

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

JUNE 8, 2015

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

INVOCATION BY ROGER FORD

NORM GABEHART INTRODUCED JAMES KLENNER, THE NEWEST COUNCIL MEMBER

PRESENT: ROBERT ZEHR, ROGER FORD, JAMES KLENNER, AND KENT BEESON

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

ABSENT: S. ED TICHENOR

KENT BEESON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2015. ROGER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 3-0-1 KLENNER ABSTAINED.

ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHER PACKET 15-6. ROBERT ZEHR SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 3-0-1 KLENNER ABSTAINED.

NORM GABEHART PRESENTED PAY REQUEST #8 FROM GRAVES BROS. FOR THE WWTP PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,914.05. TOTAL PAID TO DATE \$791,800.67. RETAINAGE AMOUNT \$87,977.85.

NORM TOLD THE COUNCIL THE EAST OXIDATION DITCH FLOODED THE PLANT LAB. THE EAST OXIDATION DITCH WAS SHUT DOWN AND THE PIPE WAS TELEVISED TO DETERMINE IF THE PIPE MAY HAVE A HOLE. IF THIS IS THE TOWN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REPAIR, THE ESTIMATED COST IS \$15,000.00. ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN APPROPRIATE PAPER WORK. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

ORDINANCE 2015-01, AMENDED ANIMAL CONTROL CODE, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING WAS PRESENTED BY NATHAN BILGER. NATHAN REVIEWED THE PROPOSED CHANGES. ROGER FORD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

NORM GABEHART ASKED FOR APPROVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,038.64 FOR WESSLER ENGINEERING WWTP INSPECTION AND TESTING.

NATHAN BILGER INTRODUCED ORDINANCE 2015-02, AMENDED TRAFFIC CODE SCHEDULE. THE FIRE DEPT. REQUESTED NO PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF STATE STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND THE ALLEY. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THE FIRE TRUCK THROUGH THIS AREA. KENT SUGGESTS EXTENDING THE NO PARKING TO PARIS LANE. NATHAN WILL BRING FURTHER INFORMATION TO NEXT MEETING.

NATHAN BILGER PRESENTED THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT. THERE WERE 14 BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN MAY, 4 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, 2 ABOVE GROUND, 2 IN-GROUND POOLS, 1 RESIDENTIAL REMODEL, AND 5 MISC. PERMITS (FENCE, TEMP USE, ETC.). VIOLATION COMPLAINTS IN MAY TOTALED 13 TALL GRASS, APPROX. 1/3 WERE VACANT HOMES, 1 TALL GRASS + TRASH, AND 1 ANIMAL COMPLAINT (GOATS). NATHAN THANKED ANIMAL CONTROL FOR THEIR HELP. PENDING: MEETING WITH PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF MR. D'S – NATIONAL COMPANY, WHICH WOULD SPLIT THE LOT INTO 2. THIS WOULD NOT START CONSTRUCTION UNTIL SPRING. ANOTHER

POTENTIAL PURCHASER IS INTERESTED IN THE FRONTAGE OF THE MASCHMEYER PROPERTY. COMPLIMENTS ON TERRY BRIGHT PROPERTY CLEAN-UP ALONG WHITELAND ROAD. THE NEW LETTERHEAD IS IN PROGRESS WITH NEW LOGO.

RICK SHIPP –TOWN MARSHAL REPORTED ON THE BREAK-IN AT THE BREWHOUSE LIQUOR STORE AND WHITELAND POLICE MADE AN EXPEDITED ARREST. A CAR BREAK-IN IN THE SPRINGHILL ADDITION WAS BROUGHT TO CLOSURE BY SGT. COX WHO MADE AN ARREST WHICH SOLVED OTHER OUTSTANDING CRIMES OF A SIMILAR NATURE EVEN BEYOND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF WHITELAND. A GUN FOUND IN AN AREA NEAR WHITELAND HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY WAS SUSPECTED TO BE DISPOSED OF BY A SUBJECT DURING AN OBSERVATION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. SGT. COX RESPONDED TO A HIT AND RUN AT US 31 & TRACY, THROUGH HIS OBSERVATION AND INVESTIGATION HE DETERMINED A SUSPECT WAS IN A NEAR BY RESIDENTIAL AREA. AFTER CONFERENCE WITH A JUDGE OF HIS REASONABLE SUSPICION HE WAS ISSUED A SEARCH WARRANT AND DURING THE COURSE OF HIS SEARCH WARRANT HE FOUND THE SUSPECTED VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE HIT AND RUN AND APPREHENSION AND ARREST WAS MADE. JUDGE GREGORY REACHED OUT WITH A PHONE CALL TO COMMENT AND COMMEND SGT. COX ON THE THOROUGHNESS OF A PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT FOR A CASE SUBMITTED IN A GREENWOOD COURT. RESERVE OFFICERS CARRIED 169 ½ HOURS OF POLICE DUTY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. NEW CARS AND TRUCKS ARE IN AND ISSUED TO OFFICERS. EXTRA RESERVE CARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS IN LIEU OF THE ADDITIONAL NEW VEHICLES. THE POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT APPLIED AND RECEIVED A GRANT FOR ONE OF TWO NEEDED E-TICKET MACHINES. CHIEF ALSO REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY A TOTAL OF 31 POLICE RUNS WERE MADE TO THE TRUCK STOPS AREA. STATUS: OFFICER BRIAN SMITH IS AT THE POLICE ACADEMY AND IS DOING WELL.

RUSTY SNYDER – WWTP SUPT., WORKING ON PUNCH LIST WITH GRAVES. WESSLER HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING HAZEN AND SAWYER'S MOST RECENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS. STARTING A NEW DITCH AND HAZEN AND SAWYER IS WORKING WITH THE PLANT AND WILL DO TRAINING. RUSTY ALSO REVIEWED THE SUMMARY OF WATER PURCHASED AND WASTEWATER TREATED.

JASON CLAYMAN-WATER DEPT. WATER USAGE IS DOWN BUT ON THE RISE COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. JASON COMMENTED ON HOW SATISFIED HE WAS WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CURRENT TWO WATER LABORERS JOHN COLLINS AND CODY BROWN. JASON CLAYMAN'S LAST DAY OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WHITELAND WILL BE JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>. JASON WILL HELP WITH FINDING A REPLACEMENT AND HELP WITH TRAINING. JASON EXPRESSED HE WILL MISS HIS JOB AND THE TOWN.

NORM GABEHART-TOWN MANAGER COMPLIMENTED JASON CLAYMAN ON HIS COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE TOWN DURING HIS TENURE OF 9 YEARS. JOHNSON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SUBMITTED A CONTRACT TO RENEW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR THE YEAR OF 2015 AND NORM FEELS THEY ARE A GREAT ASSET FOR OUR OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ROGER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE 1 YEAR CONTRACT. KENT BEESON SECONDED THE MOTION AND PASSED 4-0.

A POTENTIAL SENIOR LIVING DEVELOPMENT ASKED FOR THE CONSIDERATION FOR THE TOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR A MARKET STUDY ANALYSIS. THE TOWN MANAGER DENIED THIS CONSIDERATION AS PROPOSED AND HAS RECEIVED FURTHER EMAILS FROM THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE POSSIBILITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF A LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SECTION OF PROPERTY IN AN AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS VILLAGES OF BRIAR HILL. IT WAS STATED THAT LIKELIHOOD OF EARNEST MONEY TOWARDS THE PURCHASE WOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN 10-12 DAYS.

NORM INTRODUCED RYAN HADDAN FROM EDWARD JONES TO DISCUSS SOLICITATION PERMIT APPLICATION DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS. AFTER DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT APPLICATION CRITERIA, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN TO AMEND THE CURRENT CRITERIA OF SET APPLICATION.

PUBLIC COMMENT: DEB HENDRICKSON 330 BRIARHILL DRIVE SUGGESTED THAT IF ANIMAL CONTROL IS SERVING OUR COMPLAINTS, RESIDENTS CAN CALL ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTLY FOR FASTER SERVICE.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33PM

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

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ATTEST:

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MICHELLE R. RICHARDS, IAMC, CMC