

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 8:00 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 Thomas Clowers.

The following visitors were present: Connie Weinzapfel, Leslie Townsend, Don Alsop, David & Vicki Campbell, Dan Barton, Don Hatfield, Valerie Werkmeister, Jennifer and Garry Holstein, Loretta Gerard, and Nathan Maudlin.

Councilman Watson made and Wade 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 Executive Session Memorandum for October 21, 2016 be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders reported Playtopia has been sealed.

Councilman Flanders stated mowing season at the cemetery is complete. The property will continue to be monitored for downed trees, etc.

Councilman Watson announced applications have been received for the marshal's position, and the gas regulator station upgrade is complete.

Councilman Flanders made and Alsop seconded a motion that Melissa Williams be appointed to the Posey Co. Tourism Commission to replace Cheryl Ballard. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that Rebecca Harvey be appointed to the Plan Commission to replace Caleb McDaniel. Councilman Flanders asked if Ms. Harvey also serving as zoning administrator would be a conflict. President Blaylock commented there is nothing in the Town ordinance that would prohibit the appointment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins requested approval of the annual budgets for the water and wastewater utilities as required by USDA Rural Development. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the 2017 budgets be approved as prepared. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported there have been complaints regarding the weeds and overgrown vegetation at 316 Freeman Lane. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that a letter be sent to the property owner at 316 Freeman Lane notifying them they are in violation of the Town's nuisance ordinance. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Connie Weinzapfel, who will be retiring as director of Historic New Harmony, introduced Leslie Townsend, who will be the new interim director as of January 2.

President Blaylock reported he has not heard anything from Indiana Landmarks regarding the bridge.

Councilman Flanders reported he was contacted on November 4 by Jason Hoehn, asking to meet with him. However, he was unable to do so. Councilman Flanders stated he had invited Mr. Hoehn to attend the Council meeting, but did not receive a response to the invitation. Councilman Flanders asked that the issue be placed on a future agenda.

Councilman Watson noted that in the Town's comprehensive plan, it mentions the fairgrounds as a future major employment center.

Councilman Flanders pointed out he does not disagree with the comprehensive plan, but he stated the issue is the status of the property. It is his opinion that the lease has been terminated and he believes the Town should claim the property and market it as an employment center.

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

Councilman Flanders reported the New Harmony Business associates has entered into an agreement with the Ribeyre Gym Restoration Group to keep the restrooms there open. Also, the NH Business Associates has donated \$1,010. to the Town as a result of a successful Kunstfest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer