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WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Wednesday,
June 15, 2016
7:00 PM
Whitestown Municipal Complex– Public Hall
6210 South County Road 700 East Whitestown,
Indiana

Minutes

1. **OPENING THE MEETING**
   A. Call to Order – 7:06pm
   B. Roll Call – Councilman Russell not Present, Councilors Miller, Austin, Bohm, Wishek were present.
   C. Presentation of the Colors - Pledge of Allegiance
   D. Moment of Silence to Honor the Victims of the Orlando Terrorist Attack

2. **PRESENTATIONS:**
   A. **Special Recognition of the 2016 State Champion Lebanon Tigers Softball Team – Dax** introduced **Dr. Taylor**, Superintendent from Lebanon Schools – **Dr. Taylor** appreciated the recognition and was proud to have Whitestown as part of their school district. He introduced Lebanon HS Athletic Director, **Phil Bean**. He thanked the Town, the WFD, and the WMPD for their help and support. He wished Zionsville the best in their trek to the State Finals. The coach, **Steve Smith**, and **Laura Patterson** spoke about their history and how Whitestown has helped. **Laura** thanked the Town for all of the support this year. She was the Mental Attitude award for the team. **Eric** read the proclamation and presented it to the **Coach Smith** and **Laura**. **Dax** talked about how the Zionsville team will be playing and how he hopes we will have two championship teams.
   B. **Whitestown Connector Interlocal Agreement Update – Craig Parks** said they are currently in the land acquisition process of the stage. The land acquisition costs are much more than expected. It was expected to be around $600,000 but is now closer to $1million due to the appraised value of the land since the initial estimate. **Clinton** asked about the possibility of different routes to try to save money, but **Craig** said this

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would be the most cost effective routes to go with. **Jeff** asked if it was typical to be as far off on estimates; **Craig** said when it was originally estimated in 2011, the cost of land was much lower, so it is hard to always pinpoint a cost. **Susan** said there was a land owner who was willing to donate land to be used for this, but the federal government does not let a wetlands be effected if there was an alternate route. The federal government wants the least amount of environmental impact.
Susan was surprised about Eminent Domain being used so quickly. **Craig** said several people have accepted offers, but several others have countered with double the appraised value of the offers.
Eric said he would appreciate it in the future if he was kept in the loop and not have to find out about this from the paper. **Susan** reiterated **Eric's** concerns. **Eric** said he felt there was total lack of communication, and felt it was disrespectful. **Craig** apologized for not keeping the council up-to-date.

C. **Farm Heritage Trail Branding – Friends of Boone County Trails – Darren Warren**, from Lebanon said there have been significant changes in the group, and discussions came up about the name of the trail. **Darren** apologized about the breakdown in communications regarding the change of the trail name. **Darren** said all of the big trails in the state pay homage to old railroad lines.
Dan said the **Big 4** gets its name from the big 4 cities, Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and Detroit. Dan said he does not think the trail reflects an agricultural theme. **Dan** apologized for not communicating with Whitestown about the name change. **Dan** said they have applied for grants to get more of the trail paved by Thorntown. **Dan** reported the trail is getting used more.
Susan said she is not against the re-branding of the trail to the Big 4. **Clinton** said he would like to echo what **Councilor Austin** said and how the trail, and how it connects to all of the towns is a move forward. **Jeff** suggested having color coded or signs noting when people are in Whitestown on the trail signs.

3. **CLERK TREASURER REPORT**
   A. **Town Management Report I WMU Management Report.**
   B. **Discuss Payroll Services – Matt** talked about how the payroll currently requires duplicate work to be done as well as costing approximately $10,000 more, annually, than the payroll software offered by Frey (the current software company used for accounting by the town). Switching to Frey would save approximately 26 days of work time and reduce payroll costs annually by approximately $10,000. **Matt** asked the Council to allow the expenditure of just over $7,000 to get the new module license and training. **Clinton** asked about the various fees, and **Jeff** talked about how the Town had previously purchased a license for the module but never utilized it a few years ago.
   Susan m/m to allow CT to spend the money to purchase the license and get the training, Clinton 2nd; 4-0 adopted.

4. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS –**
   Clinton asked if the Plan Director could update the council on the roofing problem in town. **Lauren** said new processes have been put in place to insure new construction would not have the issues from the past. **Clinton** commended **Lauren** and **Dax**.

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 – 5/11/2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
   - **B.** Claims **Expenses Town I Revenues Town I Utility Claims (Water, Wastewater, RD)**
   - C. Consider Approval of WPD Lexipol Proposal
   - **D.** Consider Approval of Deeds of Dedication for the Anson Access Drive

   Clinton m/m to approve all of the above, Susan 2nd, 4-0 to approve

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   - **A.** Consider a Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Boone County for Improvement and Construction of County Road 300S/400S Connector ***(Resolution 2016-24)*** – **Clinton** read the resolution, **Clinton m/m to adopt the Res., Susan 2nd, Clinton would like to note the county has given commitment with the costs of the project – 4-0 adopted**
   - **B.** **PUBLIC HEARING**: Consider an Ordinance Annexing Territory to The Town of Whitestown, Placing the Same Within the Corporate Boundaries Thereof and Making the Same a Part of the Town of Whitestown ***(Ordinance 2016-18)*** – **Clinton m/m to close the hearing, Eric 2nd, 4-0 Public hearing is closed.**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   - A. Consider a Resolution Approving a Fiscal Policy for Annexing Contiguous Territory to the Town of Whitestown – Hackett II Super-Voluntary Annexation ***(Resolution 2016-28)*** – **Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 4-0 adopted**.

   - B. **Eric** announced 700E to be renamed to **Veterans Drive**, he said the Veterans are very important to him and the Town of Whitestown and we need to recognize them. He hopes Zionsville renames their section to Veterans Drive as well. **Eric** said we should always be honoring our veterans. **Dax** said **Councilman Russell** is a veteran and even though he could not be here, he wanted to extend his thanks. **Clinton** wanted to thank **Eric** for proposing the first street name in Boone Co. which honors our veterans.

   - B. **PUBLIC HEARING** Consider an Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation ***(Ordinance 2016-20)*** – **Clinton m/m to close public hearing, Susan 2nd, 4-0 to close.** **Eric** asked if there was any discussion before moving to 2nd reading. **Clinton** said **Jason** and **Dax** have done a great job of getting this together. **Dax** said there is a match with this spending up to $1million. **Dax** said he and Jason are way ahead of the game for getting this done. **Eric** thanks **Dax** and **Jason** on their leadership on this. **Clinton** said this was great work and we are in a great position.
     Eric asked **Nathan** to discuss the $55,000 requested for Parks. **Nathan** said $5,000 of it is for a trailer for fencing and moving Parks equipment. The other $50,000 is for a mobile stage. The stage could be rented to other communities to help reduce to overall cost. **Nathan** said it would be a long term investment. The next closest bid was for a stage which cost $120,000 and would need to be shipped to Canada. The current stage is in Arkansas and costs $100,000 (we would get matching money to pay for it). **Jeff** asked how often it would be used. **Nathan** said it could be used a lot. **Nathan** said if we had it, we would probably use it more than we think. **Clinton** asked how much we have paid on stage rental over the last few years. **Nathan** said

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last year, we spend about $2,200 last year. **Clinton** said the $100,000 is not giving us a good return on investment since we currently only spend a few thousand dollars per year on them now. The stage does not come with sound equipment. **Eric** asked **Steve** about any new State laws regarding stages after the incident at the State Fair. **Steve** was not aware of any, but will make sure.

Clinton asked where the money was coming from. **Nathan** said some would come from Parks, **Dax** said another part of the funds would come from CCD funds. **Clinton** said this would cut the CCD fund in half right before the 20-year plan, which would require a lot of money. **Clinton** expressed concerns about putting half of that money toward a stage before considering using the money for public safety projects. **Eric** thought there were more prudent uses for the money.
Susan sees it both ways. She said she is frugal, but sees the opportunity costs of not having a stage. She said it could be used in our branding efforts and other communities have stages at their events, and the cost of purchasing a stage would only go up in the future. She thinks it should probably be a Town asset instead of a Parks asset to be able to completely utilize it. Susan said it is a lot of money though.
Susan said Parks Board members had some issues with the price as well, but she would like the Council to look beyond just the costs of the stage. **Eric** thinks it could be a good thing, but thinks it is more appropriate for the Capital Improvement Group could look further into it to see if it is something we would really need to purchase at this time. **Clinton** asked about if we would have enough time to make a decision in the next Council meeting.
Nathan said this was special pricing, reduced by $25,000 from the normal cost as it was a miss-order. **Jeff** said it is always difficult with wants vs. needs.
Eric asked **Steve** if we would be held liable for any injuries if we rented it out and someone was hurt. **Steve** said we would need to have insurance coverage.
Eric said he is not supportive of the $50,000 for the stage, but does support the $5,000 for the trailer.
Nathan said the Parks Board wanted to at least get permission to move the money from unappropriated money to be allowed to spend it if the Board and the Council approve it.
Clinton asked about if there was harm to hold off until finding out what the Parks Board decides. **Nathan** said there is no harm in holding off until the next meeting.
Susan asked **Nathan** to put together a more complete picture of what the use would be and when everything would happen (events it would be used at, storage, how long it lasts, cost of insurance, etc…)
Clinton m/m to suspend rules, Susan 2nd, 4-0.
Clinton m/m to adopt for Initial Appropriation Ordinance 2016-20 for the $375,717 in capital outlays and the $1,127,155 of paving with $0 for capital outlays and tabling the $55,000 in Parks outlays. Susan 2nd, 4-0.

C. Consider an Ordinance Creating a Youth Council ***(Ordinance 2016-21)*** – **Eric** said he was very excited about this ordinance, and thinks it should have done years ago – he blames himself. **Eric** thinks this is very important to help the youth, who are our future and this could help create ways to help the youth in our community and it allows them to have real power and authority, and they would get to see how local government can help the community. **Dax** thanked

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Councilman Miller, and said it would be a council of 7. Students would need to live in the Town of Whitestown. Homeschool students are available to join as well. It is open to all Freshmen though Senior students who reside in Whitestown. **Dax** said they are the ones we are building the community for, not for ourselves.

Clinton thanked, **Eric**, **Dax**, and **Tanya** for creating this. **Dax** said **Tanya** was the driving force on getting this created with **Councilman Miller**.

Susan read the ordinance (first reading). **Susan m/m to suspend rules for 2nd reading, Clinton 2nd, 4-0 in favor. Susan m/m to adopt the ordinance, Clinton 2nd, 4-0; adopted.**

D. Consider an Ordinance Establishing a Neighborhood Council ***(Ordinance 2016-22)*** – **Dax** said this is a neighborhood council which would bring up things which have equal significance for all neighborhoods. It will help unify the Town and would help members of the community have more input in the issues of the Town. **Clinton** did the first reading on the ordinance. **Clinton m/m to suspend the rules, Susan 2nd, 4-0. Clinton did the 2nd reading, then m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 4-0 ordinance is adopted**

E. Consider an Ordinance Adopting Internal Control Standards and Procedures ***(Ordinance 2016-23)*** – Clinton talked about adopting the standards laid out by the State Board of Accounts, but allowing for flexibility of staff to be able to adopt new standards as they see fit. **Clinton m/m to suspend rules, Susan 2nd, 4-0. 2nd Reading, Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 4-0 to adopt.**

Consider an Ordinance Amending Zoning Maps Within the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Whitestown (**Ordinance 2016-25**) (Pending Plan Commission Action) ***(Ordinance 2016-25)*** – **Dax** said the plan commission vote on this was 4-0. **Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 4-0 to adopt.**

F. Consider a Resolution Adopting a Procurement Card Policy ***(Resolution 2016-29)*** – **Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 4-0 to adopt. Susan, Clinton, and Eric thanked the Clerk-Treasurer for his work on this.**

H. Consider a Resolution Approving Personal Property Tax Deductions in Whitestown ERA# ***(Resolution 2016-30)*** – **Dax** recommends the Council approves the tax deduction for this economic development. **Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 4-0 to adopt.**

I. Consider a Resolution Concerning a Policy for Sending Formal Records Requests and Other Legal Process on Behalf of Whitestown ***(Resolution 2016-31)*** – **Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 4-0 to adopt**

J. Consider a Resolution Regarding Broadband Development for the Town of Whitestown ***(Resolution 2016-32)*** – **Dax** said this is to help make broadband a necessary utility, **Clinton** thinks this is a great resolution; **Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 4-0 to adopt.**

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K. Consider a Request by **Chief Dennis Anderson** (WPD) to Fill a Staff Void – This is to fill **Sergeant Boutwell's** position since his illness. **Eric** said he is in all of our thoughts and prayers, we want him to have a speedy recovery and be able to come back to work. **Chief** said **Sargent Boutwell's** first question is always about how everything is going in the WMPD and the Town.

Susan asked if this will cover the benefits for the new officer, **Chief** said it would. **Susan** asked what the timeline would be. **Chief** said by early July he could make a recommendation to the Police Commission at that time. **Susan m/m to authorize the hiring of a replacement at this time, Clinton 2nd, 4-0 to approve.**

L. Discuss PUD Enabling Language – **Lauren** said this language would allow the **UDEO** to conform to the existing plan. It is an early draft.

9. **Town Administration Reports**:
   A. Infrastructure Projects – Orange barrels are in place and the construction will essentially begin tomorrow and be done by Sept 5th. Mid-July for other construction.
   B. Bond Updates -
   C. Comprehensive Plan Review
   D. Legacy Core Plan Projects

Clinton m/m to adopt Utilities claims part E, Susan 2nd, 4-0.

Clinton m/m to adjourn the meeting at 8:42: pm, Susan 2nd, 4-0.

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on June 15, 2016 are approved on the 27th day of July, 2016 by the following Town Council Members:

Eric Miller, President

Susan Austin

Clinton Bohm

Jeff Wisnek

ABSTAIN
Kevin Russell

Attest:
Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer