

OCTOBER 17, 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: Ryan Rapp, Jim Bush, Dan Barton, Jennifer Blaylock, Theresa Bratcher, Amanda Bryden, Chris Laughbaum, Don Alsop, Raymond Dudlo, Sue Krozel, Jeff Smotherman, Lora Arneberg, Erik Arneberg, 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 the Town had received a Community Crossings Matching Grant in the amount of \$157,492.50. This will be used for paving of Town streets in 2018.

Councilman Flanders reported the New Harmony Recycling Center is now open from 2:00 to 6:00 on Wednesdays.

Councilman Flanders stated he had attended the AIM Ideas Summit in Evansville. He attended a number of workshops covering various subjects. He invited the Governor to visit New Harmony.

Jim Bush, with Rise Up and Run, requested approval to conduct a half marathon on May 19. He is in the process of getting approval from other agencies. An events permit application has already been completed for the event. Council approved the request.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that a carriage application from Horseshoe Bend Carriage Co. be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Lora Arneberg gave a brief update on the bridge. They are currently working on fundraising, and looking into long-term maintenance on the bridge.

Sue Krozel, Park Board President, announced Arbor Day will be held at 10:00 on October 21. At 11:00 that day, the new sign at Maclure Park will be unveiled.

Jeff Smotherman reported on some potholes near the entrance to the old grocery store. He also asked if the Town plans to seal the sidewalks downtown. President Blaylock stated this will be looked at next year.

President Blaylock stated Ordinance 2017-6 has been amended, and he read the changes that were made to the Ordinance. The Ordinance will be up for adoption at the next meeting.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the 2018 budget be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock presented an estimate to pave the alley behind the Yellow Tavern for \$11,300 from David Enterprises. This will be paid for with Motor Vehicle Highway Funds. This is being done to satisfy a new law that went into effect on July 1 that requires 50% of the Town's MVH distributions to be spent on construction or reconstruction of roads and streets. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the alley be paved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock presented estimates to replace four fire hydrants. The materials cost from J & J Supply is \$7,824.62, and the labor cost from Blankenberger Brothers is \$13,500. Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion that the four hydrants be replaced at a total cost of \$21,424.62. All were in favor. Motion carried. It will be necessary to shut the Town's water supply down during the hydrant replacements and this will cause a boil order to be issued once service is resumed. The project will be done between late November and December.

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

Ray Dudlo spoke to Council regarding the proposed ORV ordinance. He would like some exceptions for certain types of vehicles to be included in the ordinance. Since the last meeting, he was informed by Attorney Bauer that the Council intends to proceed with the ordinance with no exceptions. Mr. Dudlo again asked that Council consider some exceptions and that Attorney Bauer be authorized to

work on this. President Blaylock stated he feels Council wants to proceed as is, but this will be covered at the next meeting when the ordinance is up for adoption.

Councilman Wade asked that action be taken against those who have not paid their golf cart registration fee. Attorney Bauer recommended that a second letter be sent to those who have not paid with a two week deadline.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer