

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

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

The following visitors were present: Betty Gibbs, Gail & Jim Norton, Barb & Mick McConnell, Vicki Campbell, David & Carlene VanLaningham, David Flanders, Charles Gaston, Sara Brown, Bobby Grider, Scott Champlin, and Laura Nicholson.

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

Park Board member Barb McConnell reported the chili cook off and Arbor Day will be held October 20. She reported a tree has been planted in Murphy Park in memory of Olin Davis. A memorial tree for Betty DeFur has been planted in Maclure Park.

President Campbell read a proclamation declaring October 20 Arbor Day in New Harmony. Councilman Gibbs made and Walker seconded a motion the proclamation be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Gibbs thanked Tom Smith, Jim Brown, and Jim Gray and other Harmonie State Park employees for helping clean up fallen trees from the recent storm.

Councilman Gibbs announced the Town has received a safety award from its worker's compensation insurance carrier.

Councilman Gibbs reported he received two bids for paving portions of Main and West Sts. The bids were \$16,640. from David Enterprises and \$21,900. from E & B Paving. He accepted the bid from David Enterprises and work is set to begin on September 24.

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

Councilman Gibbs made and Warrum seconded a motion the festival application for the Golden Raintree Auto Show be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Campbell commented the parking situation needs to be looked into before the 2012 Kunstfest.

President Campbell announced fall clean-up day will be held October 12.

Laura Nicholson spoke to Council about mosquito spraying. She presented some written information which stated the chemicals which the Town currently uses are deadly to bees. She stated there are other alternatives to spraying which might also be more effective. Ms. Nicholson reviewed some of the actions residents can take to reduce the mosquito population. She asked that if the Town chooses to continue to spray, that a notice be posted so people will know the dates of the spraying and can opt out if they desire.

Sara Brown, who recently purchased the property at 500 Church St, expressed concern about the drainage on the north side of the building. She feels the problem is because the alley is higher than her property. The people she has talked to have told her the problem can be eliminated with the installation of some tile. Ms. Brown stated that since the Town created the problem, she wondered if they would help solve it. Councilman Gibbs stated he is not sure if the alley is causing the problem or not. Gas/street superintendent Bobby Grider commented that a drain that runs to Church St. was put in for the Community House and tying into it is a possible solution. Councilman Gibbs and Straw agreed to look at the area.

Ray McConnell presented a written report from the Sept. 18, 2012, Bicentennial Commission meeting. He stated both the Commission and the Steering Committee will be meeting monthly until the end of the year.

On behalf of the Business Associates, David Flanders thanked the community and the Town workers for a successful Kunstfest.

Gas/street superintendent Grider asked that residents bag all yard waste.

Gas/street superintendent Grider announced limb pickup may be delayed due to the chipper truck being in the shop for repairs.

Councilman Warrum reported fall clean-up is under way at the cemetery. The new rules that went into effect Memorial Day as to what can be placed on graves will be enforced. She asked people to remove all items that are not in compliance.

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

Councilman Walker reported the Corps of Engineers has asked the Town to submit a letter of intent to get on their projects list. She has a draft letter to be finalized.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

David Campbell, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer