

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, August 8, 2016  
Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Attendance:

Present:

Maureen Burger, Town Council President  
Matt Neff, Town Council Member  
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall  
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer  
Steve Moss, Town Council Member  
Lynn Yates, Town Attorney

Absent:

Michael Wernke, Town Council Member  
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member

Others present:

R. Dickinson    G. Scott  
B. Scott        B. Batt  
P. Hefner       B. Sandoe

Agenda and discussion:

1 . M. Burger called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with three council members present.

2. M. Burger asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 13, 2016. M. Neff pointed out a misstatement in item 5 on a motion to approve. All agreed. R. Parrin will correct minutes and repost on the Town web site. On a motion by S. Moss, seconded by M. Neff, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as rewritten.

3. R. Parrin reviewed the July 31, 2016 financial report. Cash balances are good and as expected.

He then reviewed the 2017 draft budget. Comments were made about the estimated levy increase and a line item added this year for a police car replacement. Effectively a purchase would come out of the Rainy Day Fund taking the yearend balance to about \$20k. He also mentioned that if the Town was to be awarded a matching grant from the State for road repair, the police car replacement this year should be postponed. The car has relatively low miles for its age and is in good condition. The Council agreed to publish the Budget as proposed with a public hearing Monday, September 12 and final adoption at the October 10 Council meeting.

5. A. Kasper advised about the recent home burglary in Meridian Hills. The suspect was identified and apprehended after video of the individual was posted. The July District 2 Crime map is attached.

6. R. Parrin briefed the Council on the status of the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program to secure funds for Town road repair. The application followed development of a transportation asset management plan by M. Wernke. He mentioned that it entailed a significant amount of work and made note of Michael's contribution.

It has since been submitted to LTAP and INDOT and will be the basis for projecting road funding in the future. R. Parrin mentioned that funds for the work to be matched would come from the Rainy Day Fund and wrote a letter committing the same to INDOT. There were over 1500 applications for these funds. Proposals are being scored by INDOT with results to be published within the next month.

While a minor repair has been made, significantly more work is needed to repair construction damage to Forest Blvd and the ROW from College to Morningside Dr. M. Burger will approach the owner about the required work.

7. A report by the Safety and Security committee was made. M. Neff stated that pricing for different camera systems runs from \$50k to \$230k. It is clear that the Town needs to define its needs and develop a technical specification accordingly. He suggested that the Town consider engaging an independent security consultant who does not represent equipment manufacturers. A. Kasper, M. Neff, G. Burger and M. Burger will move this forward.

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

S. Moss advised that he and other council members have been soliciting verifications and revisions to the listings in the Town directory. He and other members mentioned that even with several follow up calls; some residents have not confirmed their contact information. This is delaying the publication date; these residents are encouraged to respond promptly.

M. Burger confirmed that a developer request to connect Morningside Drive to 82<sup>nd</sup> street has been turned down by the City and action is being taken to permanently vacate this "paper" road.

M. Burger advised that the final hearing for the Williams Creek Manor LLC development of a private road and properties for the High Drive will be held 17Aug2016. The developer has agreed to a list of commitments for the property including limiting construction hours on Saturdays, no construction work on Sundays and agreeing to the Town's designated route through Town for all construction traffic.

The Council discussed the operation of golf carts on Town roads. A number of options were considered to control these vehicles. It was agreed that L. Yates will draft an ordinance to permit golf carts under specific conditions for consideration at the next Council meeting.

IMPD Officer Gerardo Becerra spoke to the Council about organizing a Town Crime Watch program (IMPD documents are attached to these minutes). The key to a successful program is serious and consistent involvement of the Town residents. A minimum of a 50% participation rate is required. M. Neff thanked Officer Becerra for his presentation and agreed that a program could be part of our overall security strategy. He will be in contact with Officer Becerra as we move forward.

9. A. Kasper mentioned that one of our deputies will be working with R. Parrin to migrate the Town's web site to a new host. This will allow the use of .gov email addresses by Town officials.

10. New business: P. Hefner advised that the traffic sign post at High and Willow Spring is tilted. R. Parrin said that our installer will be replacing the sign post this week at Forest and Sycamore that was damaged by a motorist and will have the contractor remount this sign post.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by S. Moss, seconded by M. Neff, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM at Holly Hock Hill restaurant for public comment about the published 2017 Budget. This will followed by a regular Council meeting on Monday, October 10 at 7:30 PM at Holly Hock Hill restaurant.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer