

JANUARY 16, 2018

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Blaylock.

Present were: BLAYLOCK, ALSOP, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Dan Barton, Chris Laughbaum, Lois Gray, Larry Robb, Tom Stahl, Don Alsop, and Aaron Straub.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the minutes of the previous regular meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the Executive Session Memorandum for December 20, 2017, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the Executive Session Memorandum for January 9, 2018, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson reported Town Marshal Straub has graduated from the Academy.

President Blaylock stated the mowing contract for Maple Hill Cemetery has expired and he is working on getting a new contract.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion that President Blaylock continue serving as President of the Town Council for 2018. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock made no changes to department heads for Council members for 2018

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Town Council meetings be held the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that Erin Bauer be retained as Town Attorney for 2018. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Larry Robb, Posey Co. EMA director, presented the mitigation plan for Posey Co. The plan has been approved by the state and FEMA. The mitigation plan is required to make communities eligible for funding in the event of a disaster. He asked that Council adopt a resolution adopting the plan. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-1 be approved, which adopts the Posey Co. mitigation plan. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Ordinance 2017-8 be rejected. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Flanders is currently working on a wording change to this ordinance, which will require the Plan Commission to hold a public hearing on the change prior to it coming before the Town Council. Councilman Flanders will pursue this once he returns.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that the Keystone maintenance agreement be renewed at a cost of \$6,525. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reappointed John Jeffery to the Plan Commission for a four-year term.

Chris Laughbaum asked if the Town has an ordinance that requires store owners to clear their sidewalks of snow. President Blaylock stated he is looking into this and he feels if nothing is in place, something needs to be adopted. He asked that Attorney Bauer look into where the responsibility lies regarding sidewalks.

Tom Stahl asked who owns the sidewalks in Town, particularly, those in residential areas. Attorney Bauer will research this. President Blaylock pointed out the street trees have torn up the sidewalks in Town.

Dan Barton asked how many miles of street will be paved in 2018. Council members did not have that information readily available.

Attorney Bauer reported the settlement agreement regarding the phosphorus removal project has been executed by the Town, and payment should be received within 15 days of the agreement being executed by Hanover.

President Blaylock announced the WMI has totally pulled out of the school project. Council is currently looking into other options.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer