

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, April 8, 2019
Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Attendance:

Present:

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

Others:

Mo McReynolds (Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate)

Agenda and discussion:

1. Council president M. Burger called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with five council members present.
 2. Following the appointment of Jason Sturman to the remainder of the term vacated by T. Dawson, R. Parrin administered his oath of office as Town Council member.
 3. M. Burger asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 11, 2019. There being no comments, on a motion by M. Wernke, seconded by M. Neff, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
 4. R. Parrin updated the Council on Town finances at the end of March, 2019 reflected in financial report previously distributed to Council members. The only extraordinary item was the \$14,828.50 payment to Siemens in final settlement for the security camera system.
 5. R. Parrin reported the awards for CCMG funds of \$92,637.91 from INDOT and \$37,890.63 in funds from Mayor Hogsett's 2019 Indianapolis Neighborhood Infrastructure Partnership program to resurface Broadway Street, 81st Street, and portions of Sycamore Road and Forest Blvd.
- C. Skelton and M. Burger managed the application process. R. Parrin will work through DPW's bid process on these road segments at significant savings for the Town. All work should be completed by early Fall 2019.
6. A. Kasper reported that there were no significant incidents the past two months.

At present the Town's CrimeWatch app has 65 users with a total of 35 events reported. He encouraged Town residents to use this app, especially to advise of periods residents are out of Town.

7. Report on Safety and Security Committee

A. Kasper advised that the enhanced security camera system should be operational by the end of April. It will result in improved monitoring of the Town camera system.

M. Neff had nothing new to report on the long term planning program for the Town. Collaboration with the Department of Urban Planning at Ball State is one method being explored.

Several pot holes were identified for repair ahead of the resurfacing projects later this year. A. Kasper will address the issue.

8. Reports were made by the Sense of Place committee.

- M. Wernke opened a discussion on the status of the Town Foundation managed by the Central Indiana Community Foundation. Items discussed were:
 - M. Neff reported that he has been unsuccessful at this point in recruiting Town residents for the two openings on the Foundation Advisory Committee. The effort continues.
 - M. Wernke inquired about marketing materials to be used in soliciting donations for this endowment. M. Burger suggested that CICF should be able to assist in developing these materials which should define the mission and objectives of this fund.
 - M. Wernke said that given the healthy economy at present, the timing is right for a campaign.
- The Town directory updates are complete. Directory distribution will be made in April.
- M. Burger inquired about installing new checkered banners on the Town's light posts to celebrate the month of May. R. Parrin advised that he can arrange installation and storage of existing banners.
- M. Burger and L. Yates have tentatively set June 21 from 6PM–8PM for a new resident get-together. More to follow.

9. Continued discussion of process for November 5, 2019 election:

- Having met with the Marion County Election Board Deputy Director, R. Parrin reported on his findings concerning the election of Town officials in the Fall. It was decided that a full ballot will be petitioned. Subsequently, R. Parrin received CAN-45 (Consent of Independent Candidate) and CAN-12 (Statement of Economic Interest) from each of the five Council incumbents as well as the same for Clerk-Treasurer for R. Parrin. A petition for nomination for office (CAN-44) will be circulated among Town registered voters to gain the minimum number of signatures required.

10. New business:

- M. Burger and L. Yates are working on an ADA compliance program as required by INDOT for State funded projects.
- Mo McReynolds, the Mayor's Neighborhood Advocate for Williams Creek, addressed the Council. Items covered included:
 - Town residents should consider registering with IMPD the location of home security cameras through CrimeReports.com. Cameras are not monitored nor is there a feed. The camera registration is only to provide local law enforcement another source in case they need to contact a homeowner about a crime in the area.
 - IMPD is currently surveying the use of body cameras within the department.
 - The IndyGo red line construction is on schedule. Town residents can learn more at indygored.com.

- Planning for the 2020 U.S. Census is underway. For the first time, residents will be able to provide census data online.

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

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:30 PM at Holly Hock Hill restaurant.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer.