SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

APRIL 13, 2021

6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in the Town Hall

Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Randy Cokl, Vice President Les Hoffman, Councilman Brock Waterson, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender, Utility 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 RICK PHILLIPS 502 N CALHOUN – 50/50 SIDEWALK GRANT $1,200.00. Motion made by Councilman Hoffman to accept, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

BRAD THOMSON 407 MARKET ST – 50/50 SIDEWALK GRANT $1,000.00. Motion made by Councilman Hoffman to accept, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

DEA JINNINGS – SEWAGE ADJUSTMENT - $886.83. Motion made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carred by a vote of 3-0.

TONY STARKEY – DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS – He had concerns regarding the back of the town building next to the Green Parrot, stating that Council President Cokl had told him the building would be torn down and then was never followed through. Council President Cokl answered that there were structural reasons that it was not torn down. Starkey then became belligerent with the Council in general and ended up being asked to leave with a police escort out of building.

EDC INVOICE OCTOBER 1, 2020 to MARCH 31,2021, $8,512.95. Motion made to accept, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS TOBY VANHOUTEN – SEWAGE ADJ - $813.35, he is in the process of manually digging up his water/sewer line as he can’t locate the water break, but the water is still shut off and will be, until it is fixed. Motion made to approve by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

206 and 208 S STATE ST PROPERTY STATUS – no response received from BMJ Entertainment. Attorney Hockemeyer stated he gave them until April 9th, 2021 to respond or the deal would be void. Councilman Hoffman asked to have the EDC sell as one property. Attorney Hockemeyer will contact EDC for a proposal request in helping to sell the building.

PUBLIC INPUT – DOVE and MICHAEL STASKO explained to the Council their Urban Chicken Proposal Ordinance, to allow chickens in town.

PARK BOARD – Dave Warner had 2 handouts for the Council, Lawn Tractor repair used at Hagan Park repaired by Eel River, County Master Gardeners-$400.00, a request for yoga in the park, Pickelball courts need new light on the north and south end-Kent stated Ron is putting in more lights. Pickelball funding needs approved, basketball court needs a trash sign to encourage the basketball players to use it, Park furniture at LeBrun Gateway Park needs repaired. It was suggested to check with Brett Messmore at Whitko Career Academy to have students repair legs on furniture. Dave also presented a 5 year spending plan for South Whitley Town Parks, which included replacing fences and sealing pickleball courts and basketball courts. Council President Cokl said that Manchester University donated a box of basketballs to the town for use at the Parks.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDENDER – Marshal Vandevender asked for a truck lease/master lease agreement for 4 year truck lease. Motion made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 2-1, Councilman Hoffman voted against. Approval for K-9 Insurance added to town insurance policy for $500.00/year. Motion made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0. A K-9 officer agreement is needed and Marshal Vandevender will email Gregg to complete agreement. Deputy Robert Lysaght will start on his own 4-12-21. Mikel sent out 15 health, trash and vehicle ordinance violations.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER stated that the basketball lights go off at 1:00 a.m., he will check to make sure the timer is reset since the time change. State Road 14 project from Main Street to Collamer Road approval. Motion made to accept by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – nothing to add, in addition to old business.

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – no information at this time.

APPROVAL FOR FEBRUARY 2021 CASH RECONCILEMENT STATEMENT were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR MARCH 23rd, 2021 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

APPROVAL for APV’S TOTALING $131,205.11 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING APRIL 5th, 2021 TOTALING $ 10,072.70 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Hoffman, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING APRIL 12th , 2021, TOTALING $8,457.06 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Hoffman, carried by vote of 3-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:22 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by a vote of 3-0.

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PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL

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COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON