

MAY 17, 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, WATSON, and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

A list of visitors is attached.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop 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 from May 4, 2022, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop announced that the east end of the trail is open.

Councilman Alsop reported the Murphy Park restrooms are done except for the exterior doors, which will be installed within the next two weeks. Ken & Rose Back were thanked for the work they have done. The benches at Murphy Park have been reworked.

Councilman Alsop announced Centerpoint has changed out all street lights to 60 LED.

President Blaylock reported water line flushing has begun and will continue until all hydrants are flushed.

President Blaylock read Ordinance 2022-3 in full. This is the salary ordinance to be effective June 1, 2022. Councilman Alsop made and Watson seconded a motion that Ordinance 2022-3 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion that two certificates of deposit at Crane Credit Union that mature July 15, 2022, be cashed. Certificates will then be purchased at United Fidelity Bank with a two-year maturity. The certificate amounts will be increased as follows: Electric Liquidating - \$15,000; Cemetery Perpetual Care - \$30,000. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion the quote from Pittsburgh Tank & Tower to paint the outside of the water storage tank for \$51,250 be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion the cost of \$51,250 to paint the exterior of the water storage tank be appropriated from American Rescue Plan Funds. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion the hourly wage of street/gas superintendent Bobby Grider be increased to \$28.75 effective June 1, 2022. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Watson seconded a motion the hourly wage of utility laborers Brian Strader and Jon Gates be increased to \$18.00 effective June 1, 2022. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Williams seconded a motion that the semi-monthly salary of Town Marshal Aaron Straub be increased to \$1992.18 effective June 1, 2022. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported there is a tree in the 800 block of Main St. that possibly needs removed. He asked that Council members make a list of any other street trees that need to be addressed and bring it to the next meeting.

Councilman Williams asked if the Murphy Park camping sites had been graveled yet. This was approved at a previous meeting. Councilman Alsop stated this has not been done yet, but she will discuss it with Superintendent Grider.

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

President Blaylock reported there are five of the old fire hydrants that have not yet been replaced. The prices have skyrocketed recently. The labor cost is \$39,125, and the materials are \$17,858, for a total of \$56,983. No decision was made.

Councilman Alsop stated she has received complaints regarding little children playing in South St. Attorney Bauer reported she has looked into this and there is no Indiana statute covering this. She asked that Marshal Straub speak to the guardians and let them know it is a safety issue. The next step, according to Attorney Bauer, would be to send a letter.

There being no further business, Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer