

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Gary Smith, Kathy Haller and Billy Haller. Ben Stocksdales was absent. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler and Chief Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes on August 15, 2022. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on August 15, 2022. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes on September 7, 2022. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

Jessica Alexander submitted a mileage request form before leaving. The amount requested is \$31.80.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the mileage expense report for Jessica Alexander for \$31.80. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

The local newspaper has been contacted to place an ad for the open positions. An ad was placed with the Democrat for \$67.00 for two ads for two weeks. The New and Tribune were more expensive but offer exposure on monster for 30 days. There were two packages that were sent over. One was \$495.00 for four weeks, 30 days with Monster and a 5-inch newspaper ad. The other option was for two weeks and it ended up being the same price because of a discount that was offered.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve an advertising expenditure in the News and Tribune for \$495.00 and advertise for two open Deputy Clerk positions and to approve \$67.00 to advertise in the Corydon Democrat and for those expenditures to come from the General Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Sergeant Travis Speece

The camera has been removed and is scheduled to be replaced. They are looking at different locations and it will probably take a couple of months.

The new tasers have been received and training was given by Officer Harper to the other officers.

Continuing Education is ongoing. Half of the officers have completed hand gun training and qualifications will be this Saturday. They are on track to finish all requirements by November.

There is not anything listed on Govdeals right now. We are waiting on the utility department to finish any repairs or minor adjustments that are needed.

Public Works

Nothing to report.

Town Attorney

Nothing to report.

Town Engineer

The East Knable Road Lift Station project was approved by the Floyd County Council at their meeting last week. They have allocated \$200,000.00 to go towards the project. According to Don Lopp, instead of an interlocal agreement we will now have a grant agreement with the County. He will be sending that over for us to ratify. There was a change with their funding and their Redevelopment Commission is not providing the funding anymore. Bob Woosley would like to go ahead and issue a notice to proceed.

Brookstone Lift Station Number 1 now has the second pump back in service. The old pump will be acting as a spare.

The Town Hall parking lot had a flash flood event that wiped out some of the new work that was completed. Quotes were solicited from the original contractor and from Lincoln Springs to replace the damaged landscaping. Merrill Bierman quoted \$3,950.00 and Lincoln Springs quoted \$2,663.48. Bob Woosley recommends to allow us to move forward with Lincoln Springs with a price of \$2,663.48.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from Lincoln Springs of \$2,663.48 and for those funds to come from Gaming. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Pay Application #1 from Merrel Bierman is for a total amount of \$254,265.00 for all of the work that was performed on the Town Hall parking lot. It included the lighting, tank relocation, drainage, paving and landscaping. Bob Woosley recommends approval of Pay Application #1 to Merrell Bierman.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Pay Application #1 from Merrel Bierman for \$254,265.00 and for those funds to come from the original fund that was designated (the German American Fund is to be used for the main project and the Gaming Fund is to be used for Change Order #1). Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

There has been some confusion with INDOT about the sidewalks and so they have stopped working on the project. We are waiting on INDOT to provide some answers. While they were in town, they inspected the cross walk. Bob Woosley thinks there are three issues now to address. The height of the push button should be between 42 and 48 inches. Ours are at 40 and 38 inches. The push button should only be ten inches away from the edge of the ramp. One side is 15 and the other is 20 inches. The last one, which is the raised edge, is supposed to extend the full width and ours stop a full four inches short of that on each side. On the rest of the sidewalk, it was just labeling on our plans. It has been a month and hopefully we will be able to get Koetter back to work.

The Community Crossings Matching Grant paving should be starting any day now. Chris Loop would like the utility department to notify homeowners about not parking in the street. Bob Woosley will get with Jamie Schillmiller to put out notices or door hangers.

The Ballpark Field Lighting Project is getting wrapped up. They are actually finishing the installation of the meter with Duke Energy. Bob Woosley has Change Order #2 which is for the additional rock removal that was required and recommends approval.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for rock removal in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be paid out of the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Pay Application #3 is in the amount of \$51,633.00 and Bob Woosley recommends payment to Custer Electric.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Pay Application #3 for \$51,633.00 from Custer Electric and for those funds to come from those originally identified (\$100,000.00 German American, \$77,066 Water Works Proceeds and \$100,000.00 from ARPA). Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant blower replacement work is underway. We hope to have all of the work finished by the end of October, 2022. The blowers have not arrived yet but should be here by the end of next week.

The Lakeland Lift Station work was supposed to start today but the rain this morning held them off. They will be starting tomorrow. This is a complete replacement of the pumps and control panel.

The West Lift Station now has two new pumps. The old pump was sent out to be inspected to see if it could be repaired. It can and the cost to do that is \$6,000.00 which is dramatically less than a new pump. We do not have a spare pump at this time.

Gary Smith made a motion with a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 to rebuild the pump for the West Lift Station to be used as a spare and for this to be paid out of the Waste Water Capitol Improvement Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

At Copperfield there are two drainage projects that are underway. Bob Woosley met with the surveyor and some of the residents. It looks like the Evergreen drainage system can be removed. The upstream area that is causing the blockage still needs some hydraulic analysis. If that can be firmed up, Bob Woosley would like for the Town crew to do the work.

Chris Loop made a motion that the Public Utilities Department can remove the drainage structure in Copperfield based on Bob Woosley's analysis. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

The other one has been started. It begins at High Point and the channel crosses over into the Hair Salon where they had flooding as well. We are currently learning more and more.

Bob Woosley would like to have a work session to talk about the Ball Park and future phases. He would like to discuss long range plans and rough budgets. A meeting has been scheduled for November 21, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

Bob Woosley will be following up with Andy White about the Comminutor.

Bob Woosley will be following up with Steve Tolliver about an emergency calls budget with the Lift Stations.

Plan Commission

Nothing to report.

Redevelopment Commission

Nothing to report.

Agenda Items

Public Hearing Budget 2023

The Public Hearing Portion for the 2023 Budget has been opened. Copies have been made available and the information will also be available on Gateway. There is a sign in sheet that everyone should sign.

No questions or comments were made.

The Public Hearing Portion for the 2023 Budget has been closed.

The adoption of the 2023 Budget will take place at next month's meeting.

Property Owner Tire Bowman Drive

Bruce Knight of Bowman Drive was coming home and went up Bowman Drive. There was rebar sticking up. He was driving his 28ft camper and 18 ft truck and the rebar hit his tire. There is an invoice for \$116.58 from Mr. Knight to replace his trailer tire. The Town Council would like to go ahead and pay Mr. Knight and then discuss the problem with Koetter Contracting.

Billy Haller made a motion to approve the invoice of \$116.58 with the understanding that we are not accepting any liability and taking into account that we do not know if he was on or off the road and are not accepting any sort of responsibility and are willing to reimburse Mr. Bruce Knight and for this to be paid out of the General Fund. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Sewer Penalty caused by Sidewalk Project

Virginia Vernon refused to pay the penalty because she could not get to her mailbox. The sidewalk construction project prevented her from being able to do that and they could not even deliver her mail.

Kathy Haller made a motion to waive the penalty of \$4.18 from Ms. Virginia Vernon's bill. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Unsafe Buildings

Kristi Fox noted that we are in litigation with Winstead. The unsafe building list includes 8401 State Road 64, 9001 High Street, 9090 High Street and 9055 State Road 64. These are the four that were sent over to the county to investigate for unsafe building.

9090 High Street has been corrected.

Chris Loop made a motion that we have Georgetown Police Department hand deliver notification of weed violations to the homeowners of 1825 Kepley Road and 1885 Kepley Road. If the homeowners do not respond, we allow Kristi Fox to follow up. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

9001 High Street could be sited as in violation of Ordinance G-84-01, Sections 6, Parts C, D, E, F, G, H and K. The southern gable wall of the structure appears to be collapsing and is held in place partially by a ratchet strap. Bearing walls at western side and eastern side appear to utilize a chain and ratchet straps for structural reinforcement.

Chris Loop made a motion that we send notice of violation to the owner of 9001 High Street citing at least violation of Ordinance G-84-01, Sections 6, Parts C, D, E, F, G, H and K. Also, to include violation of Ordinance 04-24. (There was not a second and this was not voted on.)

8401 State Road 64 is missing windows and could also be sited as in violation of Ordinance G-84-01, Section 6, Part K. Destination Georgetown is going to be meeting with them tomorrow however Chris Loop would recommend that we go ahead and send a notice of violation.

Chris Loop made a motion that we send a notice of violation to the property owner of 8401 State Road 64. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Mr. Cook has indicated that there should be surveillance of this property. Someone has been shooting out the windows. John Beams wondered if there are any programs out there or assistance. Mr. Cook could install cameras. If the windows are being shot out, a first step is to call 911. Destination Georgetown is meeting with Mr. Cook tomorrow.

9055 State Road 64 is a public nuisance and eye sore, windows are missing. This could be sited as in violation of Ordinance G-84-01, Section 6, Part K.

Chris Loop made a motion that we send notice of violation to the property owner of 9055 State Road 64 for violation. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

9090 High Street has been taken care of.

9177 State Road 64, the Kepley property has been served a notice of violation already. The time elapsed in July and nothing has been done. It was a junk violation.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Kristi Fox file suit against the property owner of 9177 State Road 64 in regards to the Towns Code of Ordinances 91.32 material not fit for any purpose in the homeowner's yard. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

An executive session has been scheduled for Monday, September 26 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss the Winstead litigation.

Destination Georgetown

The Firehouse lease has been received. They would be responsible for water and sewer according to the lease. They do not anticipate that water or sewer is needed and it does not

need to be connected. Electric is there and they will be responsible for it. The building will only be used for storage. It is a 1930's fire house.

They will be meeting this weekend with the final third contractor for the Wolfe Hotel. A notification has been sent that they will continue to support them if they make a decision by the end of the month. If not, then they will aggressively seek other options because of the safety issues.

Destination Georgetown would like to enter into an agreement for a forgivable loan program. There are some price guarantees that are good until the end of the year. At the last meeting we talked about 30-33 mailboxes and they would like to proceed forward with the property owners. John Beams will be providing the bullet points for the grant to Chris Loop.

The Whistle Stop Showcase turned out very well but there was some low attendance. The drive in helped with parking. They assisted with fundraising to several organizations. The car show went well and so did the bouncy house. They need more volunteers and people involved.

Light Up Georgetown will be December 3, 2022 for decorations. Santa Claus will be there.

The Ball State report is now available. A cost sharing invoice will be presented next month.

Claims Docket

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Adjournment

Gary Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Minutes approved by:



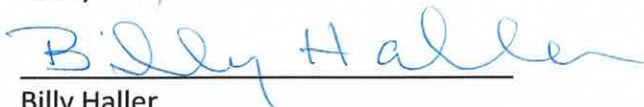
Christopher Loop, President

Ben Stocksdale, Vice President

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Kathy Haller



Billy Haller

Gary S. Smith

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Attest:

Julia Keibler

Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer

SIGN IN SHEET

MEETING DATE & TIME:

September 19, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

2023 Budget

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