

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

JUNE 14th, 2022

GENERAL WORKSESSION 5:30 PM

GENERAL WORKSESSION: The South Whitley Town Council met for the general worksession on June 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room. Present were Les Hoffman, President, Brock Waterson, Vice-President, Randy Cokl, Councilman, Mikel Vandevender, Town Marshal and Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer.

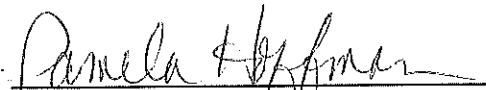
President Les Hoffman received an email from an individual who wants to purchase Lake Park Estates, and is interested in filling the remaining 68 sites with tiny and container homes. Also would like to update immenities at the site by adding pool, park and community center. The park is for sale by Wisely Commercial Realty. They wanted information regarding who to talk to for redevelopment. President Hoffman had asked the individual to attend this work session, but no one showed up.

Dale Buuck of the Whitley County EDC attended the worksession. He had information regarding the sale of the Shindigz Buidling per Bradley Realty, stating a Wisconsin Group purchased the facility. Councilman Cokl and Waterson both stated that Artistic Holiday Design purchased the Shindigz Building per COO of Artistic Holiday Design on May 27, 2022. Purchased to use as their warehouse or headquarters.

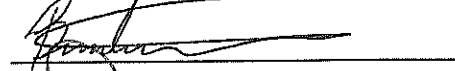
Councilman Waterson has been in contact with Brent Reed of Fire in the Hole Pizza, and he is still interested in buying the 2 town buildings and the Green Parrot. Dale Buuck also hasn't heard anything more about the buyer for the old Dollar General building. The Council and Dale discussed finding someone to renovate the Morsches Building for Senior Housing. EDC is also working with Joe Calhoun and his property on Broad Street for companies that might be interested. Joe is working on getting his back taxes paid.

No further discussion, the work session was closed at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST: _____


Pamela Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer


LES HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT


BROCK WATERSON, VICE PRESIDENT


RANDY COKL, COUNCILMAN

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
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JUNE 14, 2022

6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Brock Waterson, Councilman Randy Cokl, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS - TEK COAT AND SPRAY PERS PROP COMPLIANCE TAX ABATEMENT Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION – CULY CONTRACTING Motion made to approve the 90% completion of the Water Project made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

CAROL EBERLY – STREET CLOSING APPROVAL for JULY 10th for CORVETTE CLUB CAR SHOW Motion made to approve closing Columbia Street from State to Line from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., proceeds for new fire pumper truck, by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS - There was none to discuss

PUBLIC INPUT – Jennifer Krider asked if the Council had considered live streaming the council meetings. Eberly Videography would be willing for the Council to use their You Tube Channel to record. Council agreed to try this at the next meeting. Carol Eberly also asked about adjusting this month's water bill as she had to run her water for 4 straight hours to try to clear up the discoloration. Clerk-Treasurer will look into adjusting her bill. She also asked about the triangle hole at the fire station and alleyway, needs filled to prevent someone falling. Councilman Waterson will check with Jim Yeager and Jason Keim from Street Department to see what can be done. She asked about spraying for weeds in the bricks around town and the old Kyler House across the bridge on State Street is looking pretty rough as an entrance into town.

PARK BOARD – DAVE WARNER – Dave Warner reported that the sealing and painting of the pickleball courts would be happening soon for \$10,990.00. Park Dept has received \$6,000.00 in grant money and \$4,990 is the town's portion for park department. For the additional \$5,000.00 needed a motion was made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0. He also reported that CW Fencing for 5 foot fencing would be \$4,600.00, which would come out of the rest of the Park Department budget. Dave also informed the Council that the Amish that are building the furniture, ran out of the color needed so he was going to see if they have atleast a couple of benches for the Don LeBrun Gateway Park. He is looking for individuals to donate furniture for the park.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

WASTE WATER/UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER In Kent's absence Clerk Treasurer Pam Hoffman reported that the INDOT State Road 14 project will be delayed until the Spring of 2023.

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDEVENDER – Marshal Vandevender reported that the new police radios are now in service and they've experience no dead spots when using.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – He informed the Council that the Request for Proposal ran in Post and Mail last week, and will be in the paper tomorrow. The Buildings Walk-Thru is scheduled for June 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Councilman Waterson volunteered to show the buildings at that time.

CLERK-TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – Clerk Hoffman had nothing to add.

APPROVAL FOR MAY 24th, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL APV'S TOTALING \$314,359.71 Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

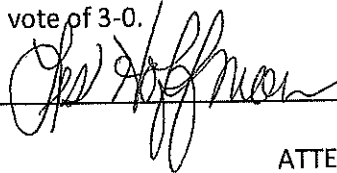
APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING May 30th, 2022 TOTALING \$9,185.65 Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING June 6th, 2022 TOTALING \$8,393.31- Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

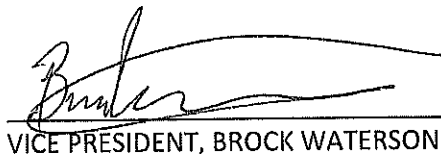
APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING June 13th, 2022 TOTALING \$10,090.28 - Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:05 pm. Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN



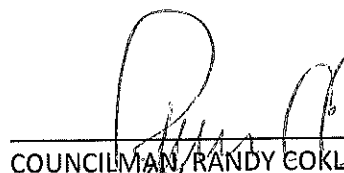
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VICE PRESIDENT, BROCK WATERSON



CLERK TREASURER PAMELA HOFFMAN



COUNCILMAN, RANDY COKL

SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
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JUNE 28, 2022
6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Brock Waterson, Councilman Randy Cokl, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS **COUNTRY CORNER** – Owner Andy Panesar asked Council Members if there was any discount for his sewage usage, as most of the water he uses goes to fountain drinks and making ice, therefore the water doesn't go into the sewer. Since the town doesn't charge a stormwater charge, that benefits him since he would have a fee for non-permeable surface where run-off water would go directly into sewer. Council asked Attorney Hockemeyer to just briefly check into the matter to see if there was anything to offer him, but most likely he would pay the sewer rate as the rest of the customers of the Town of South Whitley.

ROBERT KEEL – SEWAGE ADJ - \$174.00 Motion made to approve adjustment by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

ORDINANCE 06-28-2022-01 2022 WATER TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT – Motion was made by Councilman Waterson to approve the tax rate adjustment for water prepared by Steve Carter, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

DONOHUE – WW COMP PLAN PHASE A PROJ#123868-INV#13 \$240.00 Motion made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS - **OPENING BIDS FOR STATE STREET BUILDINGS – BRENT & STACEY REED** presented a bid for both buildings at 206 and 208 S State Street. Their bid was \$100.00 for the 2 buildings with a plan outlined of extensive remodeling cost to be distributed to both buildings. They own Fire in the Hole Pizza and want to make South Whitley their headquarters. Attorney Hockemeyer suggested to read bid and take under advisement until next Council Meeting. Councilman Waterson said he was ready to vote and made a motion to accept Brent and Stacey Reed's bid for \$100.00, with a promissory note for assessed value of both buildings to be fulfilled when renovated. Councilman Cokl seconded, carried by vote of 3-0. Attorney Hockemeyer will prepare the purchase agreement for the Reed's to sign and pay the \$100.00.

UPDATE LAWN MOWING FEE for DELINQUENT WEED ORDINANCE - Attorney Hockemeyer looked into the ordinance and According to Ordinance 93.04 WEEDS, the town may Charge an administrative fee cost of \$150.00 plus the actual cost of mowing the grass, which is \$70.00, for a total occurrence charge of \$220.00.

PUBLIC INPUT – Officers Tim Johnson and Tim Clark applauded the Fire in the Hole Pizza business to be located in our town with a potential of a possible Sports Bar option. Scott Darley also had the same concerns regarding the sewage cost when he owned Scott’s restaurant in town.

PARK BOARD – DAVE WARNER – not attending

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

WASTE WATER/UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER In Kent’s absence Clerk Treasurer Pam Hoffman reported that the INDOT State Road 14 project will be delayed until the Spring of 2023, also the CCG project only has a punch list of items to do. He is still waiting for pumps for the lift station, but they are on a ship and supposed to dock in the states 07-02-2022. Ottenweller will schedule a time to install when the pump is here. Dirk Garriott of IMPA will be attending the July 12th worksession meeting to discuss meters. Elmer Graber donated a metal hitching post behind the AMVETS for the town.

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDEVENDER – Marshal Vandevender reported that overtime has been plentiful due to having a hard time getting part-time officers to fill slots. He asked Council for the ok to hire Blake Burman as a part time officer. Motion made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by a vote of 3-0. Marshal Vandevender also said his truck is slated to be lettered next week.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – nothing to add.

CLERK-TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – Clerk Hoffman asked for approval of switching W/C insurance to IPEP through the HILB group, saving the Town \$5,000.00 on the annual premium. Councilman Waterson made motion, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0. She also asked if we could change the delinquent turning back on utilities the day of shut off, to the end of the day. Council agreed that was reasonable, except in cases of extreme weather.

APPROVAL FOR MAY 2022 CASH RECONCILEMENT and DEPOSITORY STATEMENT – Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR JUNE 14th, 2022 WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES - Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR JUNE 14th, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL APV’S TOTALING \$216,646.36 Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING JUNE 20th, 2022 TOTALING \$8,645.95 Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

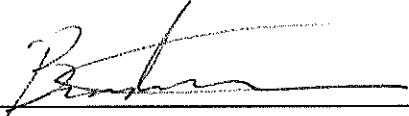
APPROVAL FOR PAYROLL WEEK ENDING JUNE 27th, 2022 TOTALING \$8,690.25- Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:13 p.m. Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson,
seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

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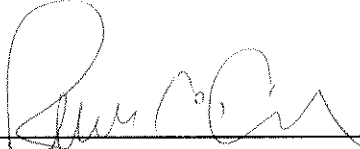
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