

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

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, WILLIAMS and Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins.

The following visitors were present: Jamie Liebhart, Rod Clark, 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.

Town Marshal Aaron Straub stated he is in the process of getting a quote for the newly mandated report writing system. It will be approximately \$3,000.

President Blaylock announced the public hearing for the COVID-19 Phase 3 grant has been postponed due to inclement weather. The public hearing will now be held at 8:30 a.m. on February 23. Councilman Williams made and Alsop seconded a motion the public hearing discussion be tabled until the aforementioned date. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion the list of checks outstanding as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer be approved. The list consists of three checks payable to Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock opened and read aloud the bids received on the 1988 Ford. The only bid received was from Loren Brooks for \$777. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the bid from Loren Brooks be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock opened and read aloud the bids received for the street paving through Community Crossings Matching Grant 2020-2. The following bids were received: David Enterprises Inc. - \$52,362; E & B Paving Inc. - \$50,300. Councilman Wade stated he feels David Enterprises has done better work in the past, and he would like to accept their bid. President Blaylock noted it was advertised that the Town may reject any and all bids. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the bid of David Enterprises be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A street vendor permit application from Acropolis Express was discussed. They are requesting to set up on February 27 next to the Black Lodge. Councilman Wade questioned the location as this is a very congested area. There was discussion about a possible alternate location. Councilman Williams made and Alsop seconded a motion the application be approved with an alternate location. Councilman Williams pointed out the application seems to be in order, and Council only forbid locating on Main and Church Streets., not Brewery. The alternate locations that Council proposed are in the vacant lot to the east of Black Lodge, or on Brewery, south of Church St., on the east side of the street. The meeting was recessed from 8:53 a.m. to 8:57 a.m., in order to make a call to Historic New Harmony to determine if they would approve of the food truck setting up on the lot east of Black Lodge. After the recess, it was announced that Historic New Harmony was not able to approve this location as that property is owned by Indiana State Museum. The following vote was taken: ayes – none; nays – Blaylock, Alsop, Wade, Watson, Williams. Motion denied. Councilman Williams made and Wade seconded a motion the application be approved, with the location of southeast corner of Brewery and Church Streets, 30 feet south of the stop sign, being recommended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the corporate resolution for Crane Credit Union be approved. This resolution is required as part of the application for Crane credit cards. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams made and Watson seconded a motion the festival application for Kunstfest be approved, as long as it is allowed by both the County and State health departments. The event is scheduled for September 18-19. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was noted that a more “non-permanent” form of marking booth space on the streets needs to be utilized. Councilman Alsop is aware of what is used in Mt. Vernon and she agreed to provide this to Rod Clark.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the festival application for Arts in Harmony be approved, pending approval by both the County and State health departments. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At this point, it was announced there were two additional bids on the 1988 Ford that had been put in the night drop at Town Hall prior to the meeting. The bids were opened and read aloud by President Blaylock as follows: Brett Newman - \$1,000; Tom Smith - \$650. Councilman Williams made and

Alsop seconded a motion that due to previously undiscovered bids, the previous motion to accept the bid of \$777. for the 1988 Ford be rescinded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the bid of Brett Newman for \$1,000 for the 1988 Ford be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported he had spoken with Robin Lewis regarding her proposal for landscaping and lighting at the Town entrance sign. He asked that all trees be removed from the proposal, which Ms. Lewis agreed to. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the proposal be approved, excluding all trees, and the Town has no responsibility for maintenance of the landscaping. 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.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the gas line lease agreement between the Town and the Illinois New Harmony River Bridge Authority and the Indiana New Harmony and Wabash River Bridge Authority be approved. The rent will be \$2,400 a year, and it is unknown yet as to whom the check is to be made payable to. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the hourly wage for deputy marshals be increased to \$20., effective April 1. This will require an amendment to the salary ordinance.

There was discussion as to why all trash wasn't picked up on Friday. There was nobody present who had an answer.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that the Town cover the cost of pizza and drinks that were purchased for street dept. employees on February 15, 2021, due to the winter weather. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer