

NOVEMBER 20, 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: Tom Stahl, Tom Smith, Chris Laughbaum, Rod Clark, Sue Krozel, Don Alsop, and Aaron Straub.

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

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the minutes of the November 13, 2018, special meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop announced the Town has been awarded a Community Crossings Grant for over \$87,000., to be used for street paving.

Councilman Flanders announced Brittaney Johnson has resigned as Executive Director of the Posey Co. Economic Development Partnership.

Councilman Flanders announced that 48 homeowners had gone together to send a letter to Senator Tomes and Representative McNamara requesting assistance with the Town's base flood elevation. Council declined to give approval to send a similar letter at the last meeting.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the employees' health insurance be renewed as shown on the proposed plan 1 as received by Anthem. This will result in a 4% premium increase. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Watson seconded a motion that the annual budgets for the water utility as prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Atkins be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried. This budget is required due to the Town's bonds with USDA Rural Development.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the annual budgets for the wastewater utility as prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Atkins be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried. This budget is required due to the Town's bonds with USDA Rural Development.

Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion that a sewer fee waiver be granted for the property at 1103 Locust St. This is done at the request of Tom Smith, who stated the structure on the property has been removed and there are no plans to build on the property. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported the Charles Ford Home owns a number of lots at Maple Hill Cemetery that are unused, and they desire to transfer the lots back to the Town. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the agreement to transfer the lots back to the Town be approved. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders, who abstained due to being a member of the Charles Ford Home Board. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that the festival application for Rise Up and Run be tabled due to a representative not being present. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Murphy Park be closed to vehicular traffic beginning December 3 and continuing until spring. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported the Wabash Bridge Authority has requested permission to hold their meetings at Town Hall. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the request be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-13 be approved. This resolution authorizes the use of a complaint log form for tracking Title VI complaints. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-14 be approved. This resolution approves an organizational chart for the Town. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock announced five new fire hydrants are scheduled to be installed soon. As a result, there may be some water outages, discoloration, etc.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins announced residents may sign up for Code Red alerts by going to Posey County's website, and clicking the link for Code Red, and following the instructions from there. Cell phones can also be registered for the alerts.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that a carriage application for Dapple Horse Hill, LLC, be approved. All required information has been submitted. All were in favor. Motion carried. The permit is valid for one year.

Councilman Wade presented an estimate from Sealco Enterprises LLC, to replace the roof at Town Hall for \$7,650. Councilman Watson made and Alsop seconded a motion that the estimate be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

President Blaylock announced salaries for elected officials for 2019 will need to be set at the December meeting.

Councilman Flanders made and Watson seconded a motion that Council adjourn in honor of those who fought in World War 1, and the forty-two who lost their lives and lie at rest in Maple Hill Cemetery. 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