

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, October 10, 2011

Attendance:

Present:

Richard Dickinson, President
Jane Houck, Town Council Member
Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
David Reese, Town Council Member

Absent:

Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Others present:

Gene Scott
Fritz French

Agenda and discussion:

1. Candidates for Town Council - R. Dickinson.

Dick reported that there are several residents interested in what will be three open positions by year end. He has invited them to attend the December 12 meeting. Dick also introduced Fritz French.

2. Adoption of the 2012 Budget. - R. Parrin.

The 2012 Budget that was introduced in August was adopted by the Town Council by a vote of 3 in favor and none opposed. Property tax revenue in 2012 will be about \$8,000 lower than 2011.

3. Street signs and lighting update - R. Parrin:

A budgetary cost analysis was presented for new street lighting and road signs. The Town has 11 post mounted street lights and 6 pole mounted units. Two options have been considered to first replace the 11 post mounted lights.

A. IPL LED street lights (similar to what has been recently installed downtown on the Circle).



These would be installed and maintained by IPL.

Upfront cost to the Town: \$43,000

Monthly lease/power payment to IPL: \$442.00

B. Direct purchase of LED lighting by the Town.



Upfront cost to Town: \$33,000

Monthly payment to IPL: \$59.00

The Town would contract for installation and maintenance. It should be noted that LED lamps have a life of approximately 70,000 hours or about 18 years so there would be minimal maintenance.

The Council agreed with purchase plan B as a lower cost option as well as providing the Town with distinctive lighting in keeping with the character of Williams Creek.

New cast aluminum street signs have also been proposed. The cost including installation is estimated at \$18,000.

Financing the project: Given the Town's current cash position and projected funding in the coming years, it was proposed that this \$75,000 project be done in phases over a four year period.

Alternatively, R. Dickinson suggested that the Town Council consider a capital campaign to augment the current funds available in order to accelerate the project. Other Council Members concurred.

It was agreed that R. Parrin would request firm pricing from potential suppliers and contractors. This will serve as the basis for a fund raising program from Town residents.

An inventory of traffic control signage has been developed. Some of the signs/posts are in need of replacement. We will solicit bids for better traffic control signs as well.

4. Landscape committee report - J. Houck

It was reported that the damaged guard rail at 81st and College has been replaced by DPW after a call to the Mayor's Action Center.

5. Town streets paving and related funding – R. Parrin.

Thanks to unexpected Rebuild Indy funding this year, our main thoroughfares of Willow Springs and Forest will be resurfaced by month's end. This represents about 30% of our total lane miles. We hope to have other streets in need of resurfacing as assessed by DPW resurfaced next Spring. The cost to repair damage to three streets due to housing construction has been paid by the three responsible contractors.

6. Town Security - A. Kasper

Nothing to report.

7. Town Directories - R. Dickinson

Dick reported that he has extra copies.

8. Town Picnic 2011 - R. Dickinson

The Town Council has issued a formal commendation to Laura Hutchins for the highly successful picnic.

There being no further business, R. Dickinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J. Houck.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer