

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2016

Present were council members Greg Stinson, Erik Wagner, Tim Conroy, Ross LeBleu, Bill Lopez, Attorney Dan Blankenberg, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Louie Craig, Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer, Building Commissioner Mike Barry. Park Director Brian Bugajski was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – CREDIT \$200,000.

Stinson opened the Public Hearing at 7:02pm and asked for comments for or against the additional appropriation for CREDIT in the amount of \$200,000. No comments for or against the additional appropriation. Stinson closed the Public Hearing at 7:03pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conroy made a motion to approve the March 8 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, LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CLERK TREASURER REPORT

None

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Spanier presented a race application from the Porter Volunteer Fire Department to be held at 8:00am July 24th at Hawthorne Park, but has not received a copy of their insurance. Wagner made a motion to approve the race on July 24th pending receiving a copy of their insurance and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0.

Chief Spanier presented 4 quotes to purchase 2 police vehicles:

Michigan City Dodge for 2) 2016 Dodge Chargers for \$50,770.50 less trade-in of Tahoe \$14,000, add E.V.T equipment \$12,838.90 for a cost of \$49,609.40, less street department credit for Prius \$3,500 for a grand total of \$46,109.40.

Bosak Dodge for 2) 2016 Dodge Chargers for \$47,750.00 less trade-in of Tahoe \$10,500 add E.V.T, equipment \$12,838.90 for a cost of \$50,088.90, less street department credit for Prius \$3,500 for a grand total of \$46,588.90

Connors for 2) 2016 Dodge Chargers for \$47,580.00 less trade-in of Tahoe for \$7,790.00, add E.V.T. equipment of \$12,838.90 for a cost of \$52,628.90, less street department for Prius \$3,500 for a grand total of \$49,128.90

Greiger's for 2) 2016 Dodge Chargers for \$47,254.00 less trade-in of Tahoe for \$5,500.00, add E.V.T. equipment of \$12,838.90 for a cost of \$55,592.90, less street department credit for Prius \$3,500 for a grand total of \$51,092.90.

Chief Spanier noted that the street department wants the Prius and Brueckheimer stated that she will accept the Prius and will take the Ford Explorer that needs more than \$4,000 in repairs to be salvaged as soon as possible.

Lopez made a motion to purchase two 2016 Dodge Chargers from Michigan City Dodge for an amount of \$49,609.40 less a credit of \$3,500 from the street department. \$46,109.40 will be paid from CCD and \$3,500 will be paid out of line item 201-001-362 Repairs/Equipment-Police and LeBleu made the second. Conroy asked if the town wanted to stay local and buy the cars from Bosak Dodge since there is only a difference of \$480 there was no comment vote 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Brenda Brueckheimer stated that March 28th the town will start Spring clean-up. She asked residents to please separate leaves and branches into separate piles. Brueckheimer also stated that at the end of April the town will trim back trees and bushes that are on town's easement.

PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski was absent because he was doing a presentation at the Chesterton Lion's Club. Liaison LeBleu announced that the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT

Building Commissioner Mike Barry presented four new contractors. Conroy made a motion to accept the new contractors and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2016-04 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION CEDIT

Stinson read Ordinance 2016-04 by title only. Stinson noted that this ordinance is time sensitive and asked for a motion to suspend the rules and have second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2016-04. Wagner made a motion to suspend the rules and have second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2016-04 and Conroy made the second, vote 5-0. Stinson read Ordinance 2016-04 by title only and asked for a motion to adopt. Wagner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-04 and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

ORDINANCE 2016-05 AMENDING SEWER RATES – RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL

Stinson explained that this Ordinance is clarifying the rates for 1-inch sewer lines for residential and commercial property. The rate has not changed. Stinson read Ordinance 2016-05 by title only and asked Pomeroy to place on the next agenda for second reading.

RESOLUTION 2016-05 UNIFORM INTERNAL CONTROLS

Stinson read Resolution 2016-05 by title only and explained that the town has to adopt this resolution by June 30th. Wagner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-05 and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

LeBleu announced that the Duneland Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Duneland Economic Development Company (DEDC), has released applications for the 2016 Exterior Improvement Grant Program, formerly known as the Façade Grant Program. He encouraged businesses to apply for this grant. The application is due April 29th to the Duneland Chamber.

Wagner made a motion to adjourn and LeBleu made the second, vote 5-0.

Dated this _____ day of April, 2016

Greg Stinson, President

Erik Wagner, Vice President

Ross LeBleu

William Lopez

Tim Conroy

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer