

MARCH 19, 2024

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Smotherman.

Present were: SMOTHERMAN, ARNEBERG, CLARK, WEINZAPFEL, and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Nathan Maudlin.

A list of visitors is attached.

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

President Smotherman announced Clerk-Treasurer Atkins has submitted her resignation and intent to retire effective September 1. He thanked her for her 30 years of service.

President Smotherman reported planning is ongoing for the eclipse. Town Marshal Chad Foreman asked everyone to be safe and cautious, don't leave keys in car, etc.

Councilman Weinzapfel reported 37 trees have been planted. She thanked Tom Guggenheim for his time to complete the project. She also thanked Harmonie Associates for managing a grant from the Efroymson Family Fund for trees.

Councilman Weinzapfel announced forms are available at Town Hall for residents to report street tree issues.

Councilman Weinzapfel reported banners regarding the eclipse will be installed on April 1. They are also looking into possibly covering the downtown street globes for the eclipse. She continued work on town entrances is ongoing.

Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that an issue at the WWTP regarding a maintenance issue be added to the agenda. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Clark made and Weinzapfel seconded a motion that a quote from Tanner Engineering to design a skirt replacement for the WWTP for \$4200 be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark commented he is starting to work on job descriptions for Town employees.

Councilman Arneberg stated most grants will need to be applied for once the comprehensive plan is completed.

Councilman Arneberg reported on the eclipse. Brochures will be available soon.

Councilman Williams reported the extra mulch at Murphy Park will be disbursed. He is looking into replacing the rear door of the shelter house. The restroom building has some pest damage and exterminators are being contacted.

Councilman Weinzapfel made and Williams seconded a motion the food truck application for Uncle Ted's be approved, with the stipulation they may not park on Main or Church Sts., and are limited to the hours specified in their application. All were in favor except Councilman Clark who abstained. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark made and Weinzapfel seconded a motion the quote from Keystone for \$1194 be approved. This is required for the remote read system that was approved in 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Weinzapfel made and Williams seconded a motion that approval be given for Tom Stahl, the zoning administrator, to attend floodplain training in Indianapolis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Smotherman read Resolution 2024-4 in full. This resolution recognizes the work of George and Peggy Rapp for the annual Paint Out. Councilman Weinzapfel made and Williams seconded a motion that Resolution 2024-4 be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was discussion about security cameras, public safety, and wi-fi at Murphy Park. The cameras at Murphy Park can still be operated without the wi-fi. President Smotherman mentioned the "flock" cameras which have been installed by law enforcement agencies in the area. He would like Council to look further into these. Marshal Foreman explained how the flock cameras work and how they are linked with other communities. He suggested that "cameras in use" signs be installed as a

deterrent. Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that the wi-fi at Murphy Park be disconnected to stop the live feed. All were in favor. Motion carried. Council will look into moving this service to another location.

Councilman Weinzapfel made and Williams seconded a motion that the joint agreement between the Town and Harmony Township for use of the Firehouse for 2024-2025 be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Smotherman announced golf cart registration dates of April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 from 4:30-7:30.

President Smotherman reported the Posey County Election Office has requested to use the fire station as a polling place in May. Councilman Clark made and Weinzapfel seconded a motion the request be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion the Town Hall be closed on April 8 for the eclipse. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that a bid from Four Seasons Landscaping for mowing Maple Hill Cemetery for 2024 and 2025 be accepted. The bid is \$1300 per mowing. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Arenberg stated she had solicited quotes from other mowing companies and all were \$2000 or higher.

Bill Meyer inquired if any organization is accepting donations to help with eclipse funding. There was discussion regarding this and it was agreed the Town can accept donations.

Council discussed possible changes to the ordinance on street vendors. Councilman Weinzapfel reviewed some suggested revisions. Council members will continue to review and discuss further at the next meeting. It was noted several of the restaurants have stated they are not opposed to food trucks.

Council discussed changing the agenda used by Council. Councilman Clark stated he thinks open forum should be prior to items placed on the agenda. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Councilman Clark submitted a proposal from Shephard Services for \$2850 to upgrade the lighting at the Recycling Center. Councilman Williams made and Clark seconded a motion the proposal be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams proposed that the responsibility for street trees be removed from the Park/Tree Board duties. He would also like to shift trail responsibilities to the Park Board. Attorney Maudlin was asked to look into this. There was discussion as to if this affects the Tree City requirements.

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

There being no further business, Councilman Arneberg made and Weinzapfel seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Jeffrey Smotherman, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer