

# NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

November 19, 2019

## 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 Frank Vaughn, Mike Rogier, Scott Alspach and John Perrin. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer. Councilman John Schilawski arrived at 5:15 p.m.

### MINUTES

Councilman Alspach moves to approve the minutes of the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

### HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for November 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Rogier moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### WWTP Project / SRF Claim Requests

Mark Sullivan with Midwestern Engineers presents two (2) claims for Mitchell & Stark. Claim #23 in the amount of \$179,146.36 and Claim #24 for their Retainage in the amount of \$82,146.95. This would close out Mitchell & Starks work. Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states Change Order #2 has been approved by the council and the SRF but the work has not been completed. Council President Perrin directs Engineer Sullivan to revise the disbursement request to not include Change Order #2's work. The new amount would be \$170,649.02. A second claim for the Change Order (\$8,497.34) will be executed when the work is complete. Sullivan also presents Claim #25 for Midwestern Engineers in the amount of \$8,807.50. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve Claim #24 & 25 and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 4 affirmative.** Mark Sullivan will submit revised Claim #23 for President Perrin's signature tomorrow. Council approves.

Councilman John Schilawski arrives at 5:15 p.m.

#### Bond Counsel for Storm Water SRF Project

Attorney Robbins states that one of the requirements of the SRF loan program is that we retain bond counsel. Attorney Robbins has contacted various firms and has negotiated a flat fee of \$16,000.00 with Tim Pitman at Barnes & Thornburg. Robbins is recommending that the council engage Mr. Pitman's services for our upcoming SRF project. Councilman Rogier moves to retain Mr. Pitman and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

#### 1792 Notice

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states she has received the 1792 Notice for our 2020 budget. Everything was approved as submitted with the exception of our MVH budget which is being reduced by \$8,951.00 due to lower revenue projections. Alspach asks if the council has any objections to her signing the 1792 Notice as received. Council approves.

#### 1114 Ashland

Attorney Robbins is still waiting on the final paperwork to schedule closing. Two additional charges have now shown up and the property owners have requested pay off amounts from the IRS so that all outstanding debt can be cleared at closing. As soon as that information is received the Title Company will prepare the necessary paperwork and closing will be scheduled.

#### Employee Luncheon

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states the date is Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Reservations are due this Friday. Johnson's Barbeque is catering the luncheon.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Christian Maslowski and Dana Monson present information on the Aspire/ Johnson County Development Corporation/ Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Alliance merger. The merger will create a countywide economic development forum. Council President Perrin asks how this group is funded. Dana Monson states that Johnson County Development Corporation is currently funded 40% public monies and 60% privately funded. Under the restructuring only about 20% of the funding will come from public funds.

#### Utility Updates

Utility Supt. Gillock sent out an email reference electrical issues at the dewatering building. The cost to make the necessary repairs to get things up and running again is \$11,689.00. Parts have been ordered and are a couple of weeks out but Gillock wants council approval for the record. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the repairs and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Supt. Gillock also sent a report tonight stating that Wessler Engineers have located some fences that have been installed in the Drainage and Utility easements and is asking how we want to proceed. Council wants more information; pictures of the fences, type of fencing, location of the easements, conditions detailed on the plat map for those easements, number of properties effected. This item will be placed on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda.

#### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

##### Ordinance 2019-13

Attorney Robbins states the rate ordinance for trash and recycling was passed on first reading at the last meeting following a public hearing. He presents the ordinance for final approval tonight. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt Ordinance 2019-13 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

##### Ordinance 2019-15

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach reads and explains the 2020 salary ordinance on first reading. Councilman Rogier moves to adopt Ordinance 2019-15 on first reading and is seconded by

Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2019-16

Attorney Robbins reads and explains the ordinance amending certain sections of the town code dealing with nuisance ordinances on first reading. After much discussion and some recommended revisions this item is tabled for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Additional Appropriation Memo

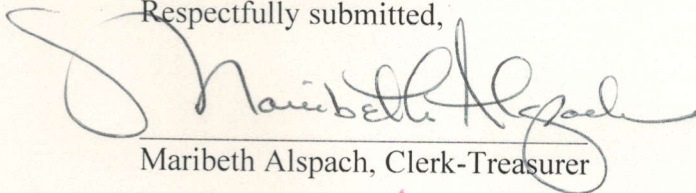
Clerk-Treasurer Alspach introduces the memo for additional appropriation in the amount of \$148,000.00 in the Wastewater Utility for Engineering & Architectural Services. This money will then be transferred to Storm Water to cover Wessler's engineering fees for the SRF project. The money will be repaid when the loan closes. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the additional funds and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Transfer Memo

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach introduces the memo for transferring funds in the Wastewater Utility along with the transfer from Wastewater to Storm Water. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the transfers and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

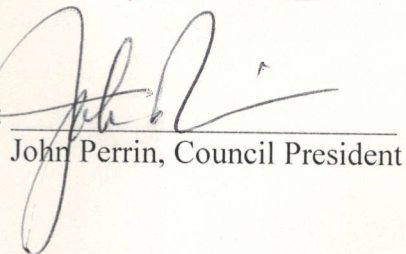
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:



John Perrin, Council President