SOUTH WHITLEY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

118 E FRONT STREET

SOUTH WHITLEY, IN 46787

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

4:30 PM

The South Whitley Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the Town Hall

Board Room at 4:30 p.m. Those present were President Les Hoffman, Vice President Randy Cokl, Councilman Brock Waterson, Attorney Gregg Hockemeyer, Town Marshal Mikel Vandevender, Utilities Supervisor Kent Slater and Clerk-Treasurer Pamela Hoffman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC HEARING VACATION OF PUBLC WAY APPROVAL Ordinance 09-08-2020-01, Motion to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

 PUBLIC HEARING 2021 BUDGET Clerk Treasurer presented Budget to Council and Public. There were no questions regarding the budget. Adoption of the budget will be held at the next council meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

 BID PROPOSALS FOR 206 S STATE ST – One bid was submitted for $1,500.00 by BMJ, INC., stating to spend approx. $18.070.00 to complete building in less than 48 weeks. On lower level lst phase would be coffee roasting operation, 2nd phase a donut/bakery and 3rd phase bakery. On upper level Phase 1 CNC operation, Phase 2 Laser engraver and phase 3 youth area. Motion to approve bid was made by Councilman Waterson and seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

 AM VETS Sewage Adjustment $398.43 – Jim Howard presented stating they removed their Water Softener and bypassed for now. Motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

 MOYER CORNER CAFÉ Sewage Adjustment $1,080.54 – Tanner Moyer appeared and has fixed leaky toilet in apartment. Motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS – DONOHUE – Paul Elling APPROVAL for Pay Request #22, $38,133.00, motion made to approve by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote of 3-0. Asked to check on Change order #4 that was approved 8.25.2020 meeting. Paul will have proposal for 1) Sludge pump replacement 2) Washington Ct Lift Station 3) Rain Gauge for North of town and insulation into pump bldg. 4)WW install modem for Cell # to send singular text for alarms at wastewater plant.

 DLZ – No Approval for E & B PAVING AGREEMENT since no PO received from INDOT. Will call a special meeting when we receive the PO to approve and sign the agreement.

 APPROVAL FOR COVENANT TO HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT – HAZEN PROPERTY – lawsuit pending so closing company will not close unless we approve and sign this agreement. Motion made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT – Joe Erion asking about an easement 5’ on his property and neighbors. Would like to have this for his property. Told he would need to talk with neighbor and then petition to vacate for easement right. Stan Frantz of S & S Construction appeared asking to be paid for his facade work on 204 S State St for $12,724.00. There was question as to what town’s liability was to pay this since the contract for the building purchased by Tanner Moyer was “as is”. The Phase 2 work on this building was approved in November 2019, prior to Tanner Moyer purchasing the property in March 2020. Motion was made to pay S & S Construction $12,724.00, by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 2-0, Councilman Hoffman abstained. It was agreed to table the issue of who was responsible for this invoice until next meeting. Karen Jordan thanked the Board for the use of the Board Room for her Grandson’s military commission ceremony in June.

PARK BOARD – Dave Warner attended and said the were removing bushes in park at telephone pole across the street from gas tank. Pickleball is very popular, adding 2 more courts. Next year plan to cover and paint, seal courts. Tennis court lights/timer are working now. Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm beginner class for pickleball and Thursday nights at 7:00 pm Competitive Playing.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

TOWN MARSHAL – MIKEL VANDEVENDER – Marshal Vandevender stated Brent Hull’s last day of employment will be September 12th, 2020. He asked for approval to hire a 4th officer for replacement, motion made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0. Halloween hours were addressed to see if we still wanted to proceed with trick or treating in town. Motion made by Councilman Waterson to set hours for trick or treating for Saturday, October 31, from 5-8 pm, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR – KENT SLATER – Kent Slater stated still waiting for PO from INDOT to proceed with CC paving project. Wastewater plant is up and running, storm last night handled well. Alex Sturgess if set up for a 6 week WW course, taking exam at Ivy Tech following completion of class.

TOWN ATTORNEY – GREGG HOCKEMEYER -nothing to bring to board

CLERK TREASURER – PAMELA HOFFMAN, Clerk-Treasurer asked Board if possible to switch October 13th Board meeting to Tuesday October 6, at 3:30pm worksession and 4:30 general meeting, since she and Les would be on vacation. Councilman Cokl made motion to change to October 6 and seconded by Councilman Waterson, motion carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR AUGUST 25th, 2020 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

APPROVAL for PREPAID APV’S TOTALING $ 22, 120.52 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Cokl, seconded by Councilman Waterson, carried by vote 3-0.

APPROVAL for APV’S TOTALING $3,301.83 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING AUGUST 24th, 2020, TOTALING $7,578.87 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL for PAYROLL WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020, TOTALING $7,881.11 were presented to council, approved and signed. Motion to approve made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by vote of 3-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING at 5:49 p.m., motion to adjourn made by Councilman Waterson, seconded by Councilman Cokl, carried by a vote of 3-0.

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PRESIDENT, LES HOFFMAN

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VICE PRESIDENT, RANDY COKL

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 CLERK TREASURER PAMELA HOFFMAN

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COUNCILMAN, BROCK WATERSON