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WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

1. **OPENING THE MEETING**
   A. Call to Order – **Eric M** called meeting to order at **7:02pm**.
   B. Roll call – **Eric M, Susan A, Kevin R, Clinton B, and Jeff W; all present.**
   C. Presentation of the Colors - Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Amendments to Agenda:**
   A. **Clinton B m/m** for 7-D to be discussion item only. **Eric 2nd, 5-0 agenda is amended. Dax N** mentioned 2016-17 is part of 7-D

3. **REPORTS**
   A. None Presented

4. **PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK** – no requests

6. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**
   A. **Kevin R** m/m to amend meeting minutes by eliminated item H item 1. **Susan A 2nd; no discussion; 5-0 all in favor**.
   B. **Susan A m/m** to adopt meeting minutes as amended. **Clinton B 2nd** meeting minutes have been approved **5-0**.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   A. **Ordinance 2016-8; Susan A m/m** to adopt it, **Clinton B 2nd; 5-0 ordinance is adopted**.

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B. **Ordinance 2016-28**; discussion only. **Kevin R** mentioned this ordinance is to give council more leeway while trying to trust the department head more with the given economic client. This ordinance is to also supply more information on what is being purchased. Trying to bring projects into play. **Kevin R** said all funds need to follow the purchasing policy, to be accounted for properly. **Susan A** mentioned that when writing the original ordinance, was to make sure the line item could be paid for without having to come to the council for reoccurring line items. **Clinton B** asked about what the new **Clerk-Treasurer** could help with and what ideas the **CT** has for ideas about the purchasing ordinance. **Eric M 2nded Clinton B's idea**. **Eric M** would like for this to be addressed a couple of months down the road so the **CT** has more time to understand the process so it wouldn't have to be addressed multiple times. **Clinton B** agreed. **Jeff W** said it would be a good idea to wait and thinks it will be useful to give time on this.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Ordinance 2016-12**; first reading; **Susan A m/m** to suspend the rules to have a 2nd reading of the ordinance, **Clinton B 2nd. 5-0, rules are suspended. Susan A m/m to adopt, Clinton B 2nd. 5-0 ordinance is adopted.**

B. **Ordinance 2016-13**; first read; **Dax N** mentioned how the town has been trying to do a capital improvement this year. Two capital projects to do this year would be the storm water in legacy core, and the main street trail. A capital improvement bond is liked by the S&P, it is debt, but it is very short term and we would have a viable asset when it is paid off. **Kevin R** asked about what ordinances would be needed to appropriate the money for the bond and how often it would be needed. **Dax N** said it would vary depending on several factors. **Jeff W** asked it was like a line of credit, or it would be available right away. **Dax N** said the money would work like an account where we could draw it down.

C. **Eric M m/m** to add **Ordinance 2016-17** to agenda for first read. **Dax N** said this is an appropriate for a fund for the prior ordinance (**Ordinance 2016-13**). Ordinance is read: Appropriation Ordinance for the Town of Whitestown of General Obligation Funds. Clinton **B 2nd 5-0 in favor**.

D. **Ordinance 2016-14; Kevin R** said there are limited contingencies in this ordinance. **Dax N** said the intent is to buffer homes from business. **Susan A m/m** to adopt, **Clinton B 2nd 5-0, ordinance is adopted.**

E. **Ordinance 2016-15;** first read; **Susan A, m/m** to suspend rules for 2nd reading, **Clinton B 2nd; 5-0 in favor. Susan A m/m** to adopt, **Clinton B 2nd; Jeff W** asked about forcing security deposits, **Dax N** said this is to allow the security deposit, **vote 5-0 in favor.**

F. **Ordinance 2016-16;** first read; **Susan A m/m** to suspend rules to have 2nd reading, **Eric M 2nd, 5-0 passed,** Ordinance is read, **Susan A m/m to adopt, Clinton B 2nd, 5-0 adopted**.

G. **Resolution 2016-21**; was passed unanimously by the **RDC; Dax N** urged the council to adopt. **Susan A m/m to adopt, Clinton B 2nd. 5-0 passed**

H. **Resolution 2016-22**; this was passed unanimously by the **RDC**; this brings the Swiss Consulate to Whitestown, **Clinton B m/m to adopt, Susan A 2nd; 5-0 adopted.**

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I. New Business H; Dax explained how it was a safety measure and aesthetic, **Eric M** m/m to adopt, **Susan A 2nd; 5-0 motion adopted; Jeff W** asked if this would be part of the parkway project/be decorated. **Dax N** said it would.

J. New Business I; **Dax N** said the pictures are beautiful for the median landscaping. The council would like to see the drawings. **Clinton m/m to amend agenda, Susan A 2nd; 5-0 to amend.**

K. New Business J; Whitestown Signs. **Dax N** is asking for direction on which design to get more quotes on. **Jeff W** asked if the packages included the smaller signs, the first package did not, the 2nd did. There would be multiple signs when coming into the town. The council showed approval of the 2nd sign the most. **Susan A m/m** to have **Dax N** to move forward with the 2nd sign not to exceed $50k, **Clinton 2nd, 5-0 motion passed**. 2 small signs, 1 double sided sign and one single sided sign.

L. New Business K; **SEA 67**; gives us COIT to use for road infrastructure. Perry Worth needs the upkeep the most. The roundabouts are getting bad, needing a resurface. Working on getting a strip mall. Indigo Blue and Limelight would be next, then Indianapolis road – the Indianapolis trail would be worked into that project. **Dax N** said this has been sent to an engineer, and on May 2nd we will have an amount of what it would cost. **Dax N** said he was asking for a "blessing" to have this list quoted out. **Dax N** said the bid process would take 6 weeks. **Eric M** and **Clinton B** praised **Jason L** and **Dax N** on being objective in this list. **Clinton B m/m** to approve, **Jeff W 2nd, 5-0 approved**.

9. Town Administration Reports:

A. **Police Chief Anderson** talked about the adoption of the Cadet program. He appreciated the cooperation between Lebanon schools and his department in this program. Chief has a 2010 Tahoe to donate to the Lebanon School program. He asked for council approval to donate it. **Kevin R** praised the Lebanon School Corp for this program. **Steve U** talked about how it could be legally donated. (**Dr. Robert Taylor** – Superintendent of Lebanon Schools – he's joined by School Resource Officer who is also appreciative of Whitestown's help). **Dr. Taylor** said the School Corp was sincerely appreciative of the generous consideration of the **Town, Town Council, and Chief Anderson.**

Kevin R asked **Steve U** if the vehicle could be lent until the approval process. **Steve U** said it was possible. **Jeff W** said he thought it was a great idea to loan the vehicle. **Kevin R m/m** to loan the vehicle, **Clinton B 2nd; 5-0 approved**.

B. WFD Chief Westrich – **Kevin R** asked **Chief Westrich** to clarify what he requested. **Chief Westrich** said it was for an apparatus for an ambulance. **Clinton B** talked about Chief's ability to negotiate with the Fire Convention happening and being able to utilize the Convention to get the best pricing. **Kevin R** asked about if money is coming in yet from the Ambulance service. **Chief Westrich** said it was a delay of 60-90 days, as was told to him by the billing company, but the money is starting to come in. To do a lease purchase, there will need to be a resolution. **Clinton B m/m** for Chief to get proposal for Ambulance purchase; **Susan A 2nd; 5-0 passed.**

C. **Clinton B m/m** to authorize **Dax N** to pursue Turf Boss under $40k for the Median Landscaping project, **Susan A 2nd; 5-0 passed**

D. **Dax N** talked about the I-65 project, and said they issued the notice to proceed, we are waiting on the contract from INDOT. It should be ending in July instead of Nov. **Jason L** is trying to make sure the intersections are lit and striped to make sure people don't accidently make incorrect driving turns.

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E. **Dax N** gave an update on the active infrastructure projects.

F. We made about $14k from renting out the facility last year, projecting $20k this year.

G. **Dax N** announced **Becca Smith** as the new Constituent Relations employee, Britney moved to Planning. **Chuck Willig** also joined the town's employ as Building Maintenance.

H. **Kevin R** congratulated Parks on the movie night. **Kevin R** asked about the BMX Park, but **Nathan M** said there is not any funding currently available in grants, and are having trouble finding town funding. **Susan A** asked **Nathan M** about the trail downtown, and noticed how the trail prevents people from parking at tenants and how to correct the issue. **Susan A** was talking about the building owner being able to park at their building, which is currently being blocked by the trail. **Nathan M** said the trail was moved due to ADA compliance. **Susan A** asked if there is anything the town can do to make people not drive over the trail to park at the businesses downtown. **Susan A** said we need to have parking on both sides of the street for the businesses. **Susan A** stressed we have to think bigger to help make people be able to revitalize the downtown.

I. **Kevin R** asked **Chief Anderson** to just keep an eye out for people driving on the trail.

J. **Dax N** mentioned how he was contacted by attorneys over the last two days about a class action lawsuit regarding one of the builders in the town. **Dax N** will be announcing it to the public regarding when the meeting will be for those interested in the class action lawsuit. The town will be inspecting roof coverings. **The council** thanked **Dax N** for his work on this issue. **Dax N** mentioned how **Tanya S** came in on Sunday to write a press release and was happy with the coverage from WRTV-6. The council thanked both Dax and Tanya for their work.

Eric m/m to close meeting. **Clinton 2nd. 5-0 in favor. Meeting closed at 8:45pm.**

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on April 13, 2016 are approved on the 11th day of May, 2016 by the following Town Council Members:

Eric Miller, President

Susan Austin

Clinton Bohm

Jeff Wishek

Kevin Russell

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer