

**NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 16, 2022
SPECIAL 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 Perrin, John Schilawski, Dennis Combs, John Purdie, and Chad Waltz. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins, Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss and Administrator Maribeth Alspach. Councilman John Purdie offered the opening prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Bids for UV System Update

Joe Tierney from GRW Engineers presents bids to Council. Opening bids took place on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 for the UV system replacement. There were 3 bidders and Ottenweller was the lowest bidder at \$660,000.00. Joe Tierney recommended that we proceed with that bid. Council President Perrin raises the concern that the other two bids are within a few thousand dollars of each other and the lowest bid is \$100,000.00 less and asks if there is a reason for this? Joe Tierney explains that Ottenweller is a good company and he is familiar with them and their bid is good. He further explains the process and timeline of the project. They would need to order equipment and it would take 6-8 weeks for preliminary things to be completed. It could be 6-8 months before they have the equipment. While in the non-disinfection season this year, Ottenweller could start a portion of the project. Then, when the equipment comes in, they could proceed. Depending on the timing, they could either do a bypass if they begin work during the disinfection season. Or, if close enough to the non-disinfection season they could wait, which would save money if they don't do the bypass. Councilman Combs asks where the funding is coming for this project and Utility Superintendent Matt Gillock says that it will come from ARPA funds. Councilman Purdie asks if we approve this bid tonight and prices increase, are we locked into this price? Joe Tierney assures us that the work will be completed at the price of the bid. Councilman Purdie asks Town Attorney Robbins if he looked into the bids and he said that he did. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve the bid from Ottenweller and is seconded by Councilman Combs. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-16

An Ordinance to Transfer Funds

Clerk-Treasurer Angela DeVoss presents and explains the transfer ordinance on first reading. Councilman Purdie moves to adopt Ordinance 2022-16 on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Waltz. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

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

President Perrin reads the ordinance in title only on final reading. Councilman Purdie moves to adopt Ordinance 2022-16 on final reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 5 affirmative.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Council President Perrin notes that Police Chief Joe Rynerson put a policy into effect that requires officers to make at least two contacts with the public during each shift. The purpose of this is to make sure that officers are getting out into the community regularly and are visible.

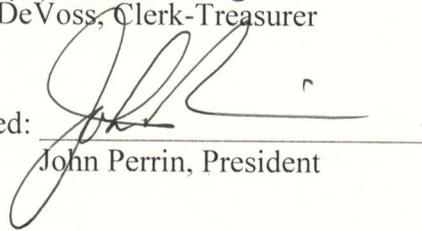
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Town Administrator Maribeth Alspach requests a meeting to discuss her employment. An Executive Session is set to occur after the next regular Town Council meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Attorney Robbins will schedule this.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm by Council President John Perrin.

Respectfully submitted,


Angela DeVoss, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: 
John Perrin, President