

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – February 15, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jake Bethel

COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jay Oliva, Jane Efinger-Hayden, Pudder Linne, Linda Crawford, Sharman Jarboe and Brandon Kleeman

ABSENT: Adam Hoffman, Nathan Gehlhausen

The public was asked to sign in and get an agenda which advised the meeting was being recorded per the agenda.

The meeting began with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Time sheets were previously signed by Linda and returned to Jane.

President, Linda Crawford, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

First order of business was election of 2017 officers. Sharman made a motion to accept the current officer slate. Brandon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Linda Crawford, President. Jay Oliva, Vice-President.

Agendas, mail, correspondence, financials and minutes were distributed.

A motion was made by Jay to accept the Consent Agenda, which included the previous month's minutes, current agenda and current financials. Sharman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane advised that IMEA reps called this morning to cancel their visit. Will call to reschedule.

CITIZENS: None present.

FIRE: Pudder advised we had two false alarms (security in nature-residential). A brief discussion was held regarding if we have First Responders. We have three-all volunteer.

ELECTRIC: Advised there is a tentative date of March 5th, early in the morning for the switchover from Hoosier to IMPA for the substation. This is a Sunday and will be from 45 min. to possibly 2 hours. We will implement the ONE CALL to notify our customers. IMPA is sending a letter and putting an article in the paper.

SEWER: Nothing. Jane asked if the berm from the sewer project will be addressed soon. He said they will be leveling it and seeding it in the spring.

WATER: ***Linda, Jane, Pudder, Mike Strahl (RD) and John Wetzel (Midwestern) met last week regarding the RD grant. We have started the process for a grant application. There is a lot to do yet. Bonding, rate consultants, etc. Next month there should be a more comprehensive package to be presented. Working with Mike and we are in the early stages. John will present us with a more up-to-date information package. Could take up to 18 months. We do, however, fit the criteria to qualify. We are hoping for a 75/25% grant. Right now, it sits at \$1.6 million without the inclusion of the new water meters that we hope to include to be changed out. A question was raised regarding our rates going up. Eventually, yes. Yet to be determined how much. We will have to do this to maintain. Will consult a rate consultant. The bond issue could be spread out up to 40 years. Sadly, our rates were too low to acquire an OCRA or state grant. To purchase water would be astronomical in price. Our rates will hopefully not see as big a jump as Tell City's recent increase. Our system is in good shape, as our lines have been replaced. Our main issue is the manganese. Jane, Pudder and Linda have passed the background checks to be administrators of the grant process. ***The water salesman is up and running as of January 31st.

PSCI: Pudder advised that yesterday we switched from ATT and Transworld (LD) to PSC. They were in the office yesterday to hook us up. It should be somewhat of a savings for the 4 lines we have and long distance and we will have local service and contacts.

ROOF: Advised Bernie and Charlie are consulting on this issue.

TRUCK: Advised he got 2 quotes to replace the 97 Dodge. Will let bids out on this vehicle for 30 days. Electric will pay for the truck. Has over 100,000 miles. Will take 4-6 weeks to get a new one. Got the municipal/tax exempt pricing. Linda asked about the warranty. The 2017 Ford is 31,839 from Ruxer in Jasper and is a 250 HD crew-cab. The other is a Chevy for 32,179 from Ubelhor in Jasper. Pudder advised he preferred the Ford. Sharman made a motion to go forward with purchasing the truck. Jay seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

LINDA: ***Advised she will be out of town for some training at next month's meeting. Jay will run the meeting. ***Advised she was at a PCDC meeting yesterday for 2 hours. She said it was mainly regarding finances and projects. We came in 2nd choice at the spec building. Also advised that 66 at the Y to Rockport will be paved and widened and will be closed and a detour put in place this spring. Also advised the side road repairs they had done, one wall is already shifting. ***Brought up the ATV/side-by-side issue. Brandon will help Linda with this project. Jane has a file started and will scan everything she has to Brandon to begin looking into this. Linda wants him to contact Princeton, as they have a good policy already in place. ***Also advised that Cynthiana has a nice playground set-up. Will check with them to see what their plans entail.

SHARMAN: Asked about patching. Pudder advised that Charlie did small spots this past weekend. Also the repairs from the previous project have been fixed. Pudder advised we need to look into pursuing the matching road funds. ***Asked about the status of the 'burned house'. Linda said she would personally look into this. ***Also asked about noticing the 'WGS HIRING' signs up around town. Pudder advised that he has not seen any movement there, but we may be able to return the one transformer for a small loss and/or in transfer of supplies.

BRANDON: Nothing.

ADAM: Absent.

JAY: Nothing.

JANE: ***Advised she checked with Charlie and Spring Clean-Up will be on Thursday and Friday, April 20th and 21st. ***Needed a motion for the utility deposits to be made a standard \$300.00 for Commercial Businesses for water and electric instead of the convoluted system they have in place now for determining their deposit. This will be for Commercial only, not Large Industrial. This will be for new customers. Brandon made a motion. Jay seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. ***Advised the annual financial report was posted in the paper and completed. ***Advised the server was put in last week. ***Still needing a rep for IN 15 board. Jay said he would if no one else stepped up, Pudder then advised he was on the phone with Lisa Gehlhausen from IN 15 today and he said he would be our representative. ***Advised the quarterly Chamber breakfast is 3/16 and RSVP's are due on 3/2. ***Asked about redoing the handbook and approving four 'paid' days for part-time personnel after they have been here five years. Will not roll over or accumulate. Jay made a motion and Sharman seconded. All in favor. Motion approved. ***Since Nathan was not present, he wanted me to advise that the tree overhanging the road was addressed this morning on Walnut Street (J. Lindauer). Charlie, Wade and Nathan trimmed it back. ***Need a motion to approve getting the intake manifold fixed on the Marshall vehicle. Is plastic and warped, leaking antifreeze. Should be around 2-300.00. ***Also wanted me to advise them that he got on full-time at the Sheriff's Department. He will be on a 3/1 to 4/4 Courthouse Security detail on the day shift-therefore he will be working for Troy nights and weekends, when available.


***Also discussed instead of forming a Facebook page, I will just promote the website on FB. The website is updated weekly and has all the information on there they would need as far as office closings, billing, etc.

The board also wanted to know if the light bar and leak have been fixed and look into a new Marshall vehicle. Sharman made a motion to acquire quotes and get it fixed. Brandon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. ***Also wanted me to pass along that he is still working on a reporting system.

NATHAN: Absent.

Linda needed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon made a motion. Jay seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next regular Town Council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

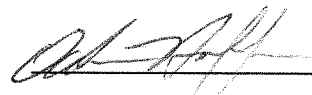
Linda Crawford, President



Jay Oliva, Vice-President



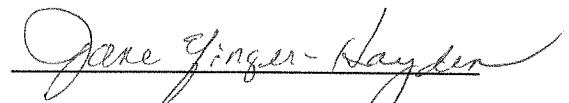
Sharman Jarboe, Board Member



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ATTEST: Jane Efinger-Hayden
Clerk/Treasurer