

TOWN COUNCIL – GENERAL MEETING
124 E. MICHIGAN STREET, NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA
AUGUST 12, 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, Bill Herrbach, Chris Covert Dale Woodcox, Brian Woodcox, Mark Woodcox, Dawn Cook, April Jones, Steve Vojtko, Brian Thompson, Randy Rodriguez, Jamie Middlebrook, Gio Stanisci, Mary Ann Swope, Bill Gumm, Jason Quirk, Bob Middlebrook, Amy Moore, Augie Mauer, Chris Antonucci, Andre Ratasepp, Joyce Ratasepp, Tim Kaminski, Jennifer Barnhill, Sandy Davis, Jim Ford and Jeff Jurczak.

Minutes

Council Member Mell moved to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2008 General Meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Colpitts and passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Chris Covert

- Construction on the new building is scheduled to begin next week with completion by September 30th.

Bill Herrbach stated that he should review all contracts prior to them being brought to the Council.

Bill Gumm

- Apologized for missing the August 2nd Intergovernmental Meeting.
- H & G will be doing permanent installation of the warning/fire siren as well as donating some of the materials for the installation.

Augie Mauer

- No report.

Vice President Colpitts asked if the sewer smell had been taken care of on West Ben Street. Augie stated that they still have a problem but he and Pat are working on it. They have ordered chemicals that should help with the issue.

Pat Cummings

- MACOG has requested that the State consider changing directional signage at Highways 2 & 20 as well as at the US 20 bypass.

President Higgins reports that Julie Vukovich was very instrumental in getting this issue addressed. It is hoped that these changes will cut down significantly on the truck traffic through Town.

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Bill Herrbach

- Has been completing the legal review for codification and feels there is much that needs to be updated, with some issues in conflict with state statute. Consolidation of all fines and fees into one reference section would be very helpful to all departments. He will meet with Vice President Colpitts, Chris Covert, Pat and Bill Gumm to go over the current code book.

Tim Kaminski

- Met with Tom Mahoney in preparation for the I/N Tek expansion scheduled to begin December 1st. Reports that they found a well they didn't know existed.
- Would like to look into fencing in the remaining area around the well field (approximately 1000 feet).

Old Business:

- Steve Vojtko, Solid Waste District

Distributed copies of the proposed contract with Borden that is still being fine tuned. This would be a 10 year contract for automated, solid stream pick-up. New containers would be distributed with options of 48, 64 and 96 gallon sizes being considered. Estimated return on recyclables is \$1.2 million to the District.

Also being considered is placing of bins in government offices, parks, etc.

President Higgins asked about holding a hazardous waste pick-up. Steve believes it would be possible with a minimal charge to the Town and will look into it and report back.

- Little League Lease Agreement

President Higgins asked that Section E be removed.

Jeff Jurczak had several sections he would like addressed including:

A – Currently 4 years but he recalls 25 years being discussed

D – Feels public use must be redefined. They will not keep restrooms open August, September and October.

H – Questions 60 day notice for termination of agreement.

J – Does not agree with this section.

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Jeff presented copies of an example of what they would like the agreement modeled after. Bill Herrbach will contact Little League Attorney Scott Keller.

Pat Cummings stated that the Little League wants this project completed this year. He met with the Little League and they want to demolish by August 22nd. President Higgins stated that nothing is to be done until the lease agreement is complete. Roger stated that demolition would be alright as long as the demolition permit is applied for. He will need a set of plans for review prior to any construction beginning.

New Business:

- Vendor Service Agreement – American Financial Credit Services

Bill Herrbach has reviewed and approved the agreement with American Financial Credit Services. This is a non-exclusive agreement to collect outstanding utility accounts.

Council Member Mell moved to accept the agreement. Seconded by Council Member Gelow the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance #1190 – An Ordinance regarding Sidewalk Cafes

Bill Herrbach stated that the amount of the Sidewalk Café permit fee needs to be added to page 2.

Council Member Gelow moved that the fee of \$25.00 be added, renewable yearly. Motion seconded by Vice President Colpitts and passed unanimously.

Council Member Gelow moved to adopt Ordinance #1190. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #1195 – An Ordinance regarding Planned Unit Developments

President Higgins read Ordinance #1195 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Ordinance #1195. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Resolution #08-08-12-01 – A Resolution regarding the Marshal's Department
SOP

President Higgins read Resolution #08-08-12-01 by caption only.

Vice President Colpitts moved to accept Resolution #08-08-12-01. Motion seconded by Council member Mell and passed unanimously.

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Resolution #08-08-12-02 – A Resolution to accept the Vendor Service Agreement with American Financial Credit Services.

President Higgins read Resolution #08-08-12-02 by caption only.

Vice President Colpitts moved to accept Resolution #08-08-12-02. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Council Reports:

Council Member Gelow

- Reports a house was found to have a septic system and not be hooked up to the Town's sewer system.

Vice President Colpitts

- Would like to see random drug testing become Town policy for all employees.

Augie stated that CDL drivers should be excluded from this as they are already subject to random testing.

President Higgins asked that this be placed on the August 26th agenda.

President Higgins

- There are several items that have been discussed in the past that need resolution such as: raising fees; codification; take home vehicle policy; cemetery expansion.

The Council set Thursday, August 21st at 4:00 pm for a work session.

Public Comment:

President Higgins stated that each person in attendance to speak about animal control would be taken in the order in which they arrived and given five minutes.

April Jones and Dawn Cook – April lives on Zigler Street and has had the police called to her residence by neighbors several times since moving in. She doesn't want the dogs stereotyped as bad dogs because they are pit bulls. She wanted the Council to know that her dogs do not run, are registered with the Town and have all of their shots. She stated that there are, however, other dogs on the street that do run and she has had them in her yard.

Sandy Davis – Presented pictures of the neighbors' dog going through the fence into her yard. She stated that the Jones' are very nice people and said that they would fix her fence but the dog barked for three hours today. The dog was leashed when it came through the fence. The police were called and the Jones' moved the tether for the dogs away from the fence.

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Amy Moore – She did stereotype the dogs at first but has been to their home and the dogs were fine.

Jennifer Barnhill –Stated she was ok with the dog until it came through the fence.

Chris Covert reports that he and Bob Middlebrook have discussed this issue.

President Higgins stated that if other dogs are running loose the owners should be cited. She also wanted to clear up a misconception that the residents of Zigler Street are not treated fairly by our Marshal's Department. She is on Zigler Street frequently and sees the police department patrolling often.

Steve Vojtko – Was here to drop off items and feels that the lawn of the Town Hall looks bad. Council Member Groves stated that they will be working on landscape ideas soon.

Joyce Ratasepp – Asked if there was something that could be done about the weeds on the South Shore property. Sue stated that a letter would be sent to NICTD.

Council Member Mell moved to pay all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Colpitts and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer