

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM  
118 E FRONT STREET  
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787  
JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2019  
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 P.M. Those present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Brock Waterson, Utility Supervisor Kent Slater, Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer and Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard.

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business- Motion to approve sewage adjustment for Terry Eberly totaling \$146.02 with condition that bill showing leak was fixed is dropped off to the Clerk's office was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a 3-0 vote. Motion to approve Pay App. # 8 for Ottenweller Contracting totaling \$114,495.95 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve invoice from DLZ for misc. engineering totaling \$498.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve invoice from DLZ for services for Community Crossing 2018 totaling \$2,359.60 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve invoice from Humane Society for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter totaling \$864.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve invoice from Tim Moyer Excavating for Water Plant totaling \$250.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Old Business- Bids for 2009 Dodge Car were opened. There were three bids, Randy Cokl \$287.13, Ian Pheigo \$350.00 and Ron Anderson \$700.00. Motion to approve highest bid from Ron Anderson was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Bids for Chevrolet truck were opened, Pam Waller \$800.00, Don Meyer \$1005.00, and Randy Cokl \$287.13. Motion to accept highest bid from Don Meyer was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Park Board-Councilman Hoffman mentioned that the Park Board has ordered the stone for the pocket park pathway and that the white fence will be installed on Saturday.

Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender -Marshal VanDevender stated that SRO Officer Clark graduated from Dare School on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Utility Supervisor- Kent Slater mentioned that he will be contacting Whitley Manufacturing to set up a time to meet. He also stated that the Railroad has changed the dates as to when the streets will be closed for repair starting the week of August 5<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer- Attorney Hockemeyer mentioned to Council that he has been looking into the Public Safety Compensation and can not find a reason to be able to hold an executive meeting so he suggested that the Marshal, himself and one Council member meet to discuss. It was decided that President Cokl would be the one the attend the meeting. Council mentioned to Attorney Hockemeyer

their conversation with Mr. Starkey in the work session and wanted his advice as to how to handle the encroachment of the Hardware building and also the area where he wanted to remove the asphalt. Attorney Hockemeyer stated the best way to handle would be to have an encroachment agreement. Council authorized Attorney Hockemeyer to proceed with getting together with Mr. Starkey and prepare the paperwork. Motion was made by Councilman Waterson to approve the encroachment agreement if Mr. Starkey will make improvements to the side of the building first, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 3-0. Councilman Waterson wanted to be on record stating that he doesn't feel the reason the Hardware building is leaking is because of the asphalt in the alley. Motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to allow Mr. Starkey to remove the asphalt in question and replace it with sod, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. President Cokl stated that he wanted it to be transparent as to the meeting that was held on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 in the board room between himself, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Waterson and Marshal VanDevender about scheduling of the police officers. Motion to approve the transfer of the Administration of the Façade Program over to the Redevelopment Commission was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer- Motion to authorize Clerk Howard to reimburse Nancy Zummack for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program in the amount of \$1,122.50 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to authorize Clerk Howard to reimburse Nathan Myers for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program in the amount of \$1,132.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Clerk Howard asked Attorney Hockemeyer to look over an invoice for title insurance for the 206 S. State Street property. Clerk Howard asked Council to look over email from Town IT for recommendations safeguarding against virus and hackers, also handed out paperwork for Council to look over for 2020 salary ordinance. Motion to cancel the August 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 regular meeting due to the fact that all Councilman will be attending the conference at French Lick that week was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. It was decided that if something came up to take care of, they could hold a special meeting if need be.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes 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.

Prepaid APV'S totaling \$ 20,028.40 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.

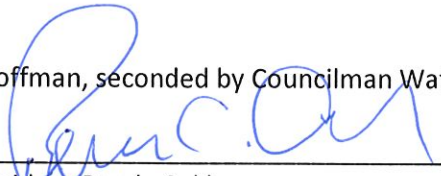
APV'S totaling \$ 26,159.54 were presented to Council, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Payroll week ending July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 totaling \$ 7,428.05 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 July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 totaling \$ 8,250.28 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.

Public Input-Tom Crowder was present to ask question about the closing of the railroad tracks in town. He stated that last time they closed all three crossings, he was wondering if they would be closing line street. Mr. Slater said they have not mentioned closing line street just Calhoun and State street. Councilman Waterson mentioned that there is activity on starting the facades on the state street buildings in about three weeks.

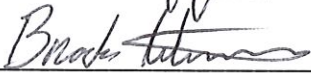
Motion to adjourn at 7:29 P.M. was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

  
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President Randy Cokl

  
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Councilman Les Hoffman

  
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Councilman Brock Waterson

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Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard