

JUNE 21, 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, WATSON, and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Chris Laughbaum, Jan & Larry Kahle, Connie Weinzapfel, Trisha Lopez, Josh Janik, and Aaron Straub.

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

Councilman Wade reported there is a minor gas leak by the bridge. It is scheduled to be repaired soon.

President Blaylock announced the painting of the water storage tank is ongoing.

President Blaylock opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2022-5. This ordinance reduces the rates of the water utility as mandated due to repeal of the utility receipts tax. Clerk-Treasurer Atkins explained the requirements the legislature implemented when repealing the tax, which is applicable to both gas and water utilities. The gas utility adjustment is being done through the gas tracker, which is prepared quarterly by Pat Callahan, the Town's rate consultant. The Public Hearing was closed by President Blaylock. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Ordinance 2022-5 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2022-3 be adopted. This resolution contains the Transition Plan for Public Rights-of Way as required by the ADA. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Raintree St. be closed for the July 4 celebration at Maclure Park. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion that the price of chat be increased to \$55/ton. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock presented a quote from Kihn Concrete for \$1,400 to replace the steps in front of Town Hall. If any of the sidewalk needs to be torn out, there will be an additional charge. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the quote from Kihn Concrete be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Johnathon Webber be made a full-time regular employee. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Johnathon Webber's hourly wage be increased to \$17.30 effective 7-1-22. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Johnathon Webber be approved to travel to Olney, IL, for gas training June 27-30. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Larry Kahle spoke about what was reported in the newspaper regarding the May Council meeting. He feels that what he read is sending the wrong message regarding "kids playing in the street." He stated the article did not read as to there being a concern for the kids' safety, just that kids shouldn't be in the street. Mr. Kahle stated he feels it is Marshal Straub's job to ensure safety of the children. President Blaylock thanked him for his comments.

President Blaylock reported a street tree in the 300 block of Main St. needs removed, as well as a large limb in the tree at 501 First St. These two items will need to be done by a tree service. A tree in the 300 block of Steammill St. needs removed, which can be done by the Town, as well as a few others which need limbs removed. Councilman Wade has a few others, and he will get with President Blaylock on those within a week. President Blaylock will then get an estimate from a tree service. Councilman Wade noted several residents in Town have some private trees they would like removed while the tree company is in Town.

Councilman Williams stated he totally agreed with Larry Kahle. He has not read the newspaper article.

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 Alsop reported the Kiwanis has requested that the bandstand be power washed prior to the July 4th celebration. She has discussed this with Supt. Grider. The Fire Marshal will be inspecting the structure prior to the celebration.

Councilman Alsop stated she has received complaints regarding tall grass, etc. at 822 East St. There was discussion about the Town mowing the property. Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that Superintendent Grider look into options regarding 822 East St. President Blaylock does not think spraying is an option. Attorney Bauer stated notice will need to be served before anything is done. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was noted the property owner will be billed in the Town does the clean up.

Councilman Alsop reported she was informed the duct work at the Fire Station is sweating. President Blaylock stated he was informed by an HVAC company that this is due to the HVAC system being undersized in the EMS area, and is brought on during high humidity weather. There was discussion as to whether or not the unit should be replaced. Councilman Wade agreed to look into this.

Councilman Alsop stated she really appreciates Larry Kahle coming to the meeting and expressing his feelings.

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 9:18 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer