

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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, Dan Mason, Robin Lewis, Mary Beth Guard, Jan Kahle, Trisha Lopez, and Aaron Straub.

A moment of silence was held due to events occurring in Town over the weekend.

Councilman Waston 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 Watson seconded a motion the minutes of the August 26, 2021, special meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Ordinance 2021-6 in full. This ordinance was presented by the Plan Commission, as it is an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Ordinance 2021-6 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins reported that nine of the Town's certificates of deposit at Crane Credit Union have matured and been cashed. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that 24-month certificates of deposit be purchased at United Fidelity Bank as shown on the list prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Atkins. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock opened the public hearing on the 2022 budget. There were no additions or corrections. The public hearing was closed. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the 2022 budget stand as advertised. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported United Fidelity Bank has proposed installing an ITM machine to the east of Town Hall. They have discussed this with the postmaster.

Dan Mason thanked the Town for putting the mask banners back on the light poles. He also thanked all those who helped make Kunstfest a success.

Regarding the beautification project proposed by Mary Beth Guard at the last meeting, she agreed to place one set of lights in both a tree and a planter so Council can see them. A decision will be made at the October meeting.

President Blaylock reported several of the unlicensed vehicles from the last meeting have been taken care of. Town Marshal Straub is working on the others. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that letters be sent to 818 East St. and 304 Church St. concerning unlicensed vehicles. All were in favor. Motion carried. President Blaylock noted there has been some progress on cleaning the yard at 818 East St.

President Blaylock recommended to Council that \$6500 be transferred from the Riverboat Wagering Fund to the Christmas Decorations Fund. He stated this is a start towards the needed funds for new decorations, as proposed at the last meeting by Robin Lewis. Councilman Alsop asked if Council could then give additional funds in 2022. President Blaylock stated that yes, this could be done, but he suggested that a set amount not be agreed to at this time, so it can be determined at that time how much is needed. Councilman Alsop commented she feels people would be willing to donate to the cause. Councilman Alsop made and Watson seconded a motion that \$6500 be transferred from Riverboat Wagering to Christmas Decorations. She also noted the Town will make a similar transfer in 2022. All were in favor. Motion carried. Robin Lewis agreed to put together a proposal for the Town's \$6500, plus the revenue from the ornament sales. She also asked for input from Council on who should do the ordering, etc.

Councilman Wade reported the crosswalk at Main and Steammill, plus other street markings are scheduled to be done on September 23, depending on the weather. It was noted that a suggestion was made by Dan Mason that a decorative crosswalk be installed. Council agreed a standard crosswalk should be installed.

Councilman Wade reported he is working with several others on getting work scheduled at the Murphy Park Restrooms.

Councilman Wade made suggestions on amending the Fireworks Ordinance. He feels the permitted days and times need to be reduced. Councilman Wade will write up his suggested amendments and present them to Council.

President Blaylock read Ordinance 2021-7 in full. This ordinance amends Ordinance 1991-8. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Ordinance 2021-7 be adopted. All were in favor except Councilman Williams. Motion carried.

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

President Blaylock noted Historic New Harmony is looking into purchasing a new tram. They inquired about the registration process through the Town. Councilman Williams made and Alsop seconded a motion the tram proposed to be purchased by Historic New Harmony be required to conform to the Town's golf cart ordinance, and pay the fee required by the ordinance. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade asked that Attorney Bauer look into any other communities that have regulations on beer gardens, and that Council be provided copies of such regulations for consideration.

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 9:04 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer