**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**April 19, 2016**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Town Council Vice President Scott Alspach opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were Mike Rogier, Scott Alspach and Frank Vaughn. Also present were Town Manager Terry Spencer, Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer. Councilmen Perrin and Schilawski were absent.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the minutes of the April 5th meeting and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 3 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 and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Disposal Proposal for Debris at WWTP

Town Manager Spencer reports that a debris pile has accumulated at the WWTP for the last 25+ years. The debris pile now measures 125’ X 50’ x 8’ and Spencer estimates it would take 150 loads in a 15 yard roll off dumpster to clean it up and dispose of it. He presents three (3) quotes ranging from $37,500 to $60,000. Council tables any decision until the circuit breakers have been addressed.

Emergency Plan

Town Manager Spencer presents the revised Emergency Plan for council review. Spencer states that Marshal Stephenson has updated the plan and asks that the council review it so that it can be considered for approval at a future meeting.

Replacement Project Squad 11

Spencer presents Fire Chief Wilson’s proposal for council to review and states that there are new quotes that need to replace those that were originally submitted. Councilman Alspach asks Wilson if in light of the circuit breaker report he still wants to present this request. Wilson states that he does and would like to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Wilson has had an offer of $7,500 for Squad 11 fully equipped and an offer of $4,000 for the Explorer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

401 Mooreland Drive

Attorney Robbins reports he received a verbal counter offer of $85,000 from Habitat’s representative. Councilman Vaughn moves accept the counter offer of $85,000.00 conditioned on Habitat getting the zoning approvals they need and the closing to take place within the next 90 days. Councilman Rogier seconds the motion. **Vote 3 affirmative.** Attorney Robbins will relay this information to Eric Prime with Habitat.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Baseball Parade

Town Manager Spencer presents a copy of the Greater Whiteland Baseball Parade Route and a request for approval. The parade will take place on Saturday, April 30th and will cross U.S. 31 twice. Parade will be escorted by Whiteland police officers. New Whiteland will also have two officers on duty. Councilman Vaughn moves to approve the parade route and is seconded by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

National Night Out

Town Manager Spencer reports this will be held on August the 2nd beginning at 6:00 p.m. Spencer adds that the Whiteland Police Department has expressed an interest in partnering with us for that event and sharing in some of the costs. Spencer is unsure if there is still electricity available in East Park, he will do some checking.

INDOT Meeting

Town Manager Spencer and Public Works Supt. Johnson will be attending a meeting in Seymour tomorrow that is addressing the highest traffic accident intersections on U.S. 31 in Johnson County. Tracy Road and U.S. 31 is rated #4.

Circuit Breaker Report

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Circuit Breaker Report that came out late this afternoon with projected cuts that will need to be made. Council directs Town Manager Spencer to have the department heads submit budget reductions before the next meeting. Council will be forced to make the cuts if the department heads don’t.

May 3rd Town Council Meeting Cancellation

Discussion is held regarding the Primary Election being held on May 3rd, all of the traffic issues facing our residents currently along with the fact that the library is our polling place raises several concerns about traffic and parking congestion.

Councilman Vaughn moves to cancel the May 3rd meeting and revert to the 5:00 p.m. meeting time on future town council meetings. Councilman Rogier seconds the motion. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

Beginning with the May 17th meeting the meeting time will revert to 5:00 p.m.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2016-03

Attorney Robbins presents the revised ordinance amending the Town Code to prohibit all outdoor burning except as expressly permitted by this ordinance. Clarification is made that burning limbs as a means of disposing of them requires that they be contained in either a fire pit or non-combustible container not simply piled in the yard and burned. Councilman Rogier moves to adopt Ordinance 2016-03 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 3 affirmative.** This will be placed on the May 17th agenda for final approval.

Ordinance 2016-04

Attorney Robbins presents the ordinance to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development tax rate back to the maximum allowed of $0.05 per $100 of assessed value on final reading. Robbins recommends doing this annually to guarantee that we capture the maximum amount

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of revenue. Motion to adopt on final reading by Councilman Vaughn with a second by Councilman Rogier. **Vote 3 affirmative.** Attorney Robbins states that this will be published in the newspaper and forwarded to the DLGF.

Ordinance 2016-05

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents the transfer ordinance on first reading. Councilman Rogier moves to adopt Ordinance 2016-05 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Vaughn. **Vote 3 affirmative.** This will be placed on the May 17th agenda for final approval.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

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John Perrin, Council President