

JUNE 19, 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, FLANDERS, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Dan Barton, Tom Stahl, Chris Laughbaum, Garry Holstein, Don Alsop, Loretta Gerard, Lois Gray, Amanda Bryden, Laura Nicholson, Lynn Clark, Meagan Patterson, Amanda Chevalier, Sue Krozel, 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 Alsop announced street paving will begin soon.

Councilman Flanders reported the Plan Commission has published a brochure regarding requirements for building permits. He thanked Annette Buckland and Rod Clark for their efforts in putting the brochure together.

President Blaylock reported Council is still waiting on the appraisals of the former school property.

President Blaylock announced some maintenance and repairs will begin soon at Maple Hill Cemetery with assistance from the Boy Scouts.

Councilman Wade nominated Danny Creek to serve as zoning administrator. No other nominations were made. Upon unanimous vote from Council, Danny Creek was appointed zoning administrator.

Councilman Flanders read Resolution 2018-6 in full. This resolution designates July 2, 2018, as "Say's Firefly as Indiana's Official State Insect Celebration Day." Councilman Flanders made and Alsop seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-6 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Bryden announced some of the activities planned for July 2. She had submitted a written request to hang a banner announcing the event at Tavern and Main Sts. from June 19 to July 3, and also a request to close Brewery St. near Black Lodge Coffee the day of the event. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the request to close the street and to hang the banner for the Say's Firefly Celebration be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that approval be given for the annual July 4 golf cart parade sponsored by the New Harmony Kiwanis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Garry Holstein, with the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, asked for the Town's support in submitting the State Arts Council Cultural District application. Application was made by the Town in 2015, but the designation was not received at that time. The benefit of receiving the designation would be free marketing, and also being a part of this branded program. The Town would be the primary application for the grant, with Mr. Holstein and his committee completing the application. A letter of intent must be submitted by July 11, with the full application due in September. Councilman Flanders made and Wade seconded a motion that the Town submit the required letter of intent for the Arts Council Cultural District application. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported the Town has received complaints on 1112 Lynnwood, 1111 Lynnwood, and 1017 Steammill. All have debris in the yard and some have tall weeds and grass. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that all three property owners be notified of their violation of the Town's nuisance ordinance. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Laura Nicholson asked permission to hang seasonal banners on the light posts to advertise the Farmer's Market. She proposed either ten or 22 banners, whichever Council feels is appropriate. They would be up for approximately five months, and they would install and remove the banners themselves. She also agreed to take the banners down at times when other organizations might want to use the hangers. President Blaylock recommended the request be forwarded to the Plan Commission due to the duration of the install. Councilman Flanders noted Council has previously approved such requests without input from the Plan Commission. Attorney Bauer was asked to check on any liability on the Town with the install being done by a non-employee. Councilman Flanders made and Alsop seconded a motion that approval be given for up to 22 banners for the Farmer's Market to be installed on Church and Main Sts., subject to review by the Town Attorney regarding any liability on the Town. Approval is

conditioned on removal of the sandwich boards and temporary signs currently being used. All were in favor except Councilman Wade and Blaylock. Motion carried

Dan Barton inquired why the funds reports from March, April, and May are not available on the Town website. Councilman Flanders noted he takes care of this and he apologized.

Mr. Barton asked about the final disposition of the New Harmony school sign. President Blaylock reported the sign was removed and given to the New Harmony Alumni Association. He also asked if the HVAC is running in the former school building. President Blaylock reported the HVAC does not work, and is turned off. Mr. Barton noted mold had grown in the building previously during times when the HVAC was turned off. President Blaylock stated he feels the HVAC system needs extensive repairs and the decision to not do that has been made and is final.

Mr. Barton inquired as to who has been hired to do the appraisals of the former school property. President Blaylock responded one company has declined to do the work, and the other appraisal is being done by Woodward Realty. Attorney Bauer noted the Indiana Code requires two appraisals. Upon question from Mr. Barton, Attorney Bauer noted this was explained in a letter she previously sent to Council, and Mr. Barton will need to formally request the letter if he would like a copy.

President Blaylock reported he is waiting on Governor Holcomb to make his three appointments to the newly formed New Harmony Bridge Committee before he makes his appointment. He plans to meet with Lora Arneberg soon to get an update.

Councilman Wade reported he and President Blaylock had toured the River courtesy of Elastec. They agreed all looked great. They will continue to monitor and plan to take videos on future trips.

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

Councilman Flanders asked for assistance from President Blaylock in obtaining an update on the floodplain. He suggested contacting the lieutenant governor and state representatives for assistance. President Blaylock agreed to make some calls and report back at the July meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer