

JULY 16, 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, John Wells, Dan Barton, Chris Laughbaum, Tom Stahl, Rod Clark, Sue Krozel, Don Alsop, 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.

Councilman Flanders announced the Posey Co. Economic Development Partnership meets at the Workingmen's Institute at 8:30 on July 18. One item on the agenda is if the Partnership should take a position on the wind farm proposed for northern Posey Co.

President Blaylock reported five new fire hydrants will be installed soon. Once the date is finalized, it will be publicized.

Attorney Bauer stated the survey and environmental report on the former school property have been completed. A closing should be scheduled very soon.

President Blaylock announced four new gas valves are scheduled to be installed.

President Blaylock reported the total cemetery donations collected year-to-date are \$12,910. Donations are always welcome and accepted.

President Blaylock reported one bid on the South St. lots was received before the bid deadline. The bid was for \$12,000. from James Alsop. Councilman Wade made a motion that the bid be rejected. Attorney Bauer then interjected, and reviewed the Town's options regarding the bids, in light of the fact that a bid was submitted on July 15 for \$50,000., which was considerably past the bid deadline. Attorney Bauer advised that both Councilman Wade and Alsop should abstain from voting on the matter, since both have relatives that are involved. Councilman Wade's motion was therefore killed. Councilman Watson made and Blaylock seconded a motion that the bid for \$12,000. from James Alsop be rejected. Councilman Flanders noted his concern about being unfair to the single bidder who followed the bid guidelines. Attorney Bauer noted the Town will incur risk whether it rejects or accepts the \$12,000. bid. The basis for rejecting the \$12,000. bid was due to it being too low. The following vote was taken: ayes – Blaylock, Watson; nays – Flanders; abstentions – Alsop, Wade. Motion carried. President Blaylock will contact James Alsop to let him know his bid was rejected. There was discussion regarding advertising for bids again. Councilman Watson made and Flanders seconded a motion that the South St. lots be rebid with a bid deadline of 4:00 p.m. on August 19. The minimum bid will be \$40,000., with a 10% down payment, and a deadline of 60 days to close on the sale once the bid is accepted. The following vote was taken: ayes – Flanders, Watson, Blaylock; nays – none; abstentions – Alsop, Wade. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that the financial commitment letter for the Community Crossings Matching Grant be approved. The Town is committing \$47,809.25. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Resolution 2019-2 be adopted. This resolution states that the Town shall conduct its own municipal election. All were in favor. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding filing deadlines for those interested in filing for Town Council.

President Blaylock presented a bid for \$6,400. to remove the eight Bradford Pear trees in the 400 block of Granary and remove the stumps. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the trees be removed as quoted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Flanders reported he was contacted by Lora Arneberg regarding the Harmony Way Bridge. The legislation to transfer ownership of the bridge will be under consideration in the House the week of July 22. It will then be heard in the Senate.

Councilman Flanders reported he had a conference call with FEMA representative Christine Gaynes regarding the floodplain remapping. Kent Parker and Tom Straw also participated in the conference call. Another conference call with DNR is to be scheduled the week of July 22. Councilman Flanders also presented a proposal from Morley & Associates to provide assistance to the Town during

the process. A decision on the proposal was tabled until the August meeting to allow Council members time to review it.

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

President Blaylock asked for the assistance of the newspaper to request that residents refrain from blowing glass clippings into the street. Councilman Wade commented Council may look into an ordinance regulating this.

Councilman Alsop read a letter from resident Donnie Martin about some zoning questions. Mr. Martin was unable to attend the meeting. President Blaylock agreed to meet with him

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 9:09 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer