

JUNE 20, 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: Fred Frayser, Audrie Burkett, Tom Stahl, Mick McConnell, Lois Gray, Ann Rains, Dan Barton, Lora Arneberg, Don Alsop, Patricia Gosh, Vicki & David Campbell, Karen Mathews, Join Mayhan, Loretta Gerard, John Jeffery, 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 Alsop seconded a motion the minutes of the May 23, 2017, Special Meeting be approved. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion the minutes of the June 6, 2017, Special Meeting be approved. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop announced street paving has been completed.

Councilman Flanders congratulated the New Harmony Business Associates on the two recent successful festivals in Town. He also welcomed Don and Rebecca Boskey, new business owners on Main St.

President Blaylock reported the sewage grinder at the Fire Station is not working.

President Blaylock read in full a letter from the Workingmen's Institute. In this letter, the WMI withdraws its request for immediate transfer of the former school property from the Town to WMI. They also requested a six month extension of the fundraising period, to December 30, 2017. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that a decision be tabled to allow Council time to think about what they want to do. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the request submitted by the New Harmony Kiwanis for the annual July 4 celebration be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock presented an estimate from David Enterprises for street paving. The estimate includes sixteen blocks for a total of \$209,990. The Community Crossings Grant is being offered this year with a match of 25% required. This would make the Town's share of the project \$52,497.50. Councilman Flanders asked if other bids had been solicited, to which President Blaylock answered they were not. Councilman Flanders also inquired if it was necessary to take bids due to the size of the project. President Blaylock stated he did not believe this was required.

President Blaylock reported a large amount of debris and driftwood has accumulated due to the recent Wabash River flooding. Roby Brothers, who farm along the recently flooded area, have offered to clean the area at no cost to the Town. Councilman Flanders asked that the costs associated with this be tracked. Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that Roby Brothers be permitted to burn the debris and driftwood left from the flooding. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Audrie Burkett, with the Economic Development Coalition, stated \$500,000 of Regional Cities funding is earmarked for the farm to table program being proposed by the WMI, and also the bridge rehabilitation. It is hoped that the engineering report on the bridge will be available on or about July 7.

Dan Barton reported he has been notified of some grave sites at Maple Hill Cemetery that have become overgrown and are not being maintained. President Blaylock stated he is aware of this and it will be taken care of as time permits.

Karen Mathews asked if any progress has been made on the drainage issue in her neighborhood. President Blaylock stated no work has been done yet, but a lot of discussions have taken place, and the Town will begin to clean ditches in the near future.

Fred Frayser, with the WMI, offered to have Council meet with their Board if needed.

Councilman Flanders spoke to Council about the erosion of the Wabash River. He is waiting on information about the current status of the erosion control system and hopes to have more information by

the next meeting. Councilman Flanders stated that costs incurred as a result of the spring flooding may be reimbursable if a presidential disaster declaration is secured.

President Blaylock asked Councilman Flanders if any update had been made regarding the Town's floodplain at the recent meeting he attended in Indianapolis. Councilman Flanders stated the only information given was that Indiana and Illinois are still comparing data, and no timeline was given as to when that might be completed.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that a letter be sent to those who have not paid their annual golf cart registration fee. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade asked that Council consider adopting an ordinance which requires those with pets to clean up their waste.

Councilman Wade recommended that Council move forward with installation of the new aprons at the WWTP. He will work with President Blaylock on getting estimates.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. Councilman Flanders questioned the accuracy of the claims register, as several of the claims are listed twice. Clerk-Treasurer Atkins stated this was due to a software change, and the claims register is simply printed for Council as an alternative for them instead of signing each individual claim. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer