

JUNE 18, 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: Haley Jolley, Tammy Harrington, Leslie Townsend, Tom Stahl, Lois Gray, Tony Treadway, Sue Krozel, Briel Kobak, Randy Owens, Kent Schuette, Dan Mason, and Aaron Straub.

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

President Blaylock reported a fire hydrant replacement project will begin in the next few weeks. Once a firm date is set, a public notice will be provided.

Attorney Bauer reported an environmental assessment is being done on the former school property. A closing should be scheduled soon.

Leslie Townsend and Dan Mason requested permission to install banners on the light poles and also across Main St. promoting the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Atheneum. They would like the banners to hang from September 16 to October 14. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that approval be given to hang the banners as requested. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was noted the Farmer's Market will end around September 16, so those banners can come down at that time. Events at the Atheneum are scheduled for October 10-12.

President Blaylock opened and read aloud the bids received for the ExMark mower. A bid of \$1,050. from Jerry Winkleman was the lone bid. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the bid from Jerry Winkleman be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2019-1 in full. This is an additional appropriation of \$83,760. for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund. This meeting also serves as the required public hearing for the additional appropriation. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the Resolution be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that approval be given for Erik Janik to travel to Olney, IL, for gas training on July 9-11. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that credit cards be obtained for Erik Janik, Brian Strader, and Jonathan Gates to be used for travel expense. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kent Schuette, with the New Harmony Business Associates, updated Council on their recent activities.

Dan Mason announced the Efroymson Family Foundation has donated \$10,000. to the New Harmony Business Associates for marketing. These funds plan to be used to revamp the website [visitnewharmony.com](http://visitnewharmony.com).

Randy Owens, Posey Co. Director of the Southwest Indiana Chamber, introduced himself to Council.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the property at 1112 Lynnwood be declared a nuisance, and the property owner be notified that the property needs to be cleaned up. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock asked Councilman Flanders if he had received a response to the letter he had sent to FEMA regarding the floodplain. Councilman Flanders reported he has a phone call scheduled for later in the week with Christine Gaynes with FEMA. He has also had several conversations with Morley and Associates, who are working on developing a prospectus on what kind of services they may be able to provide to the Town.

Councilman Flanders asked what obligations the Town will have if recently proposed legislation transferring the Harmony Way Bridge from the White Co. Bridge Commission to the New Harmony Bridge Bi-State Commission is passed. He noted the Town currently has an obligation of \$1,200/yr to the White County Bridge Commission due to the Town's gas transmission line being attached to the

Bridge. The obligation is being met by the Town, but the checks are not being processed by the Commission. Councilman Flanders asked if Council will be considering the removal of the gas line, as the previous Council was looking into. President Blaylock stated this needs to be looked into, but there is currently no time table to do so. Attorney Bauer was asked to give an assessment of where the Town stands if ownership of the Bridge is transferred to the New Harmony Bridge Bi-State Commission.

Councilman Flanders commented he has been contacted by several people regarding the need to repaint the crosswalks due to recent street paving. President Blaylock agreed to look into this.

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

Councilman Wade requested permission to look into grants for sidewalk replacement. He believes there might be grants available thru INDOT. Permission was given for him to obtain more information.

Attorney Bauer was asked to send a letter to the two golf cart rental companies regarding the rules for the operation of golf carts. There have been increasing instances of unlicensed drivers operating the rental golf carts.

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 9:02 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer