

MARCH 15, 2022

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: Chris Laughbaum, Trisha Lopez, Tony Treadway, and Kent Schuette.

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

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the February 25, 2022, executive session memorandum be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the minutes of the February 25, 2022, special meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Watson seconded a motion the February 28, 2022, executive session memorandum be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the minutes of the March 3, 2022, special meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop reported the proposal to install a pickleball court at Murphy Park has been withdrawn.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion that Jill Garcia be reappointed to the Park Board for a four-year term. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Bobby Grider be given approval to travel to French Lick for a Pipeline Safety seminar April 19-21. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Ordinance 2022-1 in title only. This ordinance amends the fireworks ordinance to be in compliance with the Indiana Code. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Ordinance 2022-1 be adopted. All were in favor except Councilman Alsop. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Ordinance 2022-2 in title only. This ordinance amends the fixed asset ordinance to incorporate a new requirement of the State Board of Accounts. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Ordinance 2022-2 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2022-1 in full. This resolution contains body worn camera policies for the police dept. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2022-1 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that the shelter house fee be waived for June 7-9 for the Hoosier Salon Children's Art Day Camp. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the festival application for Kunstfest be approved, pending receipt of an updated insurance certificate. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that the shelter house fee be waived for Jun 11 for the Relay for Life. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock announced golf cart registration will be held April 14-16, April 21-23, and April 28-30 from 4-7 p.m. behind the Town Hall. Marshal Straub will advertise the dates.

Council members agreed that Murphy Park be opened to vehicular traffic following the meeting.

Kent Schuette gave an update on the New Harmony Business Associates.

Councilman Watson stated two quotes were received for installing security cameras at various locations in Town. Jarrett Security Solutions quoted \$12,506., and Cellular Nation, Inc. quoted \$16,925. However, it was noted the quotes are not based on identical items. The Cellular Nation quote contains three additional cameras, and the cameras are higher quality. There will be trenching required from the

Town, as well as purchasing of wire. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the quote from Cellular Nation, Inc. be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion the bid from Four Seasons Landscaping for \$1,160 per mowing, for mowing Maple Hill Cemetery be accepted. This contract will be for the 2022 and 2023 mowing seasons. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock presented an estimate from Blankenberger Brothers Inc. for \$16,552 to control the erosion at the water storage tank. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the estimate from Blankenberger Brothers be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson 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 a letter be sent to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Jim Tomes, INDOT Commissioner, and INDOT Southwest Commissioner regarding the condition of Highway 66 between New Harmony and Wadesville. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade presented a quote from Street Décor, Inc. for new Christmas street swags, along with banner brackets. He would like to purchase seasonal banners for hanging on the new brackets. The total of \$8787. will be split between the Town and the New Harmony Business Associates, with the Business Associates paying an additional \$1,614 for another swag. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the Christmas decorations be purchased as listed on the quote. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion the festival application for Arts in Murphy Park be approved, pending receipt of an insurance certificate. 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 9:10 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer