

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, October 14, 2019
Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Attendance:

Present:

Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Lynn Yates, Town Attorney
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Craig Skelton, Town Council Member
Maureen Burger, Town Council President
Matt Neff, Town Council Member

Absent:

Jason Sturman, Town Council Member

Others present:

Mo McReynolds, Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate
Natalie Van Dongen, Incoming Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate
Mike Kerschner, Katz Korin Cunningham PC
Josh Busenbark, "Living in Meridian Hills & Williams Creek" publisher

Agenda and discussion:

1. Council president M. Burger called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with four council members present.
2. M. Burger asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 12, 2019. There being no comments, on a motion by M. Neff, seconded by M. Wernke, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
3. R. Parrin updated the Council on Town finances at the end of September 2019 reflected in the financial report previously distributed to Council members. He noted an extraordinary cash balance due to CCMG funds receipt of \$92,637.90 from INDOT which will be paid in October to DPW as a share of the road resurfacing recently completed.
4. The 2020 Budget adoption ordinance was read into the record by R. Parrin. On a motion by M. Wernke, seconded by C. Skelton, the ordinance was adopted unanimously by the Council. R. Parrin will complete the Budget submission in Gateway.
5. R. Parrin reported that the resurfacing of portions of Sycamore Road, Willow Spring and Forest Blvd as well as Broadway Street and 81st Street have been completed. R. Parrin will manage the CCMG payment process through DPW to utilize the CCMG funds and the INIP grant received from the City.
6. R. Parrin reported that the light pole on Ridge that had been hit by a vehicle has been straightened and repaired.

7. M. McReynolds addressed the Council.

- She advised that she will follow up with Citizens about the schedule for permanent repair of the temporary patching done at two sink holes on Morningside Drive.
- A reminder that leaf season is approaching and up to 40 bags of leavers per address will be picked up on the normal trash pick up day from 11/11/19-12/6/19.
- Halloween hours on October 31, 2019 will be from 6 PM-8 PM.
- Commented on the upcoming national census.
- Reminded residents of the mayoral and Town election 11/5/2019.
- Introduced Natalie Van Dongen as the new Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate for the Town. M. McReynolds will be moving on to the Office of Sustainability.

8. A. Kasper reported one recent incident in Town that was resolved with the assistance of IMPD.

At present the Town's CrimeWatch app has increased to 76 users with a total of 48 events reported. M. Burger updated the Council on app updates through the new provider of the software.

9. A. Kasper advised that the enhanced security camera system is fully operational. The damaged ground box at Penn & Forest will be repaired by Comcast. In the meantime the camera is operational.

10 Reports were made by the Sense of Place committee.

- There was discussion about hosting a Town wide event for Halloween. It was decided to forego an event this year but plan on one next Fall, probably on a closed section of Morningside Drive. In the meantime on a motion by M. Wernke, seconded by M. Neff, the Council approved \$153 for candy by the Town Marshal and for Glow necklaces to pass out on Halloween.
- J. Sturman has a call scheduled for the week of 10/21 with the representative from DNR to start on vendor selection for the tree inventory project. Depending on the total cost, we may want to consider moving forward with that to be ready for the 2020 deadline for funds for actual planting.
- R. Parrin to advise contact at the City's tree service to trim a tree in the common area.
- M. Wernke proposed that Town streets should use a standard speed limit of 25 MPH vs. the current 30 MPH on some streets and 20 MPH on others. In addition he suggested that the intersection of Sycamore and Willow Spring be a three way stop in place of the existing one way stop from westbound Willow Spring. After discussion, R. Parrin offered to inquire with a traffic engineer about the ramifications of making such a change and report back to the Council the results and if favorable, the cost to implement these changes.

11. L. Yates reported that the Town's ADA compliance program documents are being assembled into a package suitable for training. This will take place by year end.

12. 7837 Morningside Lane Variance request

- Michael Kerschner made a presentation for the property owner. In 1998, the owner had granted a Transportation Easement to the City of Indianapolis along the west side of College Ave. Under the agreement the property owner is allowed to use part of the easement for improvements, The owner has petitioned for a variance to the existing agreement to provide a shared-use path easement. The owner has asked for a letter of support from the Town. After discussion, the Council agreed unanimously to provide such support.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Hollyhock Hill restaurant.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by M. Neff, seconded by C. Skelton.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer