

NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

JULY 3, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski, John Purdie, Dennis Combs, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Attorney Lee Robbins. Councilman Combs offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Councilman Combs moves to approve the minutes of the June 12th regular meeting and is seconded by Councilman Purdie. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the minutes of the June 19th special meeting and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss presents copies of the July 3, 2024 Fund Report and Docket for approval. Councilman Purdie moves to approve and ratify the July 3, 2024 Fund Report and Docket and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Rate Study Quotes

Town Attorney Lee Robbins shares that Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock has received three proposals for rate studies. All three are fairly close. He advises Council they could take action and delegate authority tonight to Utility Supt. Gillock to choose one. Council President Perrin suggest that we put this item on the August agenda.

Code Violations

Council Vice President Purdie refers to previous discussions regarding Code Violations. He and Council President Perrin met last week with the Compliance Officer to discuss his procedures and the recent issues. They've asked him to produce a monthly report to share activity and updates with Council.

Insurance

Councilmember Purdie asks how we go through the process of shopping for more insurance quotes. He offers that he doesn't mind making phone calls. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss mentions that she asked John Parmely who he normally deals with when giving quotes for municipalities and he said it varies. He has dealt with department heads, town managers, council members, or clerk-treasurers. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss states that the Public Works Supt and Utility Supt have a lot of the specific information needed regarding the buildings, vehicles, and assets. Attorney Robbins shares that many agents write for the same companies and that another agent cannot submit a proposal for the same company. If we can get the most recent quote to Councilmember Purdie, he has offered to make some phone calls.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Budget Hearing Dates

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss shares that she filed the pre-budget report which is due June 30th. It is a preliminary report and the Town is not bound to anything in that report as far as budget figures. It involves answering some questions. We also had to give our budget hearing and budget adoption dates and have selected September 4th for the budget hearing and October 2nd for the adoption meeting. We can go back and edit them if Council would like to make changes to the dates. The deadline for adoption is Nov 1st. Our meeting with the DLGF Rep is on Friday, August 16th. Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss asks Council if they want to set the separate

department head meeting as they have done in the past. Council President Perrin states that they will review the budget documents when they are ready and assess the need for a department head meeting at a later time.

Cyber Service with Wright Tech

Clerk-Treasurer DeVoss lets Council know that the Wright Tech invoice this month was \$1504 higher than usual. This is a fee for cyber services. After talking with Corey Passmore from Wright Tech, she shares that this will be a monthly fee. This was part of the process of renewing our insurance as in order to have cyber insurance coverage we needed to be up-to-date with our cyber services on the IT end of things.

Food Truck Fees

Police Chief Joe Rynerson shares with Council that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th in East Park. There will be 3 different food trucks. He recalls that the Town recently passed a food truck ordinance which mentioned fees and asks Council to waive the fees for this event. Chief Rynerson states the police department will be giving away hot dogs for free as they have in the past and that will cut into business for the food trucks. Therefore, he would prefer not to have to charge them fees. Attorney Robbins shares that Council has not established fees yet. The ordinance requires that food truck vendors have a permit. Any food truck vendor scheduled for National Night Out will need to fill out a permit. He suggests that we gather information and present ideas for fee schedules at the August meeting. Council agrees unanimously to waive fees for the food truck vendors who will be participating in National Night Out.

New Officer

Police Chief Rynerson introduces Officer Mike Price who has been hired recently. He was previously one of our reserve officers. An officer we hired earlier this year, and was scheduled to begin ILEA training in August, received an incredible Federal job offer with much higher pay. Officer Price is filling that open spot. He was formerly an IMPD officer for 13 years.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-02

Extending Holiday Through July 5th

Council President Perrin shares that he would like to present a Resolution that employees of the Town of New Whiteland be off work on Friday since the July 4th holiday falls on a Thursday. He spoke with each Councilmember individually prior to the meeting and there is agreement. None of the employees are aware yet. The Resolution is for this particular holiday this year only. It is a one-time specific Resolution. Councilman Purdie moves to approve Resolution 2024-02 and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 Affirmative.**

Resolution 2024-03

County Opioid Grant Program

Attorney Robbins suggests that we move this item to the next agenda. He shares with Council that the County established this program as a way to handle and distribute Opioid money. Municipalities receiving less than \$5,000 per year will have to give those funds to the County anyway. So far Greenwood is the only municipality who will be keeping their Opioid funds and will not be part of the County program. There is discussion involving the requirements for using restricted Opioid funds and reporting. Most of the restricted uses involve setting up programs or treatment that is beyond the ability of the Town. Attorney Robbins shares that we cannot transfer money to the County until after the public hearing next month to allow an additional

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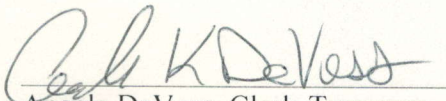
appropriation of funds. Additionally, the County is meeting next week and they will have to make a decision as well. It makes sense to postpone action until our next meeting.

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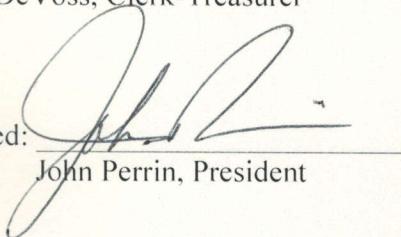
Rejeana Luttrell, 829 Westview Drive, attended some previous meetings and shared concerns with the condition of some of the homes in her neighborhood. She thanks Council for pursuing her complaint. She has seen the Compliance Officer out taking care of things and sees progress and notices improvements.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 

John Perrin, President