**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**March 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 John Schilawski, Scott Alspach, 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 March 5th 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 approval. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve and ratify both reports and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council President Perrin opens the hearing at 5:03 p.m. and states that notice was advertised for a public hearing to answer any questions or concerns on re-establishing the CCD Fund and maximum rate. Perrin asks if there is anyone who wishes to be heard. Being no one, the hearing is closed at 5:04 p.m.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

SRF Payment Requests

Mark Sullivan, Midwest Engineers presents the following claims for council approval. Sullivan met with Utility Supt. Gillock to review the claims before presenting them tonight.

Draw #9 Williams, Barrett & Wilkowski (legal fees) $150.00

Draw #10 Mitchel & Starke (contractor) $77,530.32 retainage $8,614.48

Draw #11 Midwestern Engineers (engineering fees) $3,400.00

Councilman Rogier moves to approve the payment requests and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach advises Sullivan that SRF is cutting checks in even dollar amounts. Sullivan says that they will round up or down on initial payments and then settle up any differences on the final payments.

NWPD Server Upgrade

Gary Stofer of Sidewinder is present to answer any questions. There is still some confusion on amount and types of storage being quoted by each vendor. Council would like both vendors to attend the April 2nd meeting to do a short presentation of their proposals.

Police Chief Rynerson introduces Brandon Arbuckle who has been sworn in as a Reserve Officer. Arbuckle has been working for the last 3 weeks and has previous experience with two (2) other agencies.

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Circus

Table for April 2nd meeting.

President Perrin recommends moving to legislative business as a couple of councilmen need to leave early.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2019-02

Attorney Robbins presents the ordinance to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund on second reading and explains that the public hearing was advertised and held earlier tonight and this can now be considered on final reading. Councilman Vaughn makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2019-03

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the ordinance declaring certain items or equipment surplus and allowing for its disposal. PW Supt. McCauslin identifies each item and what proceeds of the sale would be used for. Items will be listed on GovDeals.com to see if they get a higher offer than what has been offered as trade-in value. Councilman Rogier moves to approve Ordinance 2019-03 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Rogier seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

President Perrin reads Ordinance 2019-03 in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Alspach with second by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Ordinance 2019-04

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the transfer ordinance and explains. Councilman Rogier moves to approve Ordinance 2019-04 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Alspach moves to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Vaughn seconds the motion. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

President Perrin reads Ordinance 2019-04 in title only on final reading. Motion to adopt by Councilman Schilawski with second by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Resolution 2019-02

President Perrin asks that this be tabled. He has spoken with County Councilman Rob Henderson and believes the county is looking at a different funding alternative. Perrin recommends waiting until we hear back from the county.

Councilman Alspach leaves at 5:50 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS continued**

Sawmill Road Sink Hole

Councilman Rogier is concerned about the sink hole on the side of the road in the 300 block of Sawmill. PW Supt. McCauslin states a storm sewer line has collapsed probably due to it

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being damaged when another utility installed their line. McCauslin has contacted Vectren numerous times but has not been able to get them out to look at the problem. The gas line is right against our storm sewer line making it difficult for us to repair. Rogier states that the rain has eroded the area to the point of creating a safety hazard beside the road. Attorney Robbins states we may need to report this to the IURC due to safety concerns and the lack of response from Vectren. Councilman Rogier will reach out to Vectren to schedule a meeting for this Friday.

Council President Perrin asks why our employees cold patched damaged areas created by Vectren (Miller Pipeline). PW Supt. McCauslin states Vectren said they were sending Case Construction out to make repairs three (3) weeks ago and they still have not been out to do any work. McCauslin states our guys were out crack sealing and went ahead and patched the areas before the road further deteriorated.

Facebook

President Perrin directs employees to not respond to comments posted on Informed Citizens of Whiteland or New Whiteland pages as we don’t want to potentially provide misinformation. Concerns from the residents need to come to the various Department Heads or to the Council to be resolved, not through social media.

East Park Playground

PW Supt. McCauslin states the installation of the new playground has been completed. There was a final walk-thru inspection yesterday and all issues will be resolved this week. McCauslin is very pleased with the workmanship and says the kids are thrilled with the new playground.

1114 Ashland

Attorney Robbins has not been contacted by the property owners.

Rewire at Fire Station

PW Supt McCauslin reports the work has been completed. They will need to have Metronet add an additional line and IP address.

Councilman Schilawski leaves at 6:10 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Replacement Truck

PW Supt McCauslin presents three (3) quotes for a F550 extended cab truck with an aluminum flat bed. McCauslin budgeted $60,000.00 in his MVH budget for this vehicle.

Andy Mohr Ford $54,272.00

Capital City Ford $54,974.00

Ray Skillman Ford $54,803.00

McCauslin says that he will need to purchase a plow and salt spreader for this vehicle and is hoping that the sale of some of the surplus equipment will make up any shortfall.

Councilman Rogier moves to accept the quote from Andy Mohr Ford and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

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Leaf Machine

Utility Supt. Gillock presents three (3) quotes for a leaf machine. Gillock states that neither or our old leaf machines are working.

Best Equipment (Indianapolis) $63,541.65

Brown Equipment (Evansville) $63,542.00

Municipal Equipment (Georgia) $64,505.00

The machine from Best Equipment has a gas engine, includes LED and strobe lights and a scoop type screen to cut down on dust and debris. Council directs Supt. Gillock to contact Brown and Municipal and get a quote for a gas machine with the requested lighting and screen. Also see if he can check with a couple of municipalities that have the gas engine leaf machine and see if they are pleased with the machine or have any concerns. This will be placed on the April 2nd agenda.

Councilman Alspach returns at 6:22 p.m.

Street Sweeping Contract

Utility Supt Gillock presents a proposal from EnviroSweep to come in possibly in early May to sweep the streets. The quote is for $8,200 plus disposal. Total cost in 2017 was $17,297.60. Gillock notes that this is the only company he has found that offers this service.

Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the contract and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 4 affirmative.**

Council directs Clerk-Treasurer Alspach to send Gary Stofer with Sidewinder Computers a copy of Wright PC’s original quote with the prices redacted and ask him to match the quote for amount of storage space available and ability to store multiple types of data. Server needs to be built to handle anticipated growth as part of our 5-year plan.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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John Perrin, Council President