

September 20, 2011

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana. All council members' were present.

Council President, Warren Schacht, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Mr. Lombard moved to approve the meeting minutes from the August 16, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler. It was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund Report

Mr. Baldwin moved to approve the Fund Report as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Lombard, then it was unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Mr. Bayler moved to approve the payment of the bills and Mr. Studtman seconded that motion. Bills were in the amount of \$ 93,740.67 (NINTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND SIXTY SEVEN CENTS).

Correspondence: None

Department Reports

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle was in attendance. She stated she had the opportunity to tour Risk's new office space and as pleased. She also reported that for the IDDE audits for March of 2012, IDEM is requiring storm water training software for municipal employees. The software is approx \$2500.00 and up to 500 staff can utilize, with an annual maintenance fee of 10% of the purchase price.

Attorney: Mr. Bill Herrbach was in attendance and reported on the 10 delinquent refuse suits. He stated that the first hearing is set for next week, and he will give a report after the hearing. Mr. Herrbach indicated that his goal would be to continue to sue the remaining 35 delinquent accounts before the end of the year.

It was also reported by the attorney that the storm sewer for 1924 Coolspring has been complete. The engineer will elaborate on this.

Lastly, Mr. Herrbach reported that the state code books have been received and paid for. Steve Thomas, Building Inspector is to review codes for amendments and updates. In the future Mr. Herrbach would like to see a computer in the town hall where residents can access ordinances and print for their convenience. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer agreed to look in this possibility.

Engineer: Mr. John Doyle, Town Engineer gave an update on the 2011 Street Improvement Projects:

Contract Division "D" Remove, Regrade and Replace pavement at 1924 Coolspring. Mr. Doyle spoke with the residents and project is complete

Contract Division "A" Black Oak Drive – Coolspring Ave to Red Oak Drive is complete.

Contract Division "B" Drywell at 307 Johnson Rd. - project set for completion by end of week.

Park Department: Mr. Bayler asked Brian Kubath, Street Commissioner if more copies of the Park Rules Ordinance could be hung by Edgemoor and Meadowlark. Mr. Kubath agreed, and will take care of this.

Building Inspector: No report

Planning & Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshall Klosinski reported that he is currently accepting applications for a full time police officer for Trail Creek. To date 29 applications have been picked up with only a few returned. The last day to pick up an application is September 23, 2011. Applications must be turned in by September 27, 2011. Following the application deadline, Marshall Klosinski will be doing the agility testing with a written test and interviews by the police advisory board and council to follow.

Street Department: Mr. Brian Kubath reported that the surveillance signs have been posted on the information board at Nelson Park, Condon Park and the concession stand with the Park Rules Ordinance. The signs are 18x24 in size. Each information board has a padlock with a combination that he will provide to the town hall as well as council members upon request.

Brian also reported that the leaf machine will need 2 tires. Mr. Jeff Studtman, council member, asked where the leaves will be dropped off this year?" Mr. Kubath responded by saying, "The leaves will be dropped off at the same place as last year, at Pritz Park, at which time a sub-contractor will remove the leaves to be taken to Westville, Indiana. Mr. Kubath also advised that the Bobcat machine is broke down, a part has been ordered for repair.

Permit Review Committee: No Report

NIRPC: Mr. Ron Lombard reported that he was unable to attend the meeting, so he has nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Warren Schacht, Town Council President, opened the Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget. Mrs. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer read out loud the following budgets for each fund:

General

\$ 395,491

Motor Vehicle Highway	\$ 133,288
Local Road and Streets	\$ 49,981
Cumulative Capital Improvement	\$ 14,297
Cumulative Capital Development	\$ 14,000
CEDIT	\$ 78,800
Riverboat	\$ 175,000
Major Moves	\$ 300,000
TOTAL	<u>\$1,160,857</u>

Council President, Warren Schacht then asked the public if there were any questions. There were no questions, at which time Mr. Schacht motioned that the public hearing was then closed.

Next, on the Agenda was the Salary Ordinance; Mr. Schacht responded by saying that there was a proposal submitted by Mrs. Denham that will be reviewed and discussed at a special meeting scheduled for September 23, 2011 at 10:00 am at the town hall.

Public Comment: Mr. Lance Payne resident at 104 Penny Lane, Trail Creek was in attendance and wanted to thank Trail Creek Police Department for their efforts in investigating a suspect in town that was on the watch dog list.

Mr. Payne also wanted to express his concern for the dead trees at Nelson Park. His concern is for the kids that play at the park. He passed out to council, copies of photos that were taken after a tree fell at Nelson Park. Mr. Lombard responded by saying the tree was healthy. Mr. Jamie Baldwin stated that an Arborist told him that sometimes when a tree gets hot real quick it can cause it to expand and then snap without warning. Even a healthy tree can be subjected to this. After a lengthy discussion the council asked that Mr. Kubath, Street Commissioner obtain some bids from local Arborists to inspect the trees at Nelson Park.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

Council Comments: None

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Studtman moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Baldwin at 7:33pm.

APPROVED: _____
Warren Schacht, President

ATTEST: _____
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: October 18, 2011