



Whitestown Town Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2014

Eric Miller calls the February 18, 2014 Town Council Meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Roll Call: Dawn Semmler, Susan Austin, Julie Whitman, Kevin Russell, Eric Miller; present **Pledge**

Eric Miller asks if there are any Modifications to the Agenda. **Susan Austin** ask to add #F to Department Reports – Parks Department, **Julie Whitman** ask to remove 2C from the Consent Agenda, **Eric Miller** ask to add New Business #L – BZA and Fire Board Appointments and to Table New Business #H until next month. **Susan Austin** m/m to accept changes to the agenda, **Dawn Semmler 2nd**, vote 5-0, **motion carried**. Consent Agenda #2C will be added to the end of New Business.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2014, Town Council Meeting
- B. Consider Approval of Contract with Code Publishing to Provide Codification Service for Town
- C. Moved to New Business
- D. Consider Approval of WPD Vehicle Donation to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy
- E. Consider Approval to Purchase Communication Equipment for DPW vehicles (Radios & Antennas)
- F. Claims – Revenue – Town, Water, Wastewater

Julie Whitman m/m to approve Consent Agenda Items: A. Meeting Minutes, B. Codification Contract, D. WPD Vehicle Donation, E. Equipment Purchase, F. Claims, **Susan Austin /2nd**, vote 5-0, **motion carried**.

PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK

Eric Miller opened the floor to public comment;

Russell Graves – East Pierce Street; Spoke regarding 20 MPH speed limit on his street. He requested more police coverage in the area.

Richard Mott – 525 South; Spoke regarding the 500 S extension. He is in favor of this project.

Steve Kesler; Passed on speaking

Andrew Milhop – 525 South; Spoke regarding an email he sent to the council. He is concerned about future traffic and is in favor of the 500 S extension project.

Brad Kallmyer – 5053 S Main Street; Spoke regarding the Transportation Plan, would like to keep the 500 S extension off of the plan.

Cynthia Williams – 4990 S 700 E; Spoke regarding the 500 S extension, she is opposed to this project.

Anthony Roach- 6109 Eagles Nest Blvd; Spoke regarding the relocation of Whitestown Town Hall. He is in favor of keeping it in the Anson area. He feels this is more centrally located.

Jay Leinard – 6129 Golden Eagle Dr; Spoke regarding the relocation of Town Hall. He feels it is more financially sound to relocate to the existing building at Corner Stone Church as opposed to building a new Town Hall. He feels it is more centrally located to all residents.

TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning – Deb Luzier – GRW; 2013 Permit Report. Deb gave a brief overview of Permit activity for 2013. Report will be displayed on the Town Website. Discussion ensues.

Police – Chief Anderson gave a brief overview of Police Department activities for January. Department is in the middle of a CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) with Boone County. Numerous issues have been noted. Currently a number of functions are not working properly. 2013 Year End Report will be available March 1, 2014. Total number of calls for 2013 was 8886. Traffic citations for 2013 were 2096. Case reports doubled in 2013, 104 cases turned over to investigators. Total reserve hours were 4299 for 2013. Discussion ensues.

Fire – Chief Westrich gave a brief overview of Fire Department activities for January. The department had a total of 63 runs for the month. One working house fire during the month. Three part-time employees have been hired to the department. Promotion process has begun for the Fire Marshall Position. The department is preparing for tornado season. A severe weather open house will be held in March. Discussion ensues.

Utility – Dax Norton gave a brief overview of Utility Department activities for January. The utility crew did a great job for the snow removal. The department has handled a few water main breaks. Dawn S and Kevin R stated that they have received many compliments from town residents on snow removal. Discussion ensues.

Town Manager - Dax spoke on the relocation of Perry Worth Road. Spoke on transparency of the town. Closed the gathering of resumes for the Assistant Town Manager Position. Parks Superintendent position will begin being advertised with in the week. Discussion ensues.

Parks – Katie Klimaszewski gave a brief overview of Parks Department activities. The Parks Board is requesting permission to launch a Community Garden project. All paperwork has been reviewed by Bose McKinney. Long term goal is to bring a Farmers Market to Whitestown. A map of the location was handed out to council members. A fee will be charged for participation in the gardens. Discussion ensues.

Clerk Treasurer – Town Management Report, Utilities Management Report. Discussion ensues.

PRESENTATIONS

Frontline Teknology LLC – Ed Savage. Ed presented a Managed IT Service Plan for the town. Discussion ensues.

Eric Miller m/m to amend the agenda to add an Item under 8C, an Engagement Letter with City Securities, **Dawn Semmler 2nd**, vote 5-0, **motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

#A Consideration of a Resolution Approving Deduction (Tax Abatement) Application for Weaver Popcorn. Eric M spoke regarding the relocation of Weaver Popcorn to the former ASI building in Anson. Brian Brackemyre spoke on this project. This tax abatement has been approved by WPC, BZA, and the Boone County Commissioners. **Eric Miller** m/m to approve

RESOLUTION 2014-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA APPROVING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS IN WHITESTOWN ERA #2 UNDER INDIANA CODE 6-1/1-12.1 (WEAVER POPCORN COMPANY, INC.), Susan Austin 2nd, vote 4-1, motion carried. Dawn Semmler voted no.

#B Introduce an Ordinance Establishing a Policy for Adjustments of Unusually High Water Bills for Undetected Leaks. Jason Lawson spoke regarding this ordinance. Susan A spoke in favor of this Ordinance. Discussion ensues. Kevin Russell read ORDINANCE 2014-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR ADJUSTMENTS OF UNUSUALLY HIGH WATER BILLS FOR UNDETECTED LEAKS by title. Julie Whitman m/m to suspend rules for second read, Susan Austin 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried. Julie Whitman m/m to adopt Ordinance 2014-01, Kevin Russell 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#C Consider an Ordinance establishing Whitestown Redevelopment Authority and discussion of financing in connection therewith. Eric Miller introduced the Ordinance for the Perry Worth Road realignment. Dennis Otten, Bose, McKinney gave an overview of this project and ordinance. Discussion ensues. Kevin Russell read ORDINANCE 2014-02 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 36-7-14.5 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH. Susan A m/m to suspend the rules and read by title only for second reading, Dawn Semmler 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried. Kevin Russell read Ordinance 2014-02 by title for second read. Susan Austin m/m to adopt Ordinance 2012-02, Dawn Semmler 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

C-1 Dennis Otten spoke on the need to bring in an underwriter for the bonds for this project. Underwriter City Securities has been selected. He is asking approval for Council President Miller to sign an Engagement Letter. Discussion ensues. Dawn Semmler m/m to authorize Eric Miller to sign an engagement letter with Underwriter City Securities, Susan Austin 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#D Consider a Resolution Regarding Interest in and Authority to Acquire Property (Perry Worth Road Relocation). This resolution would authorize the Town Manager to proceed with this project. Dax Norton spoke. Discussion ensues. Julie Whitman m/m to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-04 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INTEREST IN AND THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE OR ACQUIRE PROPERTY, Kevin Russell 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#E Consider a Resolution Regarding Interest in Property (Cornerstone Church) Eric Miller introduced Resolution 2014-05. This authorizes Town Manager Dax Norton to begin negotiation and appraisals to purchase this property. Kevin Russell wishes to amend the resolution to not exceed 2.5 million. Steve Unger states that this is not necessary. Discussion ensues. Dawn Semmler m/m to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-05 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING INTEREST IN AND THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE OR ACQUIRE PROPERTY, Julie Whitman 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

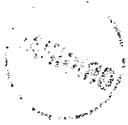
#F Consider an Ordinance Adopting an Amended Budget for 2014. Dax Norton spoke regarding this subject, asks that this be tabled. Kevin Russell m/m to table this subject, Susan Austin 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#G Consider an Ordinance Amending Zoning Maps for the Town. Angie Gibley, with Parr Richey Obremskey Frandsen Law Firm representing GDI Construction Corp. She gave a brief overview of the rezoning request. Discussion ensues. Kevin R read ORDINANCE 2014-03 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING MAPS WITHIN THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA (ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS PC14-004-ZA). Dawn Semmler m/m to adopt Ordinance 2014-03, Julie Whitman 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#H – TABLED

#I Discuss a Recommendation to Plan Commission to Amend the Transportation Plan (Removal of the Extension of CR 500 S). Eric Miller spoke on this subject. Steve Unger discussed the process for the council to request amendments. Julie Whitman m/m to proceed with requesting the Plan Commission to Amend the Transportation Plan, Susan Austin 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#J Discuss the Addition of a Town Council Pre-Meeting and Town Council Meeting Time Change. Dax Norton spoke regarding this subject. The pre-meeting would begin at 6:30 p.m. and the council meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m. Discussion ensues. Susan Austin m/m to establish a pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m with regular council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., Julie Whitman 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.





#K Consider Adoption of an Amended 2014 Town Schedule of Meetings. Eric M discusses the adjustments to the 2014 yearly schedule. BZA and Planning Commission times to be considered. Discussion ensues.

#L Board Appointments. Eric Miller m/m to appoint Kyle Anderson to the Whitestown Fire Board, Dawn Semmler 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

#M Rick Hightown, Marketing and Branding Contract. Dax spoke regarding this subject. Discussion ensues. Julie Whitman m/m to approve contract with Rick Hightower at \$4800.00 yearly, Susan Austin 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

Eric Miller spoke on scheduling a March Town Council Workshop. Dax suggest a workshop with three main strategic topics. Discussion ensues. Workshop set for April 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Dawn Semmler m/m to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m., Susan Austin 2nd, vote 5-0, motion carried.

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on February 18, 2014, are approved on this 11th day of March, 2014, by the following Town Council Members

Eric Miller, President

Julie Whitman, Vice President

Kevin Russell

Susan Austin

Dawn Semmler

ATTEST:

Amanda Andrews, Clerk Treasurer