

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Present were council members Greg Stinson, Erik Wagner, Tim Conroy, Ross LeBleu, Bill Lopez, Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer and Park Director Brian Bugajski. Building Commissioner Mike Barry and Fire Chief Louie Craig were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

LeBleu made a motion to approve the January 26th minutes as written and Lopez made the second, vote 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

Wagner made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented, Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mike Catlin from the Indiana Breakers baseball organization asked permission to use Hawthorne Park for their team to practice baseball. Bugajski said everything is in order except for the waiver's from the team. Wagner made a motion to permit the Indiana Breakers baseball team to use Hawthorne Park for practice once all the requirements are met and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy presented a list of outstanding checks that are two years old to be removed. The amounts that will be added back to the funds are Police Department \$1,056.66 to General Fund, Park \$205.00 to the Park fund, General Fund \$320.00, Park Donations fund \$68.00 and Fire fund \$26.17. Conroy made a motion to return the above amounts to each fund and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0. See Attached for breakdown of each department.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier said that Detective Mike Veal is retiring February 10th after 13 years of service. Spanier and the Council stated that he will be sorely missed. His knowledge and expertise was outstanding.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Brueckheimer asked the council about purchasing of GIS software for sanitary sewer and storm water that the former council discussed. Stinson asked her to email the proposal to the council and they will have a meeting in the near future to discuss.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski stated that he has received a request to use the gazebo on March 27th for Easter services from the Porter United Methodist church. He said that they have used the gazebo for many years now without incident. LeBlue made a motion to approve the use of the gazebo for Easter services on 3/28 free of charge and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

Bugajski also thanked Chuck Moseley for the donation of 100 saplings from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Bugajski also reminded residents that the month of March is half off for renting the Community building.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Stinson presented 13 new contractors, Conroy made a motion to accept the 13 new contractors and Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY FOR ERRONEOUS OR IRREGULAR VARIANCES

Stinson explained that this policy needs to be in place because without it every time the clerk's office is off one-cent we would have to call the State Board of Accounts. Lopez made a motion to accept the policy for Erroneous or Irregular Variances and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2016-01 Interlocal Agreement for Bike Trail

Stinson stated that this is a resolution to have consistent signage on the bike trail. This is a grant and Porter's share is \$400. LeBleu made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-01 and pay the \$400 from CEDIT, Wagner made the second, vote 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2016-01 CO DETECTORS FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES

Stinson read Ordinance 2016-01 by title only and asked to place this on the next agenda.

ORDINANCE 2016-02 SNOW PARKING IN SUBDIVISION AND SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

Stinson read Ordinance 2016-02 by title only and asked to place this ordinance on the next agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lopez stated that he attended the Indiana Elected Officials workshop in Indianapolis and said it was a very educational experience. Stinson asked Pomeroy to order three books from this workshop.

Dated this _____ day of February, 2016.

Greg Stinson, President

Erik Wagner, Vice President

Ross LeBleu

William Lopez

Tim Conroy

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer