

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, June 9, 2014

Attendance:

Present:

Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Fritz French, Town Council Member
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall

Absent:

Scott Preston, Town Council President
David Reese, Town Council Member
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Others:

Richard Dickinson
Dennis Dann
Marian Kister
Bart Kister
Patty Hefner
Alice Appel
Gene Scott
Lawrence Roth
Kevin Scheid
Diana Scheid

Agenda and discussion:

1. In S. Preston's absence, S. Moss chaired the meeting and called it to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with three council members present.
2. S. Moss asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2014. On a motion by T. Dawson, seconded by F. French, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
3. R. Parrin distributed the financial package as of May 30, 2014 to Council members. He advised that the Town's financial position is good. The Spring property tax revenue should be received in June. This will facilitate the payment of principal and interest for the Indiana Bond Bank short term loan on June 30, 2014.

4. T. Dawson presented the bids to repair the pot holes on the streets that have not been resurfaced as well as repair of the eroding street corner at 79th and Morningside. The low bidder was Freije for pot hole repair however they were not asked to quote the street shoulder repair. The Council requested that they do so and compare the results to the other bids.

The Council agreed to the more permanent fix of milling and adding an overlay to the areas identified. A motion to authorize up to \$13,000 for these repairs was made by F. French, seconded by S. Moss, and passed unanimously.

The Council requested that R. Parrin inquire with DPW concerning storm water drainage repair along 79th Street which is the cause of the erosion at the corner.

5. Resident Alice Appel suggested that a Town entrance sign be placed at 80th and College. The Council agreed to consider this request within the budget for the Town Renovation plan.

6. A. Kasper informed the Council that three burglary incidents in the area were reported recently. These involved homes where the garage doors were left open or unlocked as well as one where a bicycle was left at the front door.

He advised the Council on the results of the additional patrols to manage the increase in traffic due to the College bridge closure. The Council requested that these patrols be continued, especially during rush hours, as the increased visibility has had a positive effect.

There was discussion of traffic control in general within the Town including reviewing speed limits and stop signs at intersections. It was agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

7. S. Moss presented the proposal to use OneCall as a means to quickly disseminate important information. A motion to approve \$500 to subscribe to this service for one year was made by S. Moss, seconded by F. French and passed unanimously.

8. P. Hefner advised that the foliage growth at Town intersections is under control. She mentioned that the tree in the common area at Forest and Sycamore did not survive the winter. R. Parrin advised that this area will be the location of the new street light so any landscaping plan should await this installation. Also, mention was made about signs in yards that may be in violation of the Town sign ordinance. The Council agreed to contact residents.

9. F. French advised the Council on the Capital Campaign status. The recent follow up with residents brings the total to \$193k with a participation rate of about 80% of residents. Those residents who have not yet contributed have been contacted regarding making a donation. We are still short of our goal so 100% participation is highly encouraged.

10. R. Parrin briefed the Council on the lighting and signage project. Site visits were made with IPL and the contractor to finalize circuit and metering locations. There were some minor modifications made to several applications which will require property

owners to submit new applications to IPL. The street signs and lighting have been delivered and an installation contractor has been selected. He hopes to have the IPL issues resolved this week and will advise the Council once the IPL action plan is in place. Traffic sign posts have been ordered and will be installed once received.

The Council concurred that the Town should include in its plans the restoration of landscaping to blend in with current site conditions once the installation is complete.

11. R. Parrin reported that the issue with the Town's web site host has not yet been resolved to accept official town email addresses (.IN.GOV) for each Council member. He will follow up with the site host.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by S. Moss and seconded by F. French, S. Moss adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer