

OCTOBER 16, 2018

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: Dan Barton, Chris Laughbaum, Sue Krozel, Don Alsop, Amanda Bryden, Jeff Smotherman, 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 Alsop thanked Charles and Sally Huck for donating flags for Church and Main Sts.

Councilman Flanders asked that residents refrain from dropping items off at the recycling center when it is closed.

Councilman Wade reported the 600 block potluck party was well attended, and may become an annual event, with a different location each year.

President Blaylock reported the bid period opened on October 9 for the former school property and the South St. property. To date, no bids have been received, but he has received one phone call inquiry.

President Blaylock appointed Ron Eimer as a member of the bridge authority.

Councilman Flanders presented a draft letter he prepared and asked that Council approve sending it to Senator Tomes and Representative McNamara regarding the base flood elevation in New Harmony. Councilman Flanders noted it has been three years since the current base flood elevation was enacted, and many property owners are receiving renewal statements for their flood insurance. Councilman Flanders made a motion that Council authorize submittal of the letter to Senator Tomes and Representative McNamara. There was no second. Motion denied. Councilman Wade feels the Town is wasting their time by sending the letter now, during an election year. He thinks Council should consider sending a letter in January. Councilman Flanders responded that being a legislator is a year round job, and he does not feel the upcoming election should prevent them from acting.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that replacement of a pump at the lift station and a gear box at the wastewater plant at an estimated cost of \$20,000 be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read the Arbor Day Proclamation in full. Arbor Day will be held on October 20, 2018.

President Blaylock announced fall clean-up day will be October 26.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that approval be given to close Main St. from Tavern to Steammill on October 24 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the kids Halloween party. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2018-9 in title only. This resolution adopts nondiscrimination and grievance procedures as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-9 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2018-10 in title only. This resolution adopts a complaint procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-10 be adopted. Councilman Flanders pointed out several items in the resolution which he finds confusing. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders, who abstained on the basis of the resolution being confusing. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2018-11 in title only. This resolution adopts an external complaint policy and complaint form under the Civil Rights Act. Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that resolution 2018-11 be adopted. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders, who abstained on the basis of the resolution being confusing. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the voluntary corrective action plan as prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Atkins be approved. This letter addressed the nondiscrimination and

accessibility requirements the Town is in the process of meeting. The original deadline to have all deficiencies corrected was October 26, and the letter requests an extension of time to complete the tasks. All were favor. Motion carried.

Sue Krozel invited everyone to attend Arbor Day on October 20. She also asked Council to reconsider Councilman Flanders request to send a letter to Senator Tomes and Representative McNamara regarding the base flood elevation.

President Blaylock announced the structure at 629 South St. is being demolished.

Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion the 2019 budget be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the 15-month maintenance agreement with Frontier Geospatial for the GIS mapping be approved. Councilman Flanders questioned the limits of liability stated in the agreement. Attorney Bauer stated this would only be a concern in her mind if they were drilling under the road, etc. Councilman Flanders asked what recourse the Town has if their mapping turns out to be inaccurate. Attorney Bauer repeated this clause does not concern her since Frontier Geospatial did no digging. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins announced the upgrade of the Town's website should be complete in approximately one week.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer