

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL  
AUGUST 16, 2023  
SPECIAL 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 was Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss. Councilman Purdie offered the opening prayer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request to Use East Park**

State Representative Michelle Davis comes before the Council to ask if she can use East Park for an event in October. The event will be a festival event where churches of various faiths in Johnson County will have booths so that people can explore the different churches available in our County. The event will be open to all faiths. Some churches will hand out hot dogs and there will be some singing. They will need access to electricity and might need some light assistance from Town employees. Council stated that they are in favor of the event but that the Town cannot incur any costs associated with the event. Rep. Davis said that one of the churches is going to pay the insurance policy for the day. Councilman Schilawski moves to allow park access for the event on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-6pm for a cost of \$200 to cover Town-related expenses and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**Zoning Administrator Position**

Council President Perrin states that per the previous meeting, he has negotiated filling the position and pay with Tim Brown. We will be paying Tim Brown the same pay scale that we were paying Tim Guyer. We have also provided him with a cell phone. Tim Brown has been and will continue to teach our Compliance Officer so that perhaps in the future he can take on this role. Councilman Combs moves to accept Tim Brown officially as our Zoning Administrator and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**Truck Purchase**

Public Works Superintendent Duane McCauslin refers to the discussion at the previous meeting about replacing the Compliance Officer's vehicle. He would like to offer the 2019 Chevy and then the DPW would need a replacement vehicle. They found one that the dealership is currently holding. They've looked at other dealerships, looked at both Chevy and Dodge. No one else had the type of vehicle they need on their lot. He just needs approval for the purchase. There would be additional costs such as strobe lights, a plow mount, and decals. Supt. McCauslin estimates about \$6,000 in additional costs. The cost of the vehicle is a little over \$62,000 and that's with a government discount. They will use the \$13,000 from the insurance and the rest will come from the Utility Supt. Gillock's budget. The older Dodge will remain the spare vehicle for when they hire a new employee. Councilman Combs moves to approve the purchase of the new utility truck and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

**Monument at Proctor Park**

Council President Perrin shares that we are wanting to put a monument at Proctor Park in honor of Aaron Smith, the trooper who was killed this year in the line of duty. We would also like to have a monument for Tim Guyer, who worked for the Town for over 20 years doing building inspections and was also a deputy at the Johnson County Sheriff's office. The Proctor Park Committee met recently and they've started fundraising for these new monuments. Their goal is to raise \$20,000 for the monuments and also bring the park up to where it needs to be. Maribeth Alspach has asked if the Town would allow her some Thank You cards with postage so that she can send Thank You cards to all those who donate towards this project. Councilman Purdie moves to allow use of the Thank You cards and postage and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**


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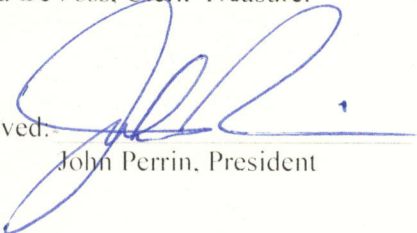
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None.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:   
John Perrin, President