**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**October 2, 2018**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Schilawski, Scott Alspach and Frank Vaughn, Mike Rogier and John Perrin. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Schilawski offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the September 18th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for ratification and/or approval. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**2019 Budget Hearing**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the revised 2019 budget which reflects the changes made at the September 11th budget workshop on final reading. Councilman Rogier moves to adopt the 2019 budget as presented on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Street Sweeping Proposal

Utility Supt. Gillock is asking council approval to contract with Enviro Sweep to do a one- time curb only street sweeping of the entire town this Fall. Gillock estimates the total price with disposal to be less than $12,000.00. Enviro Sweep will bring in 3 – 5 trucks and should get the entire town done in 2 days. Gillock has priced renting or purchasing a machine and recommends trying contracting the work out to see how we like it. To purchase a new machine would be approximately $200,000 - $275,000 and the machine would sit most of the year unused. For us to do the work would require 1 – 2 employees full time for 3 – 4 weeks. Contracting the work out appears to be much more cost effective. We don’t incur maintenance, insurance or labor costs. Councilman Rogier moves to approve contracting with Enviro Sweep for a one-time curb only street cleaning and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Councilman Schilawski moves to authorize Utility Supt. Gillock to sign the amended contract when it is received. Councilman Alspach seconds that motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.** Clerk-Treasurer Alspach has prepared at transfer memo for Storm Water to pay for these services. Council approves and executes the transfer memo.

Community Crossing Grant Update

PW Supt. McCauslin reports that he has filed four applications for 2018 -2019 road work. He believes grants should be awarded around November 1st. McCauslin has also filed the close out paperwork for the 2017 – 2018 Community Crossing Grant. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach commends McCauslin and Gillock for their hard work.

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Johnson County Community Foundation Grant

PW Supt. McCauslin reports that we received a grant in the amount of $5,000 to purchase 21 trees to be planted in the West Park. McCauslin will attend the award ceremony on Thursday, October 4th at 8:30 a.m. Councilman Vaughn will also attend. McCauslin has notified Restoration Landscape and the materials are being ordered. Installation will begin as soon as Cox’s Tree Service finishes the tree removal and stump grinding which is supposed to be this week. Labor costs for this project will be paid out of the Parks budget.

Playground Equipment Proposal

PW Supt. McCauslin and Attorney Robbins are working on the Request for Proposals. They hope to get this in the paper yet this week and ask for sealed proposals to be opened at the November 6th council meeting.

Replacement Engine

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states Fire Chief Saucier has asked to be placed on the November 20th agenda with a vendor to present several options for a future vehicle purchase.

Wessler Engineering Smoke Testing

Utility Supt. Gillock states that Wessler has completed the smoke testing and is preparing a report that they will present to the council. They identified 18 defects in the areas tested. They also located 6 manholes that were not identified on our maps and did GIS locates on several existing manholes in that area that will be uploaded to the new GIS System when we get it. Gillock has $40,000 remaining in his I & I appropriation and would like to add an additional $15,000 to the current contract to continue this work. He presents a map showing the area that will be smoke tested next. Wessler will provide a template so letters can be sent to the 18 property owners where defects were found so that the necessary repairs can be made. Gillock has a contract extension that he would like the council to approve for the additional $15,000. Gillock will have $25,000 left in this year’s budget to begin making repairs on sections that belong to the town. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the amended contract and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

PW Supt. McCauslin presents a proposed 5-year equipment replacement plan. McCauslin has money in the MVH budget to purchase two (2) ½ ton pick up trucks this year. A dealer in Connersville had the State Bid (QPA) and the trucks ran $30,000 each. McCauslin sent the specs for that truck to three (3) other GM dealers and was able to get the same type vehicle at Hubler Chevrolet for $27,515. We would be trading in the Dodge Durango and they are offering a trade in price of $4,500. If approved a transfer ordinance has been prepared. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the purchase of two (2) Chevy trucks and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2018-16

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the transfer ordinance on first reading. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt the ordinance and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

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Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the transfer and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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 John Perrin, Council President