NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski, Chad Waltz and Scott Alspach. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Frank Vaughn was absent.

Plan Commission

Plan Commission President, Matt Gillock, presents and explains the proposed 2022 budget. Discussed appropriations for stationery and printing and instruction and training. No changes were made to the proposed budget.

Sanitation / Wastewater

PW Supt. Gillock reviews changes:

223 Gasoline - gas prices have increased

230 Lab Supplies - need to purchase a new sampler

312 Engineering & Architectural - reduced as all manhole inspections have been completed

386 I & I Maintenance - reduced as all manhole inspections have been completed

392 Awards & Promotions – increase by \$300

451 Other Capital Outlay - this money is to be transferred into the Capital Improvement Fund

454 New Equipment – this will be used to replace one truck

This budget is approved as presented with no changes.

Storm Water

PW Supt. Gillock reviews changes:

314 Professional Services – Street Sweeping contract – looking for a new vendor – scheduled for twice a year. Council reduces to \$10,000.00 and says only schedule one (1) time.

316 Contractual Services – may not need a consultant next year but no certainty at this time. IDEM is still making changes.

451 Other Capital Outlay – this money is to be transferred into the Capital Improvement Fund This budget is approved as presented with one (1) reduction (314).

Police Department

Police Chief Rynerson presents the proposed 2022 budget.

131 Town Marshal – increase to \$71,400

316 Contractual Services - reduced by \$10,000, will not be financing another car in 2022

441 Fixed Equipment - increased \$5,000 to purchase one (1) police car

Budget approved with revisions - total reduction \$4,260.00

Properties Department

Public Works Supt. McCauslin presents the 2022 budget.

316 Contractual Services – includes money for a new generator for the fire department. Fire Chief Saucier has applied for a \$55,000 grant. If that is approved, we can reduce this appropriation.

361 Repair & Maintenance – to replace HVAC system at the fire station

362 Building & Structure - to replace flooring at the fire station

443 Other Equipment - to expand town center Christmas display

This budget is approved as presented with no changes.

Parks Department

PW Supt. McCauslin presents the proposed budget.

443 Other Equipment – if the Tot Park playground equipment is purchased in 2021 can reduce this appropriation to \$140,768.00. Money could be transferred to Rainy Day.

This budget is approved as presented with no changes.

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Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH)

PW Supt. McCauslin presents the proposed 2022 budget.

This budget is self-funded with MVH distributions and wheel tax revenues. The total amount of the budget has been determined and approved by the DLGF.

233 Bituminous Materials - increased for crack sealing

234 Salt, Sand & Gravel – contract amounts for salt have been ordered – council reduces this line item to \$26,000.00.

431 Improvements Other Than Building – this is our match for the 2022 Community Crossing Grant. Budget approved – will move \$4,000 from 234 to 311 Legal Services. Total does not change.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Saucier presents the proposed budget.

123 Part-Time Fire Chief – increase to \$18,528.00 – Chief will work minimum of 16 hours / week

126 Paid Stand-by – hourly rate increased to \$13.00

390 Awards and Promotions - increased by \$300

Budget approved with these revisions.

Town Administration

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the proposed budget. 138 Compliance Officer - Council increases pay by \$1,600 Budget approved.

The final budget hearing will be held on October 6, 2021.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Jolin Perrin, President