

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
118 E FRONT STREET
SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787
NOVEMBER 12TH 2019
6:30 P.M.

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12th 2019 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 P.M. Those present were President Randy Cokl, Councilman Les Hoffman, Councilman Brock Waterson, Marshal Mikel VanDevender, Kent Slater/Utility Supervisor, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer. Clerk Howard was absent.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business- Motion to approve yearly IT contract was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to authorize Clerk to disburse 50/50 sidewalk funds for 412 E. Front Street totaling \$ 840.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to authorize Clerk to disburse 50/50 sidewalk funds for 410 E. Front Street totaling \$ 1,120.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to authorize Clerk to disburse 50/50 sidewalk funds for 308 W. Mulberry Street totaling \$ 1,665.00 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve sewage adjustment for Ron Hampton at 922 Jenna Street totaling \$ 237.43 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Motion to approve sewage adjustment for Dan Ferrell at 901 Jenna Street totaling \$ 377.26 was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0. Robyn Tuttle addressed the Council about concerns with her utility bill. There was discussion and tabled.

Old Business- Motion to approve E & B Paving invoice totaling \$ 78,860.00 for Hillcrest, Cherry Ln and Poplar Streets was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Waterson and carried by a vote of 3-0.

Park Board-No one present/ President Cokl stated that Jeff Beer would be resigning as of the end of the year and suggested Brie Sims take over that position. Councilman Waterson mentioned that Joe Grant was interested in that position as well.

Town Marshal Mikel VanDevender – Marshal VanDevender discussed abandoned vehicles with the Council. He also mentioned that the disabled parking spot in front of the Amvets Post has not been repainted since the road was paved. Mr. Slater mentioned that he would be meeting with E & B Paving and ask them about this. There was discussion about a vehicle parking on Cherry Ln and the garbage disposal truck slid off the road into yard leaving deep tracks in a yard, it will also be an issue when the town needs to plow snow on that street. Marshal VanDevender stated that there has been several attempts to contact this person and he will not respond back. Councilman Hoffman said he would try to talk with him before the next meeting.

Utility Supervisor- Kent Slater- Kent Slater mentioned that the leaf vac broke down last week and was in for repairs

Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer- Attorney Hockemeyer had an update on the Joe Calhoun dispute. Mr. Calhoun's attorney had contacted him to see what could be worked out on his outstanding bill from 2011. Attorney Hockemeyer asked for Councils approval to offer him a \$5000.00 cash and a personal guarantee for establishing utility service again with the Town. This would be void if not paid in 30 days. Motion to approve Attorney Hockemeyer to proceed was made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by President Cokl, with a nay vote by Councilman Hoffman 2-1 vote.

Clerk-Treasurer-Absent tonight

Approval of November 12th 2019 Work Session Minutes were presented to Council, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by President Cokl and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Approval of November 12th 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes were presented to Council, approved and signed. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by President Cokl and carried by a vote of 2-0.

Prepaid APV'S totaling \$ 190,579.39 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 \$ 31,887.05 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 October 28th 2019 totaling \$ 7,146.06 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 November 4th 2019 totaling \$ 6,970.70 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 November 11th 2019 totaling \$ 7,411.79 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- John Hofer was present to tell Council about his water pipe problem and his large bill, council asked Mr. Hofer to come into the Clerk's office to get the adjustment figured and then they would approve at the next meeting. Tom Crowder asked Council if they had a target date as to when the building's they purchased uptown would be completed and if they had anyone interested in the buildings yet. It was mentioned they hope they are ready by next summer.

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 P.M. was made by President Cokl, seconded by Councilman Hoffman and carried by a vote of 3-0.

President Randy Cokl


Councilman Les Hoffman



Councilman Brock Waterson

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer Janet Howard