires.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER – IDNR – INDOT SR 5 over Clear Creek Maintenance Des No. 200198, only requires a signature by Council President Les Hoffman. Ottenweller is finishing up at the Wastewater plant.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – nothing to report.

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – RESOLUTION 2012- 1-26-2021 TO TRANSFER UNUSED APPROPRIATIONS, $75,000 to Rainy Day Fund. Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0. Clerk Hoffman also reported the CARES ACT money was received December 14, 2020 in the amount of $57,068.00.

APPROVAL DECEMBER 2020 BANK DEPOSITORY AND CASH RECONCILEMENT- Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 12, 2021 WORKSESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 12, 2021 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion made by approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for APV’S TOTALING $ 243,775.76 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18th, 2021, TOTALING $7,881.31 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4th, 2021, TOTALING $10,280.84 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25th, 2021, TOTALING $14,445.30 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

Newly elected Town Council President Cokl expressed his desire to change the 1st Council meeting of the month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month to 5:30 p.m. for the worksession and 6:30 p.m. for the general session. Employee meeting will stay 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The 2nd meeting of the month which falls on the 4th Tuesday, will remain at 6:30 p.m. He made a motion for the changes in times and motion was seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 2-1, Councilman Hoffman voted against.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:19 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by a vote of 3-0.

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PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN

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VICE PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL

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COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON