

JANUARY 15, 2019

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, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Sally Denning, Brian Fribley, Jim Bush, Dan Barton, Tom Stahl, Mike Duckworth, Tom Cochran, Rod Clark, Connie Weinzapfel, Don Alsop, Chris Laughbaum, and Aaron Straub.

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

Jim Bush, with Rise Up and Run, updated Council on their event planned for May 4 and 5. They are going to try to stay off Main St. this year. There was discussion about possibly having a beer garden in Murphy Park. President Blaylock noted this will require special permission from Council. Mr. Bush will write up a plan on the beer garden and provide it to Council so it can be discussed at the February meeting.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Alvin Blaylock serve as Council President for 2019. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock announced department heads will remain the same for 2019.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Council meetings be held the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Erin Bauer be retained as Town Attorney for 2019. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that approval be given for Bobby Grider to travel to French Lick in March for a water conference. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Councilman Flanders be reappointed to the Posey Co. Economic Development Partnership. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that the Keystone Maintenance Agreement be renewed at a cost of \$7060. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the financial commitment letter for the Community Crossings Matching Grant be approved and executed. The Town is committing a maximum of \$50,000 for 2019. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported the Town's police car is having transmission problems, and Council had previously discussed looking into purchasing a new vehicle. The current vehicle had a number of high repair bills in 2018, and currently has 140,000+ miles. Expressway Ford has a 2018 police interceptor for \$24,149. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the 2018 Ford be purchased from Expressway. All were in favor except Councilman Watson who abstained due to his employment at Expressway. Motion carried. The purchase will be funded from the Public Safety Tax Fund.

An estimate from Gerry's Automotive to transfer the equipment from the current police car to the new vehicle was submitted for \$1,950. This is only an estimate and could vary from the final cost. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion to accept the estimate of \$1,950 from Gerry's Automotive. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that a 55 gallon drum of mosquito chemical be purchased. A cost savings can be realized if purchase is made before February 1. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Connie Weinzapfel asked how residents were notified of the water outage and how they would be notified when the boil order is lifted. President Blaylock stated the notice was put out through the television stations and also the Code Red Alert System. Those same methods will be used once the boil order is lifted.

Brian Fribley, with No Sleep Adventures, spoke to Council about an event they have planned for June 8. This race would not have a set course, but they would like use of the golf cart trail. He agreed to provide an umbrella liability policy, and to provide additional information to Council.

Tom Cochran spoke about a trash problem on Freeman Lane. President Blaylock agreed to look into it.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the monthly fee for residential trash collection be raised to \$10 per month. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock stated Council voted to re-advertise the former school property. The bid deadline is February 7.

President Blaylock stated the counteroffer of \$53,000 on the South St. lots was rejected by the bidder. Council will need to decide if they want to turn the property over to a broker or re-advertise for bids.

President Blaylock commented there have been rumors circulating that Council intends to sell the former school property to an asphalt company, which are untrue. He assured those present that Council intends to do the right thing when disposing of the property.

Rod Clark asked why Council has not listed the property with a commercial realtor. President Blaylock stated Council has not chosen to do this, but it could still be done in the future.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the Dodge Charger be declared surplus once the new police car is in service. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, the meeting meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer