

October 7, 2014

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council President Rick Ryfa called the October 7, 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Larry Ballah
Glen Gaby
Rick Ryfa
Pat Schaadt
Stan Dobosz

ALSO ATTENDING:

George Jerome - Clerk Treasurer
Greg Mance – Chief of Police
Roy Schoon – Fire Chief
Rick Konopasek – Public Works Director
Bob Schwerd – Attorney for the Town

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to adopt the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting as presented, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

1. Claims No. 2965 – 3140 in the amount of \$1,549,716.99 (one million, five hundred forty-nine thousand, seven hundred sixteen dollars and ninety-nine cents) were presented for payment. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to accept the claims as presented, second by Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. There will be a council study session on Tuesday October 14th at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next council meeting will be Tuesday October 21st at 7:00 p.m. A study session will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting and one will follow if necessary.
3. The Budget will be adopted at the Council meeting on Tuesday October 21st at 7:00 p.m.
4. Oktoberfest will be celebrated in Central Park, October 17th and 18th
5. The last Central Market of 2014 is scheduled for Friday October 10th
6. The Fire Department Open House will take place Sunday, October 12th from noon to 4:00 p.m. at North Station.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thomas Smith regarding his son, Cpl Christian Smith, USMC

REPORTS:

1. NIRPC – No Report
2. Director of Public Works – No Report
 - a. Ron Wiedeman from Robinson Engineering provided a brief overview of current road work
3. Police – No Report
4. Fire – No Report
5. Pending Items - None

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Council Member Glen Gaby moved to approve Ordinance 2014-37: An Ordinance Regarding the Removal of Diseased, Dead and Damaged Trees in Parkways, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
 - b. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to approve Ordinance 2014-40: An Ordinance Regarding Demolition and Wrecking of Structures, second by Council member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Arbogast Bridge Replacement Change Order #1 in the amount of \$29,400, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED – Council Member Larry Ballah abstained.
- b. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to authorize Council President Ryfa and Clerk Treasurer Jerome to sign an agreement granting NIPSCO an easement for a gas line adjacent to the Arbogast Bridge, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- c. Council Member Stan Dobosz moved to approve the replacement of the water main on the 200 block of N Glenwood, second by Council Member Pat Schaadt. MOTION CARRIED
- d. Council Member Pat Schaadt moved to approve Avenue H Change Order #1 granting a 13-day time extension with no increase in cost, second Council Member Glen Gaby. MOTION CARRIED
- e. Council Member Larry Ballah moved to authorize B&D Sewer to complete Storm Sewer work at the alley W of Jay St along Columbia, second by Council Member Stan Dobosz. MOTION CARRIED
- f. Council Member Rick Ryfa opened the Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget at 7:23 p.m.
 - i. Clerk Treasurer presented a summary of the budget and stated that the detailed information was available for review.
 - ii. Jim Masters, 405 Canterbury asked if the budget contained plans to spend the \$87,000 from Enbridge to improve South Park
 - iii. Art Sawyer, 740 N Ernest asked if funds would be available to remove diseased trees
 - iv. The Public Hearing was closed 7:38 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

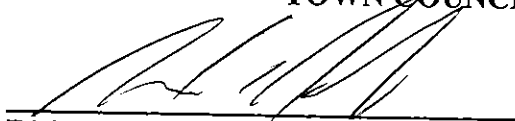
1. Board of Public Works
 - a. There was no business for the Board of Public Works

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Art Sawyer, 740 N Ernest complained about the paving in his alley
- David Thompson, 247 N Indiana asked about Griffith athletics
- Jim Masters, 405 Canterbury asked if any consideration had been given to updating the traffic signals at Main and Broad to allow right turn on red.
- Donna Hofsommer, 619 N Wheeler asked about paving progress in her area


There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p. m.

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Rick Ryfa, President

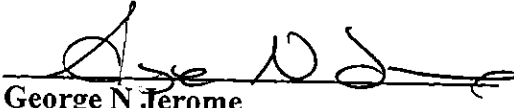

Glen Gaby


Larry Ballah


Patricia Schaadt


Stan Dobosz

Attest:


George N Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer