

APRIL 18, 2017

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, FLANDERS, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Tom Stahl, Dan Barton, Theresa Bratcher, Don Alsop, Lynn Clark, Lora Arneberg, Loretta Gerard, Sue Krozel, Rodney Clark, and Aaron Straub.

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

Councilman Alsop 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 Watson seconded a motion that the Executive Session Memorandum for April 13, 2017, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson announced golf cart inspections will be done from 5-7 p.m. on April 22.

Councilman Flanders made and Wade seconded a motion that the festival application for the Golden Raintree Antique Show be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion that the festival application for the Peace, Run & Harmony half/5k be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was noted that this event is scheduled for May 19, 2018.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that the festival application for the Posey Co. Pound Puppies spring craft show/cruise in be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock opened the public hearing for the additional appropriation for the LOIT Special Dist. Fund. Clerk-Treasurer Atkins reported the additional appropriation is for a portion of the Town's required match for the Community Crossings Grant. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the public hearing be closed and that the additional appropriation be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Resolution 2017-2 be approved. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$14535.01 from the M.V.H. Fund to the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2017-3 be approved. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$5000. from the Local Road & Street Fund to the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Resolution 2017-4 be approved. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$24129.99 from the LOIT Special Dist. Fund to the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the discussion on "New Harmony needs" be tabled until Council members have a chance to review the material. Councilman Flanders explained his intent in bringing this up is not for Council to make a decision, but to suggest the outlining of a process for New Harmony to participate in the proposed infrastructure legislation. He feels Council needs to determine the needs versus the wants of the Town and to possibly conduct public hearings to encourage citizen input. He stated the bank stabilization is a serious need of the Town. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sue Krozel thanked Councilman Flanders for bringing up the flood problem. She asked that Council work on getting the new floodplain map amended so less property is designated as being in the floodplain.

Dan Barton asked where phosphorous comes from the why the Town is not trying to remove it from its wastewater. President Blaylock stated phosphorous is a by-product in waste and that the Town was required under its recently renewed NPDES permit to remove the phosphorous before the wastewater is released into the river.

Lora Arneberg gave an update on the bridge on behalf of Marsh Davis. Work is progressing and a final report is scheduled to be released June 15.

President Blaylock announced spring clean-up day will be held May 12.

Councilman Wade presented a quote from Carts Gone Wild for the purchase of two golf carts. One cart would be for the police dept., while the other would be used primarily for the water dept to access the water storage tank. The Kawasaki mule and the police depts. current golf cart will be traded in. The total for the two carts, minus the trade-ins, will be \$6044.94. Councilman Flanders asked if the Marshal had requested the golf cart. President Blaylock commented that a golf cart will be handier for the marshal to use for festivals, etc. and the police dept's. existing golf cart is inoperable. Councilman Flanders asked if other quotes were solicited, to which Councilman Wade replied they were not. Councilman Flanders asked if a bicycle would achieve the same results as the golf cart. Councilman Watson stated passengers could not be transported on a bicycle. He also stated a lot of things can be seen on a golf cart that cannot be seen from a car. Councilman Flanders commented he hardly sees the marshal at all, and he isn't sure a golf cart will provide him more visibility. He stated he has an alternative idea that a BMX bicycle be purchased at a cost under \$600. Councilman Wade pointed out the police dept. already owns a bicycle. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the two golf carts be purchased from Carts Gone Wild for a total of \$6044.94. Councilman Flanders asked for a division of the question which would call for a separate vote on each cart. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that a golf cart be purchased for the police dept. from Carts Gone Wild. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that a golf cart be purchased for the water dept. from Carts Gone Wild. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

President Blaylock reported he has contacted the property owner at 804 Church St. and requested that the property be cleaned up. He will continue to monitor the situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer