

WHITESTOWN



Whitestown Town Council Regular Meeting Meeting Minutes April 8, 2014

Eric M calls the April 8, 2014 Town Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Dawn Semmler, Susan Austin, Julie Whitman, Kevin Russell, Eric Miller; present **Pledge**

Eric M asks if there are any Modifications to the Agenda. **Kevin R** m/m to table Item E Old Business – Transportation Plan, add #D New Business – Whitestown Bypass Discussion, add New Business #E – Town Manager Salary, **Eric M** 2nd motion to accept changes to the agenda, vote 5-0, **motion carried**.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2014, Town Council Meeting
- B. Claims – Revenue – Town, Water, Wastewater

Dawn S m/m to approve Consent Agenda Items: A. Meeting Minutes, B. Claims, **Susan A** 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK

Bev Ramsey – 5435 E 750 S, Brownsburg, IN – Spoke regarding the annexation and remonstrance.

Zionsville West Middle School Students – Gave an update on walkway over Whitestown Parkway Project.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Manager – Dax Norton introduced Lauren Bailey as Assistant Town Manager. Lauren Bailey gave a brief overview of her background and ideas for the town. Dax gave a brief overview of Town activities. Comp Plan Update is progressing. Transparency is still a major goal. Meetings will be videotaped and uploaded to our YouTube Page. Parks Director hiring process is progressing. Interviews to be scheduled. Dax gave a brief update of the walkway project. Discussion ensues.

Police – Chief Anderson gave a brief overview of Police Department activities for March. WPD was nominated and given a Freedom Award by Gov. Pence. PSO Clemons resigned from full-time status, will remain an active reserve officer. Disciplinary Hearing involving K9 Officer Harves scheduled for 4/12. Body cameras will be replaced by Wolfcom. Local radio host Dan Dockitch will be doing a ride along with WPD. CAD System – Lt. Savage still working with the updates. NNO is scheduled for August 5, 2014 at Lowes parking lot. Discussion ensues.

Fire – Chief Westrich gave a brief overview of Fire Department activities for March. The department had a total of 49 runs for the month. Discussion ensues.

Utility – Jason Lawson gave a brief overview of Utility Department activities for March. \$45,000 emergency road repair is needed on CR 450S. Yearly IDEM inspection came back with zero violations. 14 single family permits, 21 new customers.

Jason is asking that the utility office stop taking cash as of June 1. Discussion ensues. Dawn S m/m to approve emergency road repair on CR 450S, \$45,000 to be paid from MVH, Susan A 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Parks – Nathan Messer gave a brief overview of Parks activities. Easter Egg Hunt is in one week. Grant season opens with this month, looking into new grants. July 4th activities progressing. Fireworks scheduled for July 5th. Looking at options to bring the Grand Prix back to town. Lincoln funeral train planning for 2015. Movie nights, 5 of 6 sponsored. Discussion ensues.

Clerk Treasurer – Town Management Report, Water Management Report, Wastewater Management Report; a brief overview given. Discussion ensues.

PRESENTATIONS

None noted

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#A Consider an Ordinance Amending the Tax Abatement Impact Fee. Eric M reviewed Ordinance 2014-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA AMENDING THE FEE REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS UNDER INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12-1, 1st reading in March, 2014. Discussion ensues. Susan A m/m to adopt Ordinance 2014-05, Eric M 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#B Consider an Ordinance Amending the Text of Ordinance 2001-07. Eric M asked Chris Janak, Bose McKinney to review the amendments. Discussion ensues. Dawn S m/m to approve, Eric M 2nd, WITHDRAWN. Kevin R m/m to table.

#C Consider an Ordinance Approving Perry Worth Road Lease, Financing Lease for Perry Worth Road Project and Pledge of Motor Vehicle Funds for Payment of Bonds. Chris Janak gave a brief overview of Ordinance 2014-08, which was presented for 1st read in March. Discussion ensues. Dawn S m/m to adopt Ordinance 2014-08 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING (i) A PERRY WORTH ROAD LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA AND THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, (ii) A FINANCING LEASE BETWEEN THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND (iii) THE PLEDGE OF MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY AND LOCAL ROAD AND STREET REVENUES TO THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH, Susan A 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#D Consider an Ordinance Approving Municipal Facilities Lease, Financing Lease for Town Hall Project and Pledge of COIT Funds for payment of bonds. Chris Janak gave a brief overview of Ordinance 2014-09, which was presented for 1st read in March. Discussion ensues. Dawn S m/m to approve Ordinance 2014-09 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING (i) A MUNICIPAL FACILITIES LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA AND THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, (ii) A FINANCING LEASE BETWEEN THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND (iii) THE PLEDGE OF COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX REVENUES TO THE WHITESTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH, Susan A 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Eric M opened the Public Hearing and asked for Public comment. None noted, Public Hearing closed.

#A Consider an Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation (MVH). Eric M presented Ordinance 2014-10 – NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS FO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. Dawn S m/m to adopt Ordinance 2014-10, Julie W 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried. Dawn S m/m to suspend the rules and adopt, Julie W 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#B Introduce an Ordinance Amending the 2014 Salary Ordinance (WMU Executive Assistant Position). Eric M asked Dax Norton to explain Ordinance 2014-11. Discussion ensues. Susan A m/m to suspend the rules and adopt on 1st read, Julie @ 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried. Susan A m/m to adopt Ordinance 2014-11- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF

THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA AMENDING ORDINANCE 2013-25 (2014 SALARY ORDINANCE), Julie W 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#C Consider a Resolution Concerning Interest In and Authority to Purchase or Acquire Property (Recreational Trail Project) Resolution 2014-09. Eric M introduced Resolution 2014-09, Nathan Messer gave more details in the land purchase. Discussion ensues. Julie W m/m to adopt Resolution 2014-09 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INTEREST IN AND THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE OR ACQUIRE PROPERTY – RECREATION TRAIL PROJECT, Eric M 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#D Whitestown Bypass Project – Eric M asked Dax Norton to explain this project. Estimated cost is \$883,651.00 to be paid over 5 years. Chris Janak explained the procedures for this project. Discussion ensues. Kevin R m/m to authorize Dax and Eric to work with County Commissioners and town attorney to work with county attorney, Julie W 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#E Town Manager Salary Adjustment – Eric M discussed increasing the salary from \$75,000 to \$80,000. Discussion ensues. Eric M m/m to increase the salary, Susan A 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Eric M addressed the need to give a bonus to the WMU employees for all the extra work during the severe winter weather. Discussion ensues. Susan A m/m to give each employee of WMU who was on the road during the severe weather a \$500.00 one time bonus, Dawn S 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Eric M asked if there are any further items.

Susan A m/m to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., Dawn S 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on April 8, 2014 are approved on the 13th day of May, 2014 by the following Town Council Members

Eric Miller, President

Susan Austin

Dawn Semmler

Julie Whitman

Kevin Russell

ATTEST:

Amanda Andrews, Clerk Treasurer