

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 11, 2015

ROBERT ZEHR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00PM
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION BY ROGER FORD

ROBERT ZEHR READ THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM CHRIS HADLEY. AS OF MAY 2, 2015, HE IS NO LONGER A RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF WHITELAND.

PRESENT: ROBERT ZEHR, ROGER FORD, S. ED TICHENOR, AND KENT BEESON

OTHERS PRESENT: MICHELLE R. RICHARDS-CLERK/TREASURER, NORM GABEHART-TOWN MANAGER, RICK SHIPP-TOWN MARSHAL, NATHAN BILGER-PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR, RUSTY SNYDER-PLANT SUPT., JASON CLAYMAN-WATER SUPT., AND STEPHEN WATSON-TOWN ATTORNEY.

S. ED TICHENOR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2015. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

ROBERT ZEHR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHER PACKET 15-5. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 3-0-1 TICHENOR ABSTAINED.

MICHELLE R. RICHARDS REVIEWED FINANCIAL REPORTS. THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2015 IS \$50,376.20. THE SEWER OPERATING FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 2015 IS \$32,397.60

NORM GABEHART DISCUSSED PROPERTY TAX CIRCUIT BREAKERS AND COMPARED WHITELAND TO SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES WITHIN JOHNSON COUNTY. HE ALSO DISCUSSED DEBT, BUDGETS, AND TAX RATES. NORM COMPARED THE TOWN OF WHITELAND TO OTHER COMMUNITIES WITHIN JOHNSON COUNTY TO SHOW THE AMOUNT OF UTILITY AND TAX DEBT AND EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE.

BZA APPOINTMENT TERM ENDING 12-31-16: THE COUNCIL REVIEWED SEVEN LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE BZA POSITION. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT STEPHANIE SLONE WITH TERM ENDING 1-31-16. ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NORM GABEHART GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE GRAVES BROTHERS WWTP PROJECT AND THE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED CHANGER ORDER. THE NEW TOTAL PROJECT COST IS \$886,243.58 (\$23,665.42 LESS THAN ORIGINAL COST). ESTIMATED AVAILABLE BOND PROCEEDS UPON COMPLETION OF ALL COMMITMENTS AT PLANT UNDER CURRENT CONTRACT IS \$270,963.98.

KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGER ORDER #4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,465.06 FOR CLEANING OF WEST OXIDATION DITCH. ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NORM GABEHART PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION: TOTAL AMOUNT OF RETAINAGE BEING HELD IS \$88,624.36. GRAVES PLUMBING REQUESTS TO RELEASE \$63,824.36 AND RETAIN \$24,800.00. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO RELEASE \$63,824.36 TO GRAVES PLUMBING CO., INC. ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NORM GABEHART PRESENTED PAY REQUEST FROM WESSLER ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,367.34. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAY REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,367.34 TO WESSLER ENGINEERING. ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NORM GABEHART EXPLAINED THE NEED TO UPGRADE THE UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE. THE NEW SYSTEM FEATURES WOULD IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE, GET WHITELAND UP TO DATE REPORTS, BETTER REPORTING, ETC. NORM ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL TO SPEND NO MORE THAN

\$15,000.00 FOR SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE UPGRADES. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST. ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NATHAN BILGER INTRODUCED ORDINANCE 2015-01, AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL MATCH LOCAL ORDINANCES WITH THE AUTHORITY TO BE ENFORCED BY THE JOHNSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS. CHANGES PROPOSED TO SECTION 91.03©. FIRST READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE MEETING.

NATHAN BILGER THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THE BZA APPOINTMENT. THE BZA WILL HAVE A MEETING ON JUNE 4TH.

NATHAN STATED THERE WERE SIX PERMITS IN APRIL CONSISTING OF, 1 COMMERCIAL-BAILEY AND WOODS, 1 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING- BRUNNEMER RIDGE, A CELL TOWER CO-LOCATION, AND 3 MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS.

5 INSPECTIONS WERE COMPLETE AND 1 NUISANCE VIOLATION REPORTED.

NATHAN STATED THE US 31 DETAILED PLAN WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER DATE.

TERRY BRIGHT-LAND OWNER SOUTH OF TRUCK STOPS IS CLEARING PROPERTY.

THE I65 PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START BETWEEN WHITELAND ROAD/WORTHVILLE ROAD JUNE 1 AND COMPLETED BY DECEMBER. SECTIONS NORTH AND SOUTH WOULD BE DONE IN 2016.

MR. D'S- MEETING SCHEDULED WITH ENGINEER WITH POTENTIAL PURCHASER.

THE TOWN HELD A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY IN APRIL AND LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE.

DR. FISHER STATED ALL COMMENTS ARE POSITIVE WITH HIS NEW DIGITAL SIGN AND BUSINESS HAS INCREASED. THIS IS THE FIRST DIGITAL SIGN UNDER NEW TOWN CODE.

RICK SHIPP- APRIL: 300 RUNS, RESERVES WORKED 138.5 HOURS

BRIAN SMITH FINISHES TRAINING THE FIRST OF JULY.

THE OFFICERS COMPLETED TRAINING ON NARCAN BAGS AND HAD 2 SAVES

TYLER CROY IS ATTENDING SPILLMAN CERTIFICATION CLASSES.

THE LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE WAS HELD LAST SATURDAY WITH NO REPORTS OF INJURY OR COMPLAINTS.

GREENWOOD HAD A HOUSE INVASION-RICK WANTS TO PUT ON A TRAINING/SELF DEFENSE CLASS FOR THE PUBLIC.

RUSTY SNYDER-STEVE AND RUSTY WORKING WITH HAZEN AND SAWYER ON THE WWTP PROJECT.
BUDDY IS CUTTING GRASS IN TOWN.

JASON CLAYMAN – THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON WATER LEAKS, VALVE REPLACEMENTS, AND INSTALLED NEW SERVICE AT BRUNNEMER RIDGE.

THE CCR REPORT WILL BE MAILED BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

JASON IS WORKING TO GET QUOTES TO GET WATER TO EAST END OF WHITELAND.

NORM AND JASON DO NOT THINK THEY CAN GET THE SERVICE LINE HOOKED UP BY THE INDIANA-AMERICAN WATER DEADLINE OF JUNE 1ST TO AVOID THE \$60,000.00 FEE.

JASON STATED WATER USAGE FELL IN APRIL AGAIN COMPARED TO LAS YEAR.

NORM GABEHART-TOWN MANAGER

PEARL STREET BIDS: \$175,000.00 WAS THE LOWEST. THE STORM BOARD PURSUED QUOTES FOR BORING.

BORING QUOTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STORM WATER BOARD WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

STREET DEPT. – WORKING ON PIPE ACROSS TOWN HALL.

LIMB/STICK PICK UP WILL BE MAY 18TH – 22ND.

NORM PRESENTED PROPOSED NEW TOWN LOGO. KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO ADOPT AS THE OFFICIAL TOWN LOGO. ROBERT ZEHR SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SCOT FORD, 17 HILLSIDE COURT: WANTS TO KNOW THE PROCEDURE TO REPLACE CHRIS HADLEY. STEPHEN WATSON STATED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL HANDLE THE REPLACEMENT. THE TOWN COUNCIL DOES NOT HANDLE THIS.
THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12PM

PASSED BY THE TOWN OF WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

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ATTEST:

MICHELLE R. RICHARDS, IAMC, CMC