

JULY 17, 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, FLANDERS, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Gretchen Gossman, Ann Angle, Dan Barton, Chris Laughbaum, Amanda Bryden, 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 reported trees have been sprayed along the trail near the riverbank. This is part of regular maintenance.

President Blaylock thanked the Boy Scouts for their assistance in cleaning up some downed trees at Maple Hill Cemetery.

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

President Blaylock reported two trees at Murphy Park need removed, along with three that need trimmed. There are also two street trees that need trimmed. He is getting quotes on the work.

President Blaylock announced the paving is 60% complete.

President Blaylock gave an update on the properties that were declared nuisances at the last meeting. Regarding 1112 Lynnwood, the property is much improved, and he will continue to monitor to be sure the progress continues. At 1111 Lynnwood, work has been done, and is ongoing. He will continue to monitor this property as well. At 1017 Steammill, work is ongoing and will continue to be monitored.

President Blaylock reported the Town has received complaints on tall weeds at 910 Granary St. Also at 921 Granary St., there is a car with expired plates and also a broken down golf cart. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that 910 and 921 Granary be declared nuisances and the property owners be served with notice of such. Councilman Flanders requested a division of the question so each property may be voted on individually. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that 910 Granary St. be declared a nuisance. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that 921 Granary St. be declared a nuisance. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock stated Kathy Sale is recommending an update of the Town website at a cost of \$1000. Councilman Flanders made and Wade seconded a motion that the Town website be updated at a cost of \$1000., conditioned on the site being made mobile friendly, and also that in the future, more information be provided as to what the upgrade entails. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Laughbaum asked the status of 629 South St. President Blaylock reported this was purchased by David & Carlene VanLaningham, but they are not allowed to access the property until September.

Ann Angle, 700 Brewery St, asked that the storm sewer near her property be checked.

Dan Barton asked how many acres of the former school property are being farmed, and by whom. President Blaylock stated approximately eight to nine acres are being farmed by Wiley Brothers Farms. Payment will be made to the Town in the fall, and it will be approximately \$140. an acre.

Amanda Bryden thanked the Council for passing the resolution which designated July 2 as Say's Firefly Day, and all those who helped with the celebration. Approximately 400-500 attended the festivities of the day.

President Blaylock thanked Amanda and Meagan for all their work on the firefly celebration, as well as the countless other volunteers.

President Blaylock thanked all those involved in making the July 4 celebration a success.

President Blaylock reported the GIS mapping is ongoing but not yet complete.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the festival application for Kunstfest be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported he and Councilman Wade had attended a meeting regarding the 2019 Community Crossings Matching Grant. A list of streets in need of paving is being made. Council is looking at possibly paving the Murphy Park circle as part of the grant.

Councilman Wade 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 Councilman Flanders, President Blaylock reported he has called George Bowman, with DNR, several times, with no response. He has now learned Mr. Bowman is out of the office until July 23. He will continue efforts to reach him.

Councilman Flanders questioned President Blaylock on when Council had made the decision to not repair the HVAC system at the former school building, as he was quoted as saying at the last Council meeting in the Posey Co. News. President Blaylock stated he would have to go back through the minutes. He stated if anyone on the Council disagrees with the statement, the options can be opened back up for discussion. President Blaylock noted that information in the newspaper is sometimes not accurate. He stated if someone on Council would like to make a motion at this time as to what to do with the HVAC system, he will entertain it. President Blaylock noted the HVAC did not run the summer of 2017, or since then.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer