

DECEMBER 19, 2023

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, CLARK, WADE, and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

A list of visitors is attached.

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

Larry Kahle spoke regarding the recent success of the North Posey football team. He introduced the coach, Waylon Schenk, who introduced the players who were in attendance. President Blaylock read a proclamation recognizing the football team.

Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion that the shelter house fee be waived for June 4, 5, and 6 for the Hoosier Salon Art Camp. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Atkins reminded Council members to return the nepotism and direct line of supervision certifications she had distributed in November. These are required by the State Board of Accounts and need to be submitted by December 31. Some Council members have not yet returned them.

Attorney Bauer submitted her resignation as Town Attorney. She expressed her appreciation for the relationships she has developed.

Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion that accounts be written off as presented by Clerk-Treasurer Atkins totaling \$242.86. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that Bobby Grider be hired as a utility specialist effective January 1, 2024. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2023-4 in title only. This resolution authorizes appropriation transfers in the General Fund. Councilman Clark made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2023-4 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2023-5 in title only. This resolution authorizes appropriation transfers in the Park Fund. Councilman Wade made and Clark seconded a motion that Resolution 2023-5 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2023-6 in title only. This resolution authorizes appropriation transfers in the Cemetery Fund. Councilman Wade made and Clark seconded a motion that Resolution 2023-6 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Steve Angel addressed two trees adjacent to his property on West St. The trees have been damaged by sewer work that was previously done, and more work on the sewer line is needed in the near future. He would like the trees removed and he offered to share the cost of the removal. President Blaylock suggested this be addressed by the new Council in 2024. All were in agreement with this. Mr. Angel thanked Council for all their hard work over the years.

President Blaylock read the changes to the salary ordinance as contained in Ordinance 2023-4. The changes are to the Clerk-Treasurer's salary and the addition of Section 7, Utilities Specialist. Councilman Clark made and Wade seconded a motion that Ordinance 2023-4 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock opened and read aloud the one bid that was received on the water meter replacement project. The bid is from Utility Supply Company for \$158,400. This bid is for 500 meters. Councilman Clark questioned if accepting the bid commits the Town to purchasing 500 meters. Attorney Bauer stated this can be negotiated with the supplier and brought back to Council. Councilman Clark made and Wade seconded a motion the bid from Utility Supply for \$158,400 be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that it is in the Town's best interest to perform this work with the Town's own work force. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock announced the January meeting will be held January 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Councilman Wade presented a quote for additional cameras at Murphy Park and at Town Hall and on Main St. The total price of the additional cameras is \$5000. Councilman Williams made and Clark seconded a motion the discussion be passed to the incoming Council. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark recognized the eight years of service contributed by the current Council members.

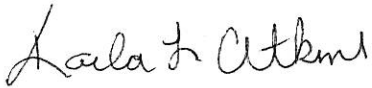
Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



~~Alvin Blaylock~~, President of Town Council

Attest:



Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer