SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM 118 E FRONT STREET SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

OCTOBER 25, 2022 6:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, in the Town Hall Board Room at 6:30 p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Randy Cokl, Councilman Brock Waterson, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender, Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

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

NEW BUSINESS

CULY CONTRACTING – PAY APP#4 WATER IMP PROJ \$59,292.41 Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

NO PARKING – FRONT STREET at JEFFESON STREET INTERSECTION – Kent Slater stated that at the south side of the intersection it is causing problems with cleaning sewers and plowing snow, as a truck is parked there. It is about a 20 foot area that is affected. Attorney Hockemeyer will create an amendment to the parking ordinance and present at November 8, 2022 meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION APOINTEES – Council President Hoffman asked Council to add 2 members to the Planning Commission, asking to appoint Jenna Reiff and Braylynn Anderson. Motion made to approve by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

WHITLEY CO ECON DEV INV#2022-138 SVC 4/1/22 - 9/30/22 \$8,512. Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

HUMANE SOCIETY of WHITLEY CO 3rd QTR – INV#403 \$2,808.00 There was a question regarding all of the animals dropped of to shelter by public. Marshal Vandevender will look into the matter and it will be tabled until next Council meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT JIM and CHERYL YEAGER brought in a water sample from their house water filter that was the color of tea. He says he changes his water filter approx. every 7 weeks. Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater will check with Alex Sturgess to see if he has flushed hydrants in that area to see if that could be the problem.

KAREN JORDAN asked council why Les and Pam Hoffman are continuing in their positions if they are not living in town. Council President Hoffman answered her that he was following the residency guidelines. Attorney Hockemeyer said the council has no authority to remove from office nor does the County. Dave Warner added that the Hoffman's have done much for the town and we should let them finish their term until the end of 2023.

KIP THORNE and RICK COKL appeared before the Council asking about their neighbor at 509 Main who has had several yard ordinance violations and is now wanting to put up a cattle fence in her yard. They state she needs a permit and neighbor's consent before she can put up fence. Kip asked council if they could amend the ordinance for fencing materials. Attorney

Hockemeyer will check with Nathan Bilger of the Planning Commission regarding zoning and amending the ordinance.

JEN KRIDER informed the Town Council of the Fundraiser on Saturday, October 29, 2022 for Brooke Lincoln's cancer treatments. Also, on December 1st and 2nd will be the Walk of Trees and Friday, December 2nd will be Home for the Holidays in South Whitley.

PARK BOARD – President Dave Warner said they will be receiving \$2,000.00 from the Community Foundation of Whitley County for a matching grant to be used to replace fence and new lights on the court. There now is new furniture in the Gateway Park (Pocket Park). Slated 2023 projects will include painting and sealing the courts at the park.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDENDER – Tim Johnson will be starting as Deputy Marshal on 1-5-2021 and will be sworn in at the next council meeting, January 12, 2021. Last Friday, December 18th and Saturday December 19th, a revised Shop With Cop was organized by Elizabeth Johnson and Tim Clark with 4 kids receiving a great Christmas. A special meeting/public hearing will be set for Monday, January 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. for the USDA Rural Development Grant for Police Car, as agreed by Council. Marshal Vandevender asked if Easter Sunday could be added as holiday pay for the working police officers. Motion made to approve by Councilman Vandevender, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR - KENT SLATER - nothing to add in addition to new business.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER – Bids for Solid Wate Removal Contracts will be due on November 8th, 2022.

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN – nothing to add.

APPROVAL FOR 2023 BUDGET HEARING ADOPTION MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Watersopn, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 27th, 2022 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

APPROVAL for AUGUST 2022 CASH RECONCILEMENT and DEPOSITORY STATEMENT were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for APV'S TOTALING \$380,950.06 Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3rd, 2022 TOTALING \$ 9,902.00 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10th, 2022, TOTALING \$9,132.43 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17th, 2022, TOTALING \$9,857.00 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24th, 2022, TOTALING \$8,726.99 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 7:30 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by a vote of 3-0.

PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN

VICE PRESIDENT, BROCK WATERSON

COUNCILMAN, RANDY COKL

ATTEST: