

APRIL 19, 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, and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Jeff Smotherman, Chris Laughbaum, Trisha Lopez, Joshua Janik, and Connie Weinzapfel.

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

Councilman Alsop reported the trail is closed for repairs.

President Blaylock announced salary adjustments will need to be approved at the May meeting to be effective June 1. An Executive Session may be held to finalize.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion the amended festival application for Kunstfest be approved. The revision is to close Tavern St. from Main to West in addition to other locations already approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock stated Councilman Wade had talked to him about a boat parked in the easement at 910 Granary. He does not think this violates the Town ordinance. Councilman Alsop asked if the boat would impede a fire truck. President Blaylock will talk to the Fire Dept. about this. Councilman Williams feels Council should only be responding to citizen complaints.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion that a letter be sent to the resident at 501-D Taylor regarding the violation of Section 8.12.020 of the New Harmony Municipal Code. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion that Resolution 2022-2 be adopted. This Resolution is the fiscal plan for the ARP funds. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion that the amount of \$31101.34 be appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Fund (#2401) to cover the cost of replacing the Town's storm siren. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion that May 6 be set for spring clean-up day. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams made and Alsop seconded a motion the festival application for the Antique Show be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion the Kiwanis be given approval to hold their July 4 celebration at Maclure Park. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock provided an update on the floodplain which he received from DNR. The preliminary mapping is scheduled to be released in the fall of 2023, it will then be picked up by FEMA in the fall of 2024, and possibly a final determination in 2025.

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

President Blaylock announced hydrant flushing will be done soon. The dates will be advertised when they are set.

Councilman Alsop presented some of the ideas that were discussed at the last Park Board meeting. The Park Board feels there needs to be a safety device installed on the large slide near the shelter house at Murphy Park. It was noted Maclure Park has a similar slide. Also, the shelter needs to be hosed out, and possibly painted. A couple of the Park Board members have volunteered to do the painting. The Park Board also discussed raising the shelter house rent, and possibly requiring a deposit.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion that two exterior doors be purchased for the restrooms at a cost of \$315 each. All were in favor. Motion carried. There was discussion about using the funds that were previously allocated for the Ribeyre Gym Restroom contract to pay for improvements at the Murphy Park Restrooms.

Councilman Williams made and Alsop seconded a motion that three camping spots be graveled at Murphy Park as discussed in a previous meeting. The graveleding will be done by Town employees. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Councilman Alsop made and Williams 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