

TOWN COUNCIL – GENERAL MEETING
124 E. MICHIGAN STREET, NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA
JUNE 18, 2008, 7:00 P.M..

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice-President Colpitts, Council Member Mell, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Jill Doll, Cal Dittmar, Randy Rodriguez, Chris Covert, Bob Heflin, Brian Thompson, Barbara Conway, Ken Davis, Mary Ann Swope, Jason Quirk, Candie Drake, Marcy Kauffman, Pat Cummings, Jim Ford and Augie Mauer.

Minutes

Council Member Groves moved to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2008 General Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell, passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

President Higgins expressed appreciation to all of the officers for stepping up and getting everything taken care of in the Marshal's Department over these last few weeks.

Chris Covert

- The new radar trailer has arrived and is already in use.
- The old town hall demo is scheduled to begin on Monday. He has broken out the bids – structure, concrete, hvac and will serve as general contractor. Reports only one of five bids returned to date.

Discussion on use of the building followed with Roger stating that if the building is going to be for public use it would need to have architectural drawings/plans. Chris will research further.

- The department is running very smoothly.
- Cal recently made a DUI arrest on his bicycle.
- Presented a rough draft of the new SOP to the Council for review.

Pat Cummings

- Estimates demo of the old town hall to cost \$8,000 - \$10,000.
- Meeting with MACOG and the County Engineer on July 14th at 2:00 p.m. regarding the SR 2 and US 20 swap.
- Met with steering committee today. They will be using Valpo as a model when working on the zoning and subdivision portion of the master plan.

Roger stated that Area Plan has indicated to him a wish to see compatibility with South Bend and St. Joseph County on these ordinances.

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- Augie is beginning to get caught up and will be starting storm drain and culvert work in the next couple of weeks.

Roger Nawrot:

- Received positive comments from Tim Marker of INDOT on the Marvel Lane improvements.

Bob Middlebrook:

- Working with Bill Herrbach on trying to get a couple of properties in Town cleaned up.

Discussion followed concerning collection of ordinance violation fines. This is to be put on the agenda for the July 1st meeting.

Old Business:

Sidewalks

- Decision on a sidewalk program will be placed on hold.

New Business:

- Solid Waste District – Tabled as Steve Vojtko was unable to attend.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance #1197 – An Ordinance Regarding the Parks Department.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1197 in its entirety for the second reading.

President Higgins asked for public comment on Ordinance #1197. No public comment was offered.

Ordinance #1199 – An Ordinance Regarding Salaries of Town Employees

Council Member Gelow moved to waive the rules and pass Ordinance #1199. Council Member Mell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1199 in its entirety.

President Higgins requested individual votes on Ordinance #1199. President Higgins, Council Member Mell, Council Member Gelow and Council Member Groves voted aye. Council Member Colpitts abstained.

Council Reports:

President Higgins:

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- Would like to change the July meeting dates to July 1st and July 22nd. The Council unanimously agreed to these dates.
- Vision care goes into effect January 1, 2009 for town employees.
- Received a call concerning the look of the dugouts as it was promised that these would be finished nicely.

Council Member Groves stated that she spoke with Jeff Jurczak and it will be moving forward soon. President Higgins stated that she would like the shed finished by the Little League as well.

- Received a call concerning the Bales property on the west edge of Town.

Council Member Mell reports that he recently spoke with Mr. Bales who stated that the property is currently for sale.

Pat stated that he may be smoothing out dirt once the house is moved.

Vice President Colpitts that we must be realistic about this issue as times are hard and because the anchor store fell through Mr. Bales is trying to sell the property.

Roger stated that the spec homes Mr. Bales built must have final plats for the lots before transferring title to the villas.

John Gelow:

- The Area Plan Commission voted favorably for the Town's PUD Ordinance.
- Asked about restrictions for fireworks.

Chris reports that firework use is governed by state statute. He would have to review the statute but believes that times for usage are regulated throughout the year.

- Inquired about what would be done with the fire siren from the old town hall when demo begins.

Much discussion followed. Jason reports that the siren is currently hardwired into the building. President Higgins asked that Jason find the safest and most cost effective way for the siren to be moved. It was decided that the pole could be moved to a temporary pole next to the fire station until a permanent solution is found.

Vice President Colpitts:

- Presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement as he will be temporarily employed by the Town.

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Council Member Groves:

- The Summer Parks Program is going very well with an outstanding turnout of 100 plus children at each session.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

- Expressed a huge thank you to Chris Covert and Brian Thompson for all of the assistance with preparation, documentation and destruction of old records.

Vice President Colpitts moved to pay bills as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell, passed unanimously.

Council Member Gelow moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Mell the meeting was adjourned.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer