

AUGUST 16, 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, CLARK, WADE, and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Jan Kahle, Claire Eagle, Ben Ward, Bobbi Jo Bottomly, Trisha Lopez, and Caroline Williams.

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

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the minutes of the August 1, 2022, Special Meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade reported the deputies will be filling in until a Town Marshal is hired.

Councilman Wade is working with Attorney Bauer on the process for installing cameras on INDOT's poles. He is also looking into internet options for cameras at Murphy Park.

It was noted the Town worker's had done a great job of cleaning up after the recent storm.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that a nuisance letter be sent to the property owner of Lots 2-8 of Richard Owen's Enlargement, and six lots to the southeast of those lots for violation of 8.12.010 of the New Harmony Municipal Code. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported Aaron Straub has resigned as Town Marshal. Interviews for his replacement are scheduled to begin on August 17. He asked that Council members review the applications that have been submitted prior to the interviews.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins announced that for the August and September 2022 billings, utility bills will be printed on paper and mailed in an envelope. Post cards will again be used beginning with the October billing.

Councilman Clark made and Alsop seconded a motion that Tom Williams be appointed to the Plan Commission to replace Gary Watson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Johnathon Webber be appointed to the Plan Commission to replace Aaron Straub. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock presented Ordinance 2022-4. This ordinance amends the Town Marshal salary range due to the upcoming hiring. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Ordinance 2022-4 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that payment of \$31,321.09 to VEI Communications be approved. This is to be paid from the American Rescue Plan Fund. This differs from the previously approved estimate of \$31,101.34. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion that \$3,357.47 be transferred from the Riverboat Wagering Fund to the Christmas Decorations Fund to cover the invoice from Street Décor, Inc. The New Harmony Business Associates will be reimbursing the Town \$4,534.44 for their share of the decorations. Once that is received, the Riverboat Wagering Fund will be reimbursed. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock made the following department head appointments due to the change on the Town Council: Gas – Blaylock, Williams; Water – Clark, Wade; Sewage – Wade, Blaylock; Fire – Blaylock, Alsop; Police – Wade, Blaylock; Parks – Alsop, Wade; Cemetery – Williams, Blaylock; Streets – Alsop, Williams; Trails – Alsop, Clark; Solid Waste – Williams, Clark.

Councilman Wade made and Clark seconded a motion that approval be given to close Tavern St., from Main St., to the alley behind the Ribeyre Gym on November 5, on condition that a release of liability for the Town be provided. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams reported he had inspected all trees tagged for removal or trimming with Tom Guggenheim. Mr. Guggenheim has the report and he was not present. He feels the Maudlin and Taylor trees can remain as long as both sign a release where the Town is not liable. Councilman Wade

made and Alsop seconded a motion that the American Eagle quote be tabled until the September meeting. Councilman Williams feels the quote needs to be acted upon so the work is not delayed further. President Blaylock noted that changes have been made to the quote so it is no longer accurate. Councilman Williams will obtain a new quote. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Alsop reported she is looking into having some work done at Murphy Park through the United Way Day of Caring. An application must be completed to request this. There was discussion about having a Special Meeting to take care of this.

There being no further business, Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer