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WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Minutes

1. **OPENING THE MEETING**
   A. Call to Order – 7:03pm – Councilman **Bohm** absent
   B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **PRESENTATIONS**
   A. **CIRTA – Mass Transit – Dax** talked about Marion Co., and how they passed their mass transit ordinance. **Dax** said the question is, is it a good idea to subsidize mass transit. **Philip Roth,** the Program Administer of three workforce connectors they administer, talked about CERTA. It costs $230k annually with fare revenues at $10k. They collect $1/trip. They will receive 80% of funding through Amazon and 20% through a federal grant to last them until almost 2019. **Kevin** asked if there has been any demand for the commercial businesses in downtown Whitestown or on Whitestown Parkway. **Philip** said he has not heard of any. **Jeff** said it doesn't sound like the fares cover much of the annual costs to operate the service. **Philip** said it is highly unlikely to ever have a self-sustaining service. **Susan** talked about how it is something to be considered and how this could help bring in workers to other areas of Whitestown as well.

Susan m/m to adopt the agenda presented, Jeff 2nd, 4-0 in favor; passed.

3. **CLERK TREASURER REPORT**
   A. Town Management Report; WMU Management Report Sewer; WMU Management Report Water *
4. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Planning and Community Development, DPW (Water Monitoring) Parks, Police (WPC Resolution, Report), Fire ****
5. **PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK** (Topics Not Related to an Agenda Item) - None

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6. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – **10/12/2016 Meeting Minutes I 10/27/2016 Meeting Minutes ***
   B. **Claims Expenses Town I Revenues Town I Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating) ** - Susan m/m to approve minutes and claims, Jeff 2nd, 4-0 approve.**

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   A. **Consider an RFP for Town Solid Waste Service – Dax** said he is hoping we can decide on this in February. This would be a big decision as it would be effective for the whole town. **Eric** asked **Dax** to send the Council reminders about this. **Dax** said he would.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   A. Public Hearing – Consider an Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation ***(Ordinance 2016-44)*** – No one from public spoke. **Kevin m/m to close public hearing, Susan 2nd, 4-0 to close. Susan did 1st read. Susan m/m to suspend the rules, Kevin 2nd, 4-0; rules are suspended. Susan did 2nd read. Susan m/m to adopt, Kevin 2nd, 4-0 to adopt.**

   B. **Consider Approval of the Fire Board's Favorable Recommendation to Allow the WFD to Purchase a SCBA Fit Testing Machine for $17,585. – Chief Westrich** said they were not awarded the grant they applied for to buy this machine. **Kevin m/m to approve the purchase, Susan 2nd, 4-0 in favor to purchase.**

   C. **Discuss the 2017 Budget with the Public Safety Local Income Tax Budget – Dax** said an additional appropriation will be made in January for the LIT. **Dax** said the issue now is how to manage the money when it gets split. **Kevin** asked how many more people will be hired for each department, both Chiefs said 6. **Chief Westrich** said it would be 3 Fire Fighters and 3 Medics. **Chief Anderson** said all 6 of his positions would be Public Safety Officers. **Jeff** asked if **Chief Anderson** is still planning on increasing salaries, and **Chief** answered in the affirmative. **Jeff** said he thinks that is a good thing. **Kevin** asked about the body cameras, and **Chief** said the additional funding has been asked for, and that would cover the additional body cameras and as well as other necessary equipment. Our rating with S&P and our rating is a AA- which is the 4th highest, and considered very good.

   D. **Discuss Parks Department Grant Proposals – Nathan** talked about the Main Street Trail. **Eric** asked how much we have in Park Impact Fees, **Nathan** said around $500k. Discussion ensued. **Susan m/m that the Town President execute signature on the transportation alternatives program commitment letter to the Town of Whitestown Main Street Trail to the NPO with the change in the language being the town will dedicate the local match of 20% of this project through the use of its Park Impact fees and other fees if chosen for town funding, Jeff 2nd, 4-0 approved.**

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E. **Nathan** talked about the pedestrian bridge. He said they met with Anson and they were pleased with the location and the total cost came in just under $7m which puts Whitestown on the hook for around $2m. **Susan** asked if land acquisition was included in the $7m and **Nathan** said it was. **Jeff** asked if the 5-year plan called for this bridge. **Susan** does not see this as a good use of funds when we could spend money on land or a facility to be used year rounds. She thought it was be a better idea to wait until the other bridge is being built and have it put in at the same time. Discussion ensued. **Eric** agreed with **Susan**. **Kevin** said there will be a lot more residents in the next four or five years and they will want a crossing. **Susan** agreed, but thought it could be put into another project to repair a bridge and then just add the crosswalk during that time. Discussion ensued.

9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Dax** said the major infrastructure projects are (YouTube). Signals will be put in on County Road (YouTube). The Perry Industrial Refund Bond, we are getting close to closing it. Our interest rates were increased shortly after the election. Two banks have stepped up to purchase the bonds at about 2.99% combined. We will still receive around $6m. A/V is rapidly increasing.

10. **ADJOURN – Susan m/m to adjourn, Jeff 2nd, 4-0 approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.**

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on November 16, 2016 are approved on the 21th day of December, 2016 by the following Town Council Members:

Eric Miller, President

Susan Austin

Clinton Bohm

Jeff Wishek

Kevin Russell

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer