

JANUARY 28, 2020

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

The following visitors were present: Tom Stahl, Connie Weinzapfel, Sally Denning, Briel Kobak, Caroline Williams, Dan Barton, Jenna Richardt, and Aaron Straub.

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

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion the Executive Session Memorandum for January 10, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop encouraged everyone to attend the monthly Park Board meetings.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Alvin Blaylock serve as Council President for 2020. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams made and Watson seconded a motion the following department heads be approved for 2020 as presented by President Blaylock: Gas-Wade, Williams; Water-Blaylock, Wade; Sewage-Watson, Wade; Fire-Blaylock, Alsop; Police-Watson, Wade; Park-Alsop, Watson; Cemetery-Williams, Blaylock; Streets-Blaylock, Williams; Trails-Alsop, Watson; Solid Waste-Alsop, Williams. The second name listed is the back-up for each department. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion that Erin Bauer be retained as the Town Attorney for 2020. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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 except Councilman Alsop. Motion carried.

President Blaylock appointed himself to the Posey Co. Economic Development Partnership.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the Keystone maintenance agreement be renewed at a cost of \$7,350. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

President Blaylock reported Rose Back and David Vonderscher have both resigned from the Park Board. Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that Kay Giles be appointed to replace Rose Back and Meagan Patterson be appointed to replace David Vonderscher on the Park Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2020-1, honoring Dr. David L. Rice, in full. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the Resolution be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Stahl reported the street light at South and Main flickers quite frequently.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the paving contract for CCMG 2019-2 be awarded to E & B Paving, with a bid of \$102,280. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported that at the December meeting, Councilman Wade was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace David Flanders. However, Town ordinance required this person to also be a member of the Plan Commission, which Councilman Wade is not. Therefore, President Blaylock appointed himself to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

President Blaylock announced the Maple Hill Cemetery mowing contract needs to be redone this year. He has contacted one mowing contractor, and will be contacting another about submitting a bid. This will be a two-year contract and needs to be in place by the end of March.

President Blaylock reported the water storage tank is due for a 5-year inspection. Liquid Engineering, who performed the last inspection, has submitted a proposal to do an inspection in 2020 for \$3,130. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the proposal from Liquid Engineering be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Bauer reported she had done some research into the National Flood Insurance Program. This was discussed after a presentation by Morley & Associates regarding the possibility of reducing flood insurance premiums for property owners. There will be some costs the Town will incur if pursuing this. Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion the discussion be tabled until further review may be done. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported he had contacted George Bowman, with DNR, recently. He was informed that work is still progressing on possibly amending the Town's floodplain status. Work is ongoing with the State of Illinois.

Councilman Alsop recommended that the trail along the river be closed until further notice. Councilman Williams suggested that a sign be posted at the entrances. Councilman Alsop agreed to look into the cost of signs.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer