

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

DECEMBER 26, 2006

President Paul Childress called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Council members Lorri Wickberg, William F. Sexton and Sandi Snyder. Jennifer Granat, Vice President was absent. Also, present were Clerk Treasurer Carol Pomeroy, Attorney Patrick Lyp, Police Chief James Spanier, Fire Chief Lewie Craig, Building Commissioner Brenda Brueckheimer, Public Works Director Karl Bauer and Park Superintendent James Miller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Childress asked for a motion to approve the November 28, 2006 minutes, Sexton made the motion and Snyder made the second with noting the correction of Regional Industries Complaints instead of Compliants with that noted Vote 4-0 to approve.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Sexton made the motion to approve all claims as presented in the amounts of \$144,731.00, \$69,557.63, \$528,918.43 and \$14,091.49. Vote 4-0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

CLERK TREASURER REPORT:

Pomeroy noted in the claims was a check of \$200,000 to repay the Redevelopment Commissioner for the loan earlier in the year.

Encumbrances: Pomeroy was told that the Council did not need to approve the following encumbrances since the Department liaison has approved. The liaison's approved the following:

Police Department- liaison Jennifer Granat, PO PD2006-56, to Bartronics in the amount of \$2,240.00

Park Department- liaison Sandi Snyder, PO 2006-PK-29, to Gametime in the amount of \$18,042.00

PO 2006-PK-30, to Nutri-Lawn in the amount of \$1,200.00

Street Department- liaison Lorri Wickberg, PO 2006-SD-81, to Michael Todd in the amount of \$6,383.00

PO 2006-SD-82, to RV Sutton in the amount of \$41,650.00

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Wheel Loader Bids. Lyp recommended to the Council to reject and re-publish the bids for a wheel loader for the Street Department because the advertisement was ran in the Post Tribune instead of the Chesterton Tribune and all bidders were advised that it would run in the Chesterton Tribune. He also advised to return the all bids unopened to the bidders and to advise them that it would run in the Chesterton Tribune early next month and they would be opened at the January 23rd meeting. Childress questioned the Council if they gave permission to purchase the wheel loader since he had missed the earlier meeting. Sexton stated that the minutes showed that he had only advised Bauer to get specs. Childress asked Bauer how much would it cost and Bauer replied \$75,000/100,000. Childress asked if he had the money and Bauer replied that he had \$48,000 left in CEDIT monies and the rest would come from his MVH budget. Childress stated that he wasn't sure if there was enough money to pay for this. Sexton made a motion to reject all unopened bids and to advertise again in the Chesterton Tribune; Snyder made the second, Vote 4-0. Pomeroy was advised to mail back all bids unopened to the bidders.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spanier told the Council that the new Police Officer Martin Gonzales is doing a great job. Spanier also asked the Council and Attorney Lyp to update a 1942 ordinance regarding taxi cabs. Spanier was advised to send the ordinance to Lyp and he would update.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Craig stated that this is a record year for calls. They have responded to 450 compared to 428 last year.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- **Town Auction:** Bauer advised the Council that the auction netted a little over \$5,000.
- **Indiana American Water Company.** They are developing a master plan for extension of water lines at Porter Beach, Dunes Forest and Sunset.
- Bauer also noted that Town Engineer has advised that the Town do a hydrology study to outline problems with storm water. This would provide the Town the best way to handle heavy rains.
- **Lift Stations.** Bauer said they are in the process of repairing some lift stations. Next week Dune Meadows and Hawthorne Park storm drains will be repaired.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Miller advised the Council that this has been a record year for rentals at Hawthorne Park, almost reaching \$27,000.

He told the Council that the Park Board has approved to 2 encumbrances for this year.

Miller also thanked Nutri-Lawn for offering to install an irrigation system for Hawthorne Park next year for costs of materials only.

He also reminded the Public that Indian Springs and Lake Charles Parks are closed for the winter.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Brueckheimer had nothing to report. She noted that she had put a report in each Council member's box. Sexton thanked her for the report.

OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ **Smoke Detector Ordinance 2006-19.** Sexton made a motion to have final reading by title only and to adopt; Snyder made the second, Vote 4-0. Ordinance adopted. Craig was advised by Lyp to have forms ready for residents to fill out.
- ✓ **Service fees for checks Ordinance 2006-21.** Sexton made a motion to have final reading by title only and to adopt; Snyder made the second, Vote 4-0. Ordinance adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ **Disconnect water Ordinance.** Lyp advised the Council that he had sent the final version to Indiana American Water Company and had not heard from them. He advised that he would have at next meeting.
- ❖ **Risk Management Committee Implementation.** Sexton made a motion to establish a committee comprising of Department Heads, effective January 1, 2007 to review and investigate all accidents involving Town employees and vehicles and to report to the Council all results, Wickberg made the

second, Vote 4-0. Sexton stated this is not for punitive actions but to prevent future occurrences and is recommended by our insurance carrier. He also stated that all meetings would have to be advertised.

- ❖ **Announcements for openings on committees.** Childress noted that the Council had received a resignation letter from William Donley for the BZA. The following committees need appointments:
 - **BZA 2 OPENINGS; 1 REPUBLICAN & 1 DEMOCRAT** for expiring terms of Bruce Snyder & resignation of William Donley
 - **PLAN COMMISSION 1 OPENING; 1 REPUBLICAN** for expiring term of Loraine Bell
 - **STORMWATER 1 OPENING; 1 DEMOCRAT** for expiring term of William Cantrell
 - **PARK BOARD 1 OPENING; 1 DEMOCRAT** for expiring term of Rondi Wightman
 - **REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 5 OPENINGS (3 COUNCIL MEMBERS & 2 CITIZENS)**
 - **POLICE COMMISSION – NONE**

The Council asked that all applications be received before January 9, 2007.

- ❖ **PCCRV APPOINTMENT** Snyder made the motion to approve Judith Chaplin as representative and Wickberg made the second; Vote 4-0
- ❖ **BUDGET TRANSFERS RESOLUTION 2006-10** Sexton made the motion to approve all transfers as presented, Wickberg made the second; Vote 4-0
- ❖ **RAINY DAY OPERATING FUND ORDINANCE 2006-24** Sexton made the motion to number and read and Wickberg made the second; Vote 4-0. Sexton made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, Snyder made the second; Vote 4-0. Sexton made the motion to adopt and have final reading by title only, Wickberg made the second; Vote 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

SNYDER: Suggested that the Council appoint 2007 Council President and Vice President and nominated William F. Sexton as President and Wickberg made the second; Vote 4-0. Snyder then made the motion to nominate Lorri Wickberg as Vice-President and Sexton made the second; Vote 4-0.

CHILDRESS: said that it was a very trying year for him personally and was disappointed in the Council this year and hopes that next year they do a better job.

Wickberg made the motion to adjourn and Sexton made the second; Vote 4-0

Dated this _____ day of January, 2007.

Paul Childress, President

Lorri Wickberg

William F. Sexton

Sandi Snyder

ATTEST: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer

