

JANUARY 17, 2017

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 8:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Blaylock.

Present were: BLAYLOCK, ALSOP, FLANDERS, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Thomas Clowers.

The following visitors were present: Dan Barton, Don Alsop, Loretta Gerard, Tom Stahl, Ryan Rapp, Amanda Bryden, Michael Guard, Caroline Williams, 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 Alsop made and Flanders seconded a motion the minutes of the December 30, 2016, special meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders reported on the January Park Board meeting. He noted the Park Board is looking into maintenance of the bandstand at Maclure Park. President Blaylock added the Boy Scouts will not be able to participate in painting the bandstand, as it was not approved as an Eagle Scout Project.

Councilman Watson announced the new Town Marshal, Aaron Straub, is in attendance. He has completed his 40 hour training.

President Blaylock announced the annual Fire Dept. bean supper will be held January 28.

Councilman Flanders complimented President Blaylock on escorting Marshal Straub to a number of the businesses in Town to introduce him. He has received positive feedback from the businesses.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that President Blaylock continue to serve as president for 2017. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock made the following department appointments for 2017. The first name listed is the primary, with the second being the secondary. Gas – Watson, Wade; Water – Blaylock, Watson; Sewage – Wade, Blaylock; Fire – Blaylock, Wade; Police – Watson, Alsop; Park – Alsop, Watson; Cemetery – Blaylock, Wade; Streets – Alsop, Blaylock; Solid Waste – Flanders, Alsop; Trails – Wade, Flanders; School – Blaylock, Wade.

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

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the annual maintenance agreement for the three software programs with Keystone be renewed at a cost of \$6,255. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Bobby Grider be given approval to attend a water conference in French Lick March 15-17. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders presented a resolution in support of Say's Firefly being designated the state insect. Councilman Flanders made and Wade seconded a motion the resolution be adopted. It was noted the resolution is not in the correct form at this time. As a result, Councilman Flanders withdrew his motion and asked that the resolution be placed on the February agenda.

Dan Barton asked what Town funds will be used as match for the Community Crossings Grant. Clerk-Treasurer Atkins commented she did not have that file with her, but she could provide the information following the meeting.

Attorney Clowers presented information as requested showing that Harmony Warehousing LLC is in good standing and active per the Secretary of State's office. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the Town NOT proceed to try to take ownership of the building currently owned by Harmony Warehousing LLC. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried.

Attorney Clowers submitted his resignation as Town Attorney, effective January 20. He thanked Council for the opportunity to serve, and stated he had enjoyed working with the members. President Blaylock thanked Attorney Clowers for the service he has provided. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the resignation of Attorney Clowers be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock stated it has been reported that agriculture ground rents for \$125- \$500 per acre per month. He continued this is not correct. The actual rent is \$125-\$500 per acre per year.

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

Councilman Flanders stated Council had previously received a quote to amplify the Council meeting room. It was noted at that time that other quotes could be obtained. He asked if this could be returned to the agenda. He will make sure the quote he received is still good. President Blaylock agreed to check with the Mt. Vernon business that had expressed interest in doing the job to see if they can provide a quote. The subject will be placed on the February agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer