

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT ST
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
SEPTEMBER 12TH 2017 6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12th 2017 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.

Call to order was at 6:31 PM and followed by the Pledge of Alligiance.

New Business-None

Old Business – 2nd reading for Ordinance 08-22-2017-01 Creating the South Whitley Redevelopment Commission. Motion to approve Ordinance 08-22-2017-01 was made by Councilman Boggs, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Attorney Hockemeyer mentioned that the Council will have to appoint three members to the Commission, two appointed by the Town Executive or President and one being a school board appointee. They must be 18 or older and a resident of South Whitley.

Park Board-No one present to give report

Department Heads:

Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender- Marshal VanDevender wanted approval to purchase 5 vests for all the officers out of the budget and the attachments needed would come out of the officers clothing allowance. The vest normally cost \$700.00 apiece and Brateman's will sell them for \$425.00 apiece totaling \$2125.00. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Marshal VanDevender stated that security would be double for the Fall Festival on Friday night and all day Saturday. Marshal also stated that there will be officers going to training the month of October and November. He will be going to a one day Glock School for recertification, November 6th and 7th Sergeant LeWallen will be attending Criminal Investigation School, November 19th thru 21st SRO Matt Gilbert will be attending School Safety Specialist for part of the Grant he needs and November 20th and 21st Officer Burman will be attending Interview and Drug Interdiction School. Marshal VanDevender asked Council to approve request from South Whitley Amvet's Post 2919 to install a Persons with Disabilities Parking Space in front of their building at 234 State Street. Motion to approve Persons with Disabilities Parking Space at 234 State Street was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Waste Water Operator/Utility Supervisor Kent Slater-Absent

Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer- Attorney Hockemeyer asked Council to approve an exception to the rule set forth in the South Whitley Town Code section 96.12 thru 96.16 and allow for the service of Beer and Wine only from 7 PM to 12 AM on September 16th 2017 for the Fall Festival. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and President Cokl abstained his vote for reason with his involvement with the Festival Committee. Vote was 2-0. Attorney Hockemeyer mentioned that

at the last meeting on August 22nd Judy Earnhart had mentioned that there was a restriction in Hagan Park for anything other than park and recreational and wondered if the water filtration plant in Hagan Park would fall under this. Mr. Hockemeyer researched this and there are two separate tracts to Hagen Park. The first tract was donated in 1986 by John Hagan and is about 20 acres of land and then ten years later Irma Rink donated about 7 1/2 acres of land to the Town. Her tract is not subject to the restriction and state law has a 30 year covenant which would lapse the other contract and not affect the water plant infrasture.

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard- Meter Deposit Refunds totaling \$ 674.88 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. June 2017 Depository and Cash Reconcilement was presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. July 2017 Depository and Cash Reconcilement was presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by President Cokl and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. August 2017 Depository and Cash Reconcilement was presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. The Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget will be held on September 26th 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Council Board Room before the Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM. It was brought up that the October 10th Regular Meeting needs to be rescheduled since two Councilmen will not be able to attend, motion was made by President Cokl to cancel the Work Session and reschedule the October 10th 2017 Regular Meeting to October 17th 2017 after the 2018 Budget Adoption Meeting at 6:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. Clerk gave paperwork to Council from IACT on the Employee Insurance rate increase of 5.1% for next year and asked Council if they had any changes for the Town Employee Handbook to consider. The only change now is that the Comp time for the SRO be added to the Handbook. It was asked that the Council consider whether they want to give a 2017 Year End Bonus. Last year they gave a \$100.00 Bonus to employees and the Clerk. Motion to approve a Year End Bonus of \$100.00 was made by Councilman Boggs, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. There was discussion as to the procedure as to who should be called out for after hour reconnects. Motion was made by President Cokl to have Amanda Howard be the first to be called and if not available then Ron Anderson and if he is not available to call Brandon Lopez for reason of hourly wage, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0. It was mentioned in the last meeting by Park Board President Judy Earnhart that she wondered if there was a Camping Permit form being signed when people camp in Hagan Park and this was confirmed that the form was signed this year by campers.

Clerk Howard had a report from Mr. Slater for the Council in his absence. Yardberry Excavating have started the State Rd 5 Bridge Scour Protection Project, their work will be under the bridge with no road closure and that this is an INDOT Project. Phend and Brown will start the ADA Sidewalk Ramp Project next week and Mr. Slater is still waiting on information from NIBLOCK to start the paving. The town will be setting up for the festival throughout the week.

August 22nd 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 \$ 48,642.69 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 \$ 32,040.09 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

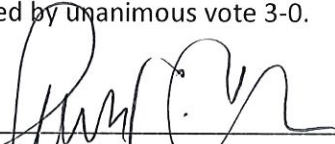
Payroll for Week ending August 28th 2017 totaling \$ 7,283.24 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Payroll for Week ending September 4th 2017 totaling \$ 8,382.98 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 September 11th 2017 totaling \$ 7,458.02 were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.

Public Input – Barb Hofer ask Council about the cost of the project going on underneath the State Rd 5 Bridge. Council stated that it is not a Town project so there is no cost to the Town. She also asked about the progress with getting the Lutheran EMS in South Whitley and President Cokl stated that the Sheriff is meeting with his attorney tomorrow and they are moving forward.


Motion to adjourn at 7:08 P.M. was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Boggs and carried by unanimous vote 3-0.



President, Randy Cokl



Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Bill Boggs

ATTEST: 

Clerk/Treasurer, Janet Howard