

MAY 20, 2019

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, FLANDERS, WADE, and WATSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Sally Denning, Dan Barton, Jake David, Haley Jolley, Tom Stahl, Nathan & Jeanne Maudlin, Sue Krozel, Chris Laughbaum, Bobby Grider, and Aaron Straub.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the minutes of the previous regular meeting be approved. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders, who abstained due to not being present at the April meeting. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop thanked those who helped spread mulch at Playtopia.

Councilman Flanders thanked the Garden Club for maintaining numerous spaces around Town.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Ordinance 2019-2 be adopted. This ordinance sets the wages and salaries of employees effective June 1, 2019. Also, the following salaries and wages were set to be effective June 1, 2019: Robert Grider - \$26.50/hr.; Brian Strader - \$16/hr.; Jonathan Gates - \$16/hr.; Erik Janik - \$15/hr.; and Max Straub - \$3316.50/mo. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock opened and read aloud the following bids for street paving: E & B Paving Inc.-\$160,980.; David Enterprises Inc. - \$167,333.; Lupfer Equipment - \$168,907. Following review by Attorney Bauer, Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the bid from E & B Paving Inc. be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders spoke on the letter the Town recently received from FEMA regarding possibly revising the floodplain map. The letter notes a new study is planned, which could take up to two years. Councilman Flanders has submitted a letter to FEMA in response to their letter. Councilman Flanders asked Council to consider outside expertise in this process. He has contacted Morley & Associates, who helped Evansville with the process of getting the BFE lowered on the east side of Town. He also feels the Town should contact other communities along the route of the Wabash River. Councilman Flanders would like the Town to stay involved so opportunities are not missed to affect the process. President Blaylock asked that Councilman Flanders obtain an estimate of what an engineering firm would charge and what they propose to do for the Town.

Councilman Watson made and Flanders seconded a motion that the Town's Exmark Laser Z mower be advertised for sale. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Laughbaum noted several lawns in Town that need mowed. President Blaylock stated a list will be made and letters sent.

Nathan Maudlin commented he supports the idea of consulting with an expert regarding the floodplain.

Sue Krozel made a plea for volunteers to help with spreading mulch at Playtopia.

President Blaylock announced spring clean-up day will be May 24.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the former school property be approved and executed. All were in favor. Motion carried. The purchaser is hopeful the sale can be closed by June 22. It was noted the proceeds from the sale of the former school property will be deposited into the school fund.

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

Councilman Flanders stated several residents have spoken about an increase in the number of unleashed dogs as well as the amount of dog excrement. It was suggested that owners need to be reminded of the Town ordinance prohibiting such acts. Councilman Wade suggested the Town ordinance be amended. President Blaylock asked that Councilman Wade look into amending the Town ordinance.

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 9:12 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer