

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: CAMPBELL, GIBBS, WARRUM, STRAW, and WALKER along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Nathan Maudlin.

The following visitors were present: Jim & Gail Norton, Tim Wiley, Carrie, Tristan, and Justin Bolte, Pam Robinson, Brian Emmons, Tim Schmitt, Vicki Campbell, Nik and Nikki Haggard, Jeanne Maudlin, David & Carlene VanLaningham, Johnathon Scott, David Flanders, Curt & Paula Schmitt, Fran Thoele, and Bobby Grider.

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

Councilman Walker reported on the progress of the repairs at the wastewater plant which were necessitated by a lightning strike. The total cost to date for the repairs at the wastewater plant and water tank have been covered by insurance, less the \$250. deductible. The amount received from insurance is \$22874.33.

Councilman Walker recommended that the Town continue using Farrar Environmental for certified operator services for the wastewater utility and the issue of advertising the position be revisited in January.

Park Board President Jeanne Maudlin presented a proclamation for Arbor Day which will be held October 15.

Park Board President Maudlin announced four teams have signed up to compete in the chili cook-off. The deadline to sign up is September 24.

Park Board President Maudlin announced the Park Board was awarded a grant for \$1,000. from Toyota Motor Manufacturing to provide landscaping at the new fire/EMS station. David Flanders was thanked for his assistance with the application.

Councilman Warrum reported she received an anonymous donation to stripe the basketball court at Murphy Park, which has been completed.

Gas/street superintendent Bobby Grider reported the leaves are starting to fall, but the leaf wagon will not be in service until the first or second week of October.

Councilman Gibbs announced that after the first of the year, the Town needs to look into getting a better chipper truck.

President Campbell reported the Town has a lease agreement with Posey Co. to provide space to the Posey EMS for \$360. a month. The rental fee was last paid in May, 2011. The town has not been formally notified of the County's desire to stop paying. It was agreed that Attorney Maudlin contact the County Attorney.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins presented some proposed revisions to the Board of Zoning Appeals variance application. President Campbell reviewed the suggested changes. Councilman Straw made and Walker seconded a motion the proposed revisions to the variance application be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins announced the required public hearing on the 2012 budget will be done at a special meeting at 10 a.m. on October 10. The budget will then be up for adoption at the regular meeting on October 20. The 2012 budget for the Workingmen's Institute will also be reviewed and adopted at these meetings.

Tim Wiley, with Boy Scout Troop 386, stated his troop needs eight hours of community service. He requested permission to do some work at Maple Hill Cemetery. Councilman Straw made and Warrum seconded a motion that Boy Scout Troop 386 be approved to do maintenance at Maple Hill Cemetery. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Wiley was instructed to contact David VanLaningham, cemetery board member, for a list of items that need to be done.

Tim Schmitt, with Veolia Environmental, stated the company appreciates the Town's business and would like to keep it. He proposed to extend the current contract with the Town with no increase in 2012, and in 2013 and 2014 the current rate plus the CPI, or a minimum increase of 3%. Mr. Schmitt agreed to provide a four-yard dumpster at Maple Hill Cemetery at no additional charge. He also agreed to keep the pick-up time at no earlier than 7 a.m. and to take care of damaged trash receptacles.

Councilman Straw made and Gibbs seconded a motion that Gail Norton be reappointed to the Charles Ford Home Board for a three-year term. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins reported she had sent an e-mail through the Clerk-Treasurer's list serve requesting regulations other communities have for fireworks. She will give copies of what she received to Council.

Councilman Gibbs commented on properties in Town that are accumulating trash. He feels this needs to be addressed. Attorney Maudlin stated if Council determines the property to be a nuisance, there are steps to be followed in the nuisance ordinance. Councilman Straw suggested that a list of such properties be prepared. Attorney Maudlin stated the particular properties would need to be determined to be nuisances at a Council meeting, then the property owners could be notified.

Councilman Warrum reported the tree watering gators maintained by the Park Board have been vandalized.

President Campbell reported Jan Kahle had requested that internet access be obtained for the bicentennial office. Councilman Walker made and Gibbs seconded a motion that internet access be provided for the Bicentennial Commission at the Neef house. The cost for this could not be determined. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Walker announced that new public restroom signs have been installed at the Ribeyre Gym.

Councilman Straw reported the Ford Crown Vic police car was sold for \$3,000.

Councilman Straw commented the new fire/EMS station has been delayed due to a permit that Danco neglected to get. The building is scheduled to be delivered September 28.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

David Campbell, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer