

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 22, 2007

President William F. Sexton called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Vice-President Lorri Wickberg, Council members Sandi Snyder and Paul Childress. 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. Jennifer Granat was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wickberg made a motion to approve the April 24th minutes and Childress made the second. Vote 4-0. Snyder made a motion to approve the May 9th minutes and Wickberg made the second. Vote 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Wickberg made a motion to approve claims as submitted in the amounts of \$105,921.31 and \$149,053.10 Snyder made the second. Vote 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tim Winn of 251 Rankin Street advised the Council that he took a poll of 51 residents in the downtown area to see if they were interested in having the "midnight parade" on July 3rd. The results were 43 said yes, 4 said no and 4 had no opinion. Sexton reminded him that an application has to be submitted with a recorded bond and liability insurance 30 days before the event.

Karen Pisowicz of McDashiwicz Road, asked the Council about the tax abatement for Signature Graphics. Lyp stated that they thought they had filed a signed CF1 statement March 23rd and sent another copy to be recorded. He said that they have complied completely with their report. He asked the Council if they wanted them to come to the June 12th meeting and the Council said yes. Snyder wanted to know why since they have complied with everything. Lyp replied that they wanted to apologize for not filing on time.

CLERK TREASURER:

Pomeroy advised the Council that the Town had received \$157,710 in CEDIT monies.

ATTORNEY

Lyp said the Plan Commission has sent a favorable recommendation to the Council for changes to the Zoning book. Pomeroy was advised to publish and the Council will have a public hearing on the above at the June 12th meeting.

Lyp commented on Chesterton stopping Porter from issuing building permits because of being over capacity on sewer treatment. He apologized for not calling Chuck Parkinson, Chesterton's lawyer, back. Lyp will contact him first thing in the morning and find out what is going on. Sexton stated that he had talked to Mark O'Dell and said that he got a different perspective on the sewer issue. Sexton wants to figure out what is going on before first before replying to Chesterton. Childress wanted to discuss the issue and said that he never received a copy of the letter from Chesterton. Sexton said that the letter came in and went to Lyp. Lyp said he would make copies for the Council. Childress said Chesterton has accused Porter of taking

issues to the paper and causing problems. Sexton said our representative; Bauer had been to the meeting last night and did not feel it was as confrontational as to what was in the newspaper.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spanier said that he has received a parade permit from Mike Smith of Giggles Pizza for the “midnight parade”. Smith did not include the liability insurance or the bond with the application.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Craig reported that they have received 41 calls so far this month. This is their busy time of the year. Childress asked how many firefighters did the department have. Craig said 23 but he received 2 applications last night and this will complete his roster.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bauer presented the Council with a paving list totaling \$197,000. The money will come from LR&S and MVH and do an additional appropriation from LR&S of \$98,000 after the budget is approved. Bauer wants to use Major Move money until we receive out tax draw from County. Snyder made a motion to put the resurfacing project of \$195,000 out to bid, Childress made the second. Vote 4-0.

Bauer wants to replace the culvert at Waverly & Ballard Drive he stated that it would help the street flooding there.

R.V. Sutton would be replacing the curbs in Porter Cove.

Bauer has applied for a permit from IDEM to discharge overflow wastewater into the Calumet River.

Shem of Haas & Associates will have the contract from LGS for the Oak Hill Lift Station to sign at the next meeting.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Miller announced that on May 28th on Memorial Day there will be a service at Hawthorne Park at 1:00pm. He also stated that the American Legion Post 503 will be disbanding at the end of the year.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Brueckheimer thanked the Police Dept, Fire Dept and Street Dept for the great job they did during and after the storm last week. Brueckheimer wanted to set the record straight that no one had notified her that the Town was in violation of sewer capacity. She knew nothing about a letter from Chesterton to stop issuing building permits, she was not informed about anything and that is the reason that a permit was issued.

OLD BUSINESS

Peddlers Ordinance 2007-05. Childress made a motion to number and read by title only, Wickberg made the second. Vote 4-0

Salary Ordinance 2007-06. Amending Ordinance 2006-20, changing the rate for Misc. Labor and Utility Clerk from \$8.76 to a range of \$8.50 - \$12.50. Wickberg made the motion to number and read by title only and Childress made the second. Vote 4-0. Childress made the motion to suspend the rules and Snyder

made the second. Vote 4-0. Childress made the motion to have final reading and adoption by title only and Snyder made the second. Vote 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Snyder made a motion to adjourn and Childress made the second. Vote 4-0.

Dated this _____ day of June, 2007.

William F. Sexton, President

Lorri Wickberg, Vice President

Sandi Snyder

Paul Childress

ATTEST _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer