**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**November 15, 2016**

**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 Perrin, John Schilawski, Frank Vaughn, Mike Rogier and Scott Alspach. 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 November 1st meeting and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **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 Rogier moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Tracy Road & Sweetbriar Intersection

Council is concerned about traffic stacking up on Tracy Road west of US 31. Council wants a “DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION” sign posted on the southwest side of the Sweetbriar and Tracy intersection on the eastbound lane. They also would like our Public Works employees to continue the striping on Tracy Road that starts at US 31 all the way to Sweetbriar clearly indicating that there are three (3) lanes from Sweetbriar to US 31 on Tracy Road; one westbound lane and two eastbound lanes. Councilman Rogier makes a motion to have the sign posted and the lanes striped and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

As part of the 2017 Street Repairs they would like to include removing the northern end of the median on Sweetbriar to create a left turn lane for cars wanting to turn west onto Tracy Road which would allow cars turning right or east to continue to move without backing traffic up. They may also consider adding crosswalk markings near that intersection.

Police Department

Councilman Rogier would like to have a decal of the new Police Department logo placed on the glass front door of the Police Department. Councilman Perrin states he would like to get cost information on new larger sized signs to replace the four Town of New Whiteland signs as you enter town. The current ones are too small and cannot be read.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Police Department Update

Police Chief Rynerson states that Chris Wilcher went through the last interview process and was placed on our alternate / eligibility list. Chief Rynerson contacted him regarding the vacancy we have and Mr. Wilcher is still interested. He is a Greenwood resident, a 2014 ILEA graduate and knows Spillman. After checking his references he was offered the position and has accepted. He has given his current employer 2 weeks’ notice and will start here on November 28th.

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Council President Perrin states that he found that his neighbor’s car window had been broken out last weekend. He notified the neighbor and they called the police. Officer Whited responded and was both professional and helpful. The resident is older and has some health issues. Once the report had been taken, Officer Whited got a broom and cleaned up all of the broken glass which was above and beyond what was expected of him. Council directs Police Chief Rynerson to place a commendation letter in Officer Whited’s personnel file.

Proctor Park Signage

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents a picture of a Reserved Parking sign for Combat Wounded Veterans that she would like to have placed at Proctor Park. The cost of the sign is $25.00. Council approves and asks that the sign be placed at one of the handicap parking spaces.

Public Works

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states that the concrete work on Pine Court and Morningside should begin the first week in December.

Miller Pipeline videoed the sewer main yesterday. They did not call first as requested so none of our employees were on site. They contacted Matt this morning and said that they found a missing section that would have to be repaired before they could line the main. They are contacting a contractor to get a cost for repairing the pipe. Council requests more information and a picture of the missing section. Asks that a contractor not be hired until Supt. Johnson gets back from vacation and can get quotes.

Councilman Perrin asks if he could use some of the leftover chips for a softball event in January. The chips are left over from National Night Out. Council approves.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2016-18

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the 2017 Salary Ordinance on final reading. Councilman Vaughn moves to adopt and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2016-20

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents and explains the transfer ordinance on first reading. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt Ordinance 2016-20 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

This item will be placed on the December 6th agenda.

Ordinance 2016-21

Attorney Robbins presents and explains the ordinance to allow off road vehicles on our roads to make seasonal deliveries from November 1st to January 31st for courier services only on first reading. Discussion follows on would this also allow the CPCSC gators to travel on our streets. Attorney Robbins says this ordinance does not. However, if the council wants to amend it they certainly can. Councilman Rogier moves to adopt Ordinance 2016-21 on first reading as an experiment and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 3 affirmative.** **Negative votes cast by Councilmen Alspach and Schilawski.**

Councilman Vaughn moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 3 affirmative.** **Negative votes cast by Councilmen Alspach and Schilawski.** This item will be placed on the December 6th agenda.

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Councilman Schilawski leaves at 5:50 p.m.

Transfer Memo

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the Wastewater Fund transfer memo. Councilman Alspach moves to approve and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Austin Jacobi, 929 Sweetbriar expresses concern about the proposed building of another gas station at the corner of Tracy Road and US 31. As discussed earlier this evening there is already significant traffic congestion on that corner. Council advises Jacobi that no one has proposed anything to the town, no permission has been given, the area is residential not commercial and would require a zoning change which is unlikely to be granted given the traffic and public safety concerns.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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John Perrin, Council President