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October 12th, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Eric called the meeting to order at **7:07pm**

Roll Call – All in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance

A. **Police badge pinning ceremony** for **PSO David Sellers – Captain Ed Savage**
B. **Kevin m/m to add Waiver of Permit Fees to agenda, Clinton 2nd, agenda amended 5-0**.
C. **Department Reports – Clinton** had a question for Parks. **Clinton** asked for an update on the completion of the Big Four Trail. **Nathan** said it was too be completed at the end the week. It will be completed up to the end of the water plant. **Susan** asked about the landscaping at the trail head, and wondered when it would put in. **Nathan** said there was no landscaping or flashing signs in the bid. **Clinton** had a follow up question regarding the handicap spot in the parking lot and having a connecting section to the trail for them. **Nathan** said there would be. **Susan** asked about the DNR contract and when it would be completed, and asked for a letter from the DNR saying it was completed. **Dax** said there was money in the Parks budget, about $72k and he thinks the priority would be to complete landscaping on the trail head for the people in the Legacy Core. **Kevin m/m to move the $72,000 to be used for landscaping on the Big 4 Trail, Susan 2nd, 5-0 in favor.**
D. **Public Request to Speak** – No Requests
E. **Approval of the consent agenda – Susan m/m to approve, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
F. **Unfinished business – Ordinance 2016-24 on 2nd Read**
Brendan Cavanaugh – He thanked the council on the improvements on the ordinance. He did wish the council would consider all weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day. He also talked about the debris clause, saying it was a de facto ban on aerial fireworks. He would like that reconsidered as well.
Matt Doublestein – He is glad the council is considering the ordinance. He agrees with it the way it is written. He was hopeful the council would pass the ordinance tonight.
Eric asked if legal counsel thought it would be a de facto ban on aerial fireworks. Legal said it is intended to not have fireworks intentionally set off over someone else's home. **Eric** said he asked for people opposed to the ordinance to offer solutions at the last meeting and has still not seen or heard proposed language to improve the ordinance. **Eric** said when working with one side, the goal posts kept moving and that was disappointing. **Jeff** said he thinks this ordinance is a great compromise for both sides. **Susan** said it addressed her concerns about the debris. **Eric**

said the one thing he sees that could be amended, is the part where the authorization should go between the Town Manager, anyone the Town Manager designates, ***and*** the Fire Chief. **Kevin** said he hopes it will be easy for the exception permits to obtain, and he thinks it will.

Clinton m/m to amend section 5 of the ordinance, so it shall read, made in writing to the Town Manager, or the Town Manager's duly authorized representative, and the Whitestown Fire Chief. Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

Clinton m/m to adopt 2016-24 as amended, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

Unfinished Business B: Ordinance 2016-34 Clinton m/m to close public hearing, Susan 2nd, 5-0 closed. 2nd Reading of 2016-34 done by Clinton. Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

Unfinished Business C: Ordinance 2016-35 Clinton m/m to close public meeting, Susan 2nd, 5-0 closed. Clinton did 2nd read, and m/m to adopt. Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

Unfinished Business D: Ordinance 20-39 - Clinton m/m to close public hearing, Eric 2nd, 4-0 (Susan abstained). Clinton did 2nd read, and m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, Roll call vote: Councilor Russell (Y), Councilor Miller (Y), Councilor Austin (Abstain), Councilor Bohm (Y), Councilor Wishek (Y). 4-0, adopted.

Unfinished Business E: Consider an Ordinance Approving the 2017 Town Budget (Ordinance 2016-40) Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, and she reminded people that the DLGF might not approve the budget so don't spend it yet. **5-0, adopted.**

Dax presented an RFP on solid waste removal. The idea is to get a single lower rate town wide, to include recycling, Christmas Tree pick-up, etc...He would like to see this on the November agenda and hopes to have it started by January. **Eric** commended **Dax** on the work he has done on this. This RFP would not prevent individuals from using who they wanted. **Susan** would like the people outside of the residential areas to be considered as well. **Susan** thanked **Dax** for his hard work on this.

New Business A: Ord 2016-43 – Adding the Fleet Superintendent position. **Dax** thinks it is time to get this position and it will be paid for mainly by MVH then five other departments. **Kevin did first read. Kevin m/m to suspend rules and have 2nd reading. Susan 2nd, 5-0 suspended. Kevin did 2nd reading. Kevin m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Jeff** wanted to add that he thinks we have a lot of great employees working for the town and wants to make sure they feel appreciated.

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New Business B: Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Each Councilor will name their choice for the board and m/m to have them appointed.

Bicycle/Ped Advisory Board
Jeff – Melissa Harkins Rose – **Eric** 2nd, **5-0 adopted**
Clinton – Michael Kubik – **Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted**
Susan – Jessica Averitt – **Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted**
Kevin – Anne Simon – **Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

Youth Council
Jeff – Claire McDaniel – **Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted**
Clinton – pass
Susan – Madeleine Murphy – **Eric 2nd**,
Susan commended **Dax**, and **Dax** said it was **Tanya's** efforts – **Eric** and **Kevin** also thanked **Tanya** for her work on this. **5-0 adopted.**
Dax said the Lebanon school district has been great to work with.
Eric – Robert Rollins Jr. – **Clinton 2nd, 5-0 Adopted**
Kevin – Matthew Bricker – 1st Eagle Scout the Council recognized. **Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted**

Human Relations Commission
Eric – Andy Markle-Mackowiak – **Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted**
Dax said there are two vacancies and they are working on filling those.

New Item C: Request to waive permit fees – **Dax** said it has to do with maternity. It has to do with the Willy House (blue house just south of New Hope Church). Because it is a not for profit, and it is historic, but it would be nice to waive the planning and tap fees. **Eric m/m to do that, Clinton 2nd, Susan** asked about Habitat for Humanity – **Lauren** said they waived the fees for Habitat – this saves the Willy House approx. $3,000 in fees. **5-0 adopted.**

Town Admin Report:
Dax talked about the census. We are hiring workers and it looks like we will be fine to get everyone we need. They will probably be going door-to-door in November. It should be complete in November as well. It should be certified sometime in mid-January. We are expecting 6,500-6,800 for our new population numbers.

The entrance signs have gone up. There are other locations identified for signs, but they could probably wait until 2017. There will be additional landscaping around the signs.

The interchange project works very well and there is no more traffic backed up on 65. People are adjusting to the design. It is working very well.

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Indianapolis road trail – it is nearly done and people are already using it. There could be additional funding to build it all the way to 267.

The milling of Main Street, begins tomorrow (10/13/16). We are one of the only communities to get the SEA projects done this year.

Strategic doing – **Dax** said they have had their training with the staff and next it will be time to have it with the council.
Tomorrow is the bi-centennial torch run. The committee did not even include Whitestown in their plans, but **Tanya** has created an event for Whitestown to celebrate it. **Dax** said **Tanya** is to be commended on all her work on this.

Susan m/m to adjourn, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on October 12, 2016 are approved on the 16th day of November, 2016 by the following Town Council Members:

Eric Miller, President

Susan Austin

Clinton Bohm

Jeff Wishek

Kevin Russell

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer