

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

The following visitors were present: Audrie Burkett, Greg Wathen, Dan Barton, Marsh Davis, Lora Arneberg, Don Alsop, Rick Gooden, Brittaney Johnson, John Jeffery, and Aaron Straub.

Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion the minutes of the previous regular meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion the minutes of the June 27, 2017, Special Meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported the sewage pumps at the Fire Station have been replaced and everything is up and running.

President Blaylock reported a window on the east side of the former school building was broken over the weekend.

President Blaylock announced the Town had submitted the Community Crossings Grant application for street paving.

Councilman Flanders stated several residents have asked him about a number of trees that have been removed and if there is a plan to replace them. He asked that the Park Board make a report on this at the next Council meeting. Councilman Alsop stated the trees are going to be replaced, and she encouraged people to attend the Park Board meetings if they have concerns.

Brittaney Johnson, with the Posey Co. Economic Development Partnership, updated Council on their current projects and goals.

President Blaylock read Ordinance 2017-4 in full. This amends the Town's animal ordinance. Councilman Wade asked if a fine needs to be included in the ordinance. President Blaylock stated he hopes dog owners will cooperate without the threat of a fine. If needed, a fine could be added to the ordinance. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Ordinance 2017-4 be adopted. Councilman Flanders asked if the exemption for service dogs is common in similar types of ordinances. Attorney Bauer stated she has not researched this issue, but she will be happy to if that is the wish of Council. She was asked by President Blaylock to do so. Motion carried.

President Blaylock had a resident offer to purchase a sign for Maclure Park at no cost to the Town. The Park Board is in favor of the sign. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the sign donation be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock acknowledged and thanked Sherwin Williams for the paint donated for the Maclure Park bandstand.

President Blaylock stated the three utility employees have requested permission to attend water certification classes in Evansville. The cost of the class is \$400 per person, plus \$295 for textbooks. Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion that the three utility employees be permitted to attend water certification classes, with the Town covering the cost of tuition and textbooks. If an employee fails to complete the classes or does not pass the subsequent tests, they will be required to reimburse the Town for the cost.

Marsh Davis, President of Indiana Landmarks, stated he has just recently received the engineers report on the bridge. He plans to ask the engineers to prepare an executive summary, which would be easier for non-engineers to interpret. The preliminary findings indicate it is feasible to open the bridge to vehicular traffic. Mr. Davis hopes to be able to give a detailed report at the August Council meeting.

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

Councilman Flanders noted the passing of former Councilman Joe Straw.

Councilman Flanders welcomed Mary Scott's Restaurant to Main St.

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