

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT ST
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
DECEMBER 26TH 2018
4:00 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 26th 2018 in the Town Hall Board Room. Those present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Brock Waterson, WW Operator/Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater, Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Attorney Gregory Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

Call to order at 4:01 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business-Phil LaBrash with DLZ presented Council with 2019 On-Call Professional Service Agreement for Engineering Services. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Paul Elling with Donohue was present to discuss the Work Change Directive Order No 1. Mr. Elling explained that they ran into some soft soils at the Waste Water Plant construction and seeking approval for potential change order to address this problem. He brought Boring Log and Work Change Directive to look over while he was explaining what was going on. He explained a Work Order Directive is used when the contractor and engineer have not negotiated the terms yet. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman for authorization to give contractor the okay to proceed with this work and then work out the details of the cost, seconded by President Cokl and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve Donohue Invoice for LTCP Compliance Plan Phase A for \$ 9955.58 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve Meter Deposit Refunds totaling \$231.49 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve outstanding checks two years old or older totaling \$202.64 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve Resolution #12-26-2018-01 Transfer of Appropriation Resolution was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Dennis Norris and David Callahan from Hughes Insurance Group came to present their quote for the town insurance. There was discussion and will consider their quote along with Star Insurance quote that was turned in two weeks ago.

Old Business-Appointment of Redevelopment member was tabled until the January 8th 2019 meeting. Motion to approve Whitley County Joint Planning & Building invoice totaling \$ 6,000.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by President Cokl and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Park Board-No one from Park Board was present.

Waste Water Operator/Utility Supervisor Kent Slater – Nothing tonight unless Council has any questions for him concerning the Waste Water Plant construction or ADA project. Mr. Slater stated that Mr. LaBrash was here to answer any questions about the Community Crossings Grant.

Town Marshal Michael VanDevender – Marshal VanDevender mentioned that he has sent out 9 letters for ordinance violations mostly for junk in yards.

Town Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer- Attorney Hockemeyer asked Council to approve memorandum of underwriting final arrangements with Starlite Estates for billing arrangements as a commercial entity and have them be responsible for collecting the bills, using regular rates just billing them as one user like we do for commercial entities. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by President Cokl and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard- Clerk Howard asked for approval of estimate cost for the First Supplement to the South Whitley Code of Ordinances (range of \$1110.00-1850.00). Motion to approve was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 3-0. Clerk Howard had three quotes for carpet for the lobby, office and board room for Council to look over. Council put on hold until after the first of the year.

November 2018 Depository Statement and Cash Reconciliation was presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

December 11th 2018 Work Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

December 11th 2018 Regular Session Minutes were presented, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Prepaid APV'S totaling \$ 87,170.62 were presented to Council, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

APV'S totaling \$ 131,889.17 were presented to Council, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

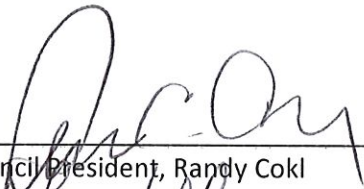
Payroll Week ending December 17th 2018 totaling \$ 9,250.32 was presented to Council, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Payroll Week ending December 24th 2018 totaling \$ 7,924.61 was presented to Council, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Public Input –Celinda Johnson came to meeting to talk with Council about several issues. She asked that it be kept anonymous and out of the newspaper but Attorney Hockemeyer explained that she was in a public meeting being recorded and videotaped. She wanted to state that Street Supervisor, Jason Keim was doing a great job and works very hard. Also mentioned that she just had her water softner checked and a new filter put in and her water is still rusty, asked if the hydrants had been flushed. It was explained to her that they usually flush in the spring, summer and fall not during the winter and that when the water filtration plant is finished it should help with this problem. Next she mentioned that the vehicles traveling Calhoun are going very fast and asked for it to be patrolled. Marshal VanDevender explained that they have check out the speed on Calhoun and the speed limit is 30 miles per hour south of the tracks. It may look like cars are traveling faster than they really are. C.J. they mentioned that she has talked with Jeff Beer from the Park Department and feels that the parks are the way to bring new people into town with possibly getting a splash pad and have park events. She said there are grants out

there for several things and we need to get someone to look into these things. She brought up Blighted Properties and how some properties in town owned by landlords that rented out do not care how the properties look, that they have junk sitting in the yards. Wanted to know what could be done about this problem. President Cokl explained that there are a lot of people who just can't afford to fix up certain things with the property and that we as a community need to look into getting them information for help with this. Next she mention about the serious problem with dogs being loose in town, dogs without being on a leash if not on their own property. She herself was chased back into her house one day by a stray dog. It was suggested when this happens to call police and have them look for the dog and to get it on record.

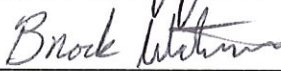
Motion to adjourn at 5:38 P.M. was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.



Council President, Randy Cokl

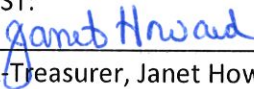


Councilman, Les Hoffman



Councilman, Brock Waterson

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Clerk-Treasurer, Janet Howard