

DECEMBER 18, 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: Jim Bush, Dan Barton, Chris Laughbaum, Richard Giles, Briel Kobak, 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 Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-15 be approved. This resolution approves the use of a Public Involvement Survey. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-16 be approved. This resolution approves the use of language identification flash cards. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reappointed Kay Giles to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four-year term.

Councilman Alsop made and Watson seconded a motion that David Vonderscher be appointed to a four-year term on the Park Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that three accounts totaling \$519.26 be written off as requested by Clerk-Treasurer Atkins. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that leaf pick-up end December 18. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock stated an increase in the monthly fee for trash collection is necessary. Fees are no longer sufficient to cover the Town's contract with Advanced Disposal. He recommended a \$2. a month increase. The last increase was in 2010. Councilman Wade made and Flanders seconded a motion the proposed trash increase be tabled until January. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that Resolution 2018-17 be approved. This resolution authorizes appropriation transfers within the Cemetery Fund. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Bobby Grider's spouse be moved to a different health and dental insurance plan and that the Town reimburse Bobby Grider the full cost of the premiums for these plans, currently \$338.47. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Ordinance 2018-4 be adopted. This ordinance contains a 3% increase for the Clerk-Treasurer effective January 1, 2019, and no change in the salary of the Town Council. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported the Town had advertised for bids for the former school property. Two bids were received. One bid is for the entire property for \$80,000. The second bid is for the school building, and approximately five acres for \$10,000. President Blaylock stated Attorney Bauer recommends re-advertising the school property in sections for fifteen days, allowing people to bid on the whole property or part of it. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that all bids on the former school property be rejected based on the fact the bids did not conform to the advertised notice. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried. Attorney Bauer pointed out that Council could at this point choose to hire a broker or auctioneer. Councilman Flanders noted he does not feel the Town was very robust in their advertising, and he suggested more advertising be done the next time in hopes of obtaining more bids. He feels the hiring of a broker or marketer is in order at this time to determine the best means of advertising the property. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that the former school property be re-advertised for thirty days, stating any bids will be entertained for the property, in whole or in part, using the \$80,000 as the minimum for the entire property, and \$10,000 for the former school building and approximately five acres. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried. There was discussion about advertising the property on the Business Associates Facebook page.

President Blaylock reported one bid of \$45,000. was received for the South St. lots. The minimum bid was set at \$75,000. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the \$45,000. bid be rejected because it is below the minimum bid amount. All were in favor except Councilman Flanders. Motion carried. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that a counteroffer of \$53,000. be made to the bidder on the South St. lots. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that a new meter reading wand be purchased for \$4,658. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock introduced Richard Giles, who was present at the meeting and was one of the bidders on the former school property.

Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Flanders noted claims to reimburse Councilman Wade for employee Christmas gifts. He asked when this was approved by Council. He pointed out this could appear to be favoritism to certain employees. Councilman Wade stated the Town has purchased hams for all employees for the past several years, and this year it was decided to purchase Wal-Mart gift cards instead. President Blaylock noted all employees were given a gift card.

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

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer