

MARCH 21, 2023

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

The following visitors were present: Diane Sanders, David Vonderscher, Chris Laughbaum, Jan Kahle, Larry Robb, Bill Meyer, Robin Lewis, Connie Weinzapfel, Kent Schuette, Paul Moser, John Foley, Lora Arneberg, and Chad Foreman.

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

Councilman Williams reported American Eagle is three to four weeks out on the tree removal at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Councilman Williams is looking into existing issues at the Recycling Center.

Councilman Clark reported Council had previously discussed updating the Town's comprehensive plan. He looked into a state grant to help with the cost, but the Town does not qualify. He believes this should still be a priority, but funding needs to be secured.

Larry Robb, with the Posey Co. Emergency Management Agency, spoke to Council about the County's five-year mitigation plan, which is in the process of being updated. Once the plan is approved federally, it will need to be adopted by Posey Co., and all cities and Town's within Posey Co.

Mr. Robb offered the use of the four traffic signs his dept. has. He also offered to provide id cards for Town officials.

President Blaylock announced golf cart registration dates of March 31, April 1, 2, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 from 4-7 p.m.

Councilman Alsop announced Murphy Park is open but restrooms are not. She will work with Supt. Grider on getting this done.

Councilman Williams made and Clark seconded a motion that the festival application for the Antique Show scheduled June 9-11 be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that Ordinance 2023-1 be read and put up for adoption after first reading. All were in favor. Motion carried. President Blaylock then read Ordinance 2023-1 in full. This ordinance changes the deadline for items to be submitted in order to be added to the agenda for the Council meeting. Councilman Clark made and Alsop seconded a motion that Ordinance 2023-1 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion that the New Harmony Alumni Assn. be allowed to hang their banners as in past years. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock announced he is looking into doing some alley paving. He asked that Council provide him with suggestions by the next meeting.

Chris Laughbaum pointed out the New Harmony Business Associates are asking the Town to pay half the cost of purchasing a Christmas tree, as well as agreeing to put up and take down the tree. She feels this is asking the Town for more than they themselves will be investing.

Kent Schuette presented a list of current Business Associates members, which totals 66.

Lora Arneberg announced the Town has been accepted into the Indiana Main Street Program.

Diane Sanders, with Historic New Harmony, thanked the Town for their support of Heritage Days.

Lora Arneberg reported on the proposal for light pole banners. They are currently working out the details and will come back to Council once all information is compiled.

Robin Lewis reported storage of the Christmas tree that was proposed for purchase has been taken care of. Councilman Alsop made and Clark seconded a motion that the cost of \$5889. for the tree be

paid by the Town, to be paid either from Riverboat Wagering or General Fund. The New Harmony Business Associates will be billed for half the total cost. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that discussion on the Murphy Park shelter house epoxy floor, addition, and concrete work be tabled until the April meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried. David Vonderscher, Park Board President, confirmed these items have been discussed and approved by the Park Board.

Councilman Alsop announced new mulch for Murphy park has been quoted for \$7420. Harmonie Associates has agreed to reimburse the Town for the cost of the mulch. Councilman Williams made and Clark seconded a motion that the Town Council agenda be amended to include discussion on replacing the mulch at Murphy Park. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Williams made and Alsop seconded a motion the mulch be purchased by the Town for \$7420. to be reimbursed by Harmonie Associates. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was noted volunteers are needed for removal of the old mulch on March 31 and April 1.

Councilman Clark made and Williams 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 Williams made and Clark seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer