

MAY 16, 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: Lois Gray, Dan Barton, Lyn Clark, Allison Pinnick, Joni Mayhan, Karen Mathews, Jason Wilson, and Aaron Straub.

Councilman Wade made and Watson 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 May 2, 2017, be approved. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders stated he had been informed of dumping by out of town residents at the Town's yard waste site. He suggested that additional signage be installed which would inform the public that the site is for the exclusive use of Town residents.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2017-5 in title only. This resolution is an additional appropriation of \$24,129.99 for the LOIT Special Distribution Fund. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Resolution 2017-5 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2017-6 in title only. This Resolution supports the efforts of the Workingmen's Institute to obtain Regional Cities Funding. Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion that Resolution 2017-6 be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock asked for discussion on salary increases for the hourly employees. He stated that he had compiled some information on what other towns of similar size pay their employees. Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion that discussion be tabled until the next meeting to give Council more time to review the information. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was mentioned that a Special Meeting could be scheduled to take care of this sooner than the June meeting.

Allison Pinnick, who resides at 720 Steammill, spoke about the recent flooding. She stated that twice in the last nine months, they have had knee deep water. She stated there was a lot of debris and a very strong odor during the last event, and her roommate's car was damaged. She asked if the Town has any future plans to do something about the

flooding. President Blaylock stated Council is looking into what can be done. He commented that a nine inch flash flood is out of the Town's control.

Joni Mayhan, the resident at 732 Steammill, feels the storm drains in front of her property are clogged. She asked that the drainage be looked into. President Blaylock agreed to look into it.

Ms. Pinnick also suggested that in the event of future flooding, that the street be closed to traffic.

Karen Mathews, another resident on Steammill, stated the drain in front of her house is stopped up and will not drain. President Blaylock will look into it.

Jason Wilson asked if Council knows when the Town will be able to do something. President Blaylock stated he is not sure.

President Blaylock reported Caleb McDaniel has signed the Release and Settlement Agreement prepared by Attorney Bauer. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the Agreement be executed by the Town. Attorney Bauer pointed out the details of the Agreement will be released subject to the filing of an access to public records request. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders reported he had provided additional information to Council members on "New Harmony Needs", which was discussed at the last meeting. He would like Council to conduct some public hearings to get input on what residents feel the needs of the Town are. President Blaylock commented he feels this is a good idea and if any money is available to New Harmony, it should be pursued.

Councilman Wade reported the Town received its new golf carts. Councilman Alsop made and Watson seconded a motion that mirrors, at a cost of \$30. each, be added to each cart. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Upon question from Lois Gray and Dan Barton, Attorney Bauer explained the Release and Settlement Agreement with Caleb McDaniel is available by submitting a request under the access to public records law.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town

Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer