

Whiteland Town Council Meeting
March 14, 2016

Kent Beeson Called the meeting to order at 8:01pm.

Present: Kent Beeson, James Klenner, Andy Brock, Scot Ford, David Hawkins

Others present: Norm Gabehart-Town Manager, Steve Burden-Wastewater Supt., Dan Cartwright-Community Development, Rick Shipp-Town Marshal, Debra L. Hendrickson-Clerk Treasurer, William Barrett-attorney

Scot Ford requested Mr.D's status be added to the Old Business.

Scot Ford made a motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2016 meeting. David Hawkins seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

David Hawkins made a motion to accept Voucher Packet 16-02. Scot Ford seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Debra Hendrickson read the financial report.

Norm Gabehart reported on the 1st reading of the Amended 2016-01 Salary Ordinance. Scot Ford made a motion to accept the 1st reading. David Hawkins seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. Second reading will be at the next Council Meeting.

Old business:

- Scot Ford asked if the fuel tank removal in the rear of the property of the old Mr. D's would delay the progress of the new construction. The answer was no.

New business:

- The Council was asked to approve the Bonds for the Redevelopment Commission members. David Hawkins made a motion to approve the bonds. Scot Ford seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.
- Trent Newport of Crossroads Engineers reported the Roundabout project was moving forward. It was delayed last year due to other construction in the surrounding areas. There will be a road closure with maps and descriptions following utility relocations 1 -2 weeks prior to closure and signs will be posted.
- Ryan Hadden with Edward Jones announced on Community Day, September 24, 2016, he would like for the Whiteland Town Council to participate in an Olympics competition against New Whiteland Town Council. The Council agreed to participate.
- Councilman Scot Ford, whom works with Your Automatic Door Company, reported he has a possibility to do business with the Town of Whiteland and wanted to file a Conflict of Interest form. He has a non-compete clause he has to honor until April 10, 2016. James Klenner made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest form. Andy Brock seconded the motion. Passed 4-0 with Scot Ford recused from the vote.
- Scot Ford stated the emergency sirens could not be heard in the Park Forest/Brunnemer area. He wants to make a recommendation to ask Public Safety on how to improve the situation.

Chief Shipp had a meeting with the New Whiteland Fire Department Chief about looking into a grant to help fund the improvement.

Department Head Reports:

- Rick Shipp – Chief of Police
 - 242 total runs for the month of February, down a little from January.
 - 26 hours and 32 runs to the Truck Stop, which is 8 runs down
 - Reserve hours – 126
 - Positive feedback was received from the new officer program at the High School.
- Steve Burden – Wastewater Supt.
 - Plant is operating in the upper 90%.
 - No breakdowns and doing great
- Norm Gabehart – Town Manager
 - State of the Town Address will be on April 8 at 10:30 at the Admin Building
 - Recognized Steve Burden for stepping up where needed and helping a resident
 - Rusty Snyder was absent – MS4 Coordinator/Building Commissioner. He is working on code enforcement issues and trying to settle any conflicts.
 - Otto Lewis Memorial Service Week has been created with a banquet dinner to be held on June 24, 2016 to recognize citizens who are recommended. Looking for candidates
 - A possibility of helping New Whiteland with the limb pick up program.
- Dan Cartwright – Community Development
 - No new projects at this moment
 - Talking to developers about the land in our area
 - Sign replacement contracts will begin in a few days.
 - Planning Commission to meet pertaining to Millstone Subdivision
 - No new news on the Assisted Living Project

Public Comment:

- Whiteland resident that rescues Husky dogs wanted it to be known that the dogs are not wolves though they look very similar. She gifted the Town of Whiteland with a framed picture to hang of her rescue dogs.
- Residents of Millstone stated their concerns and frustrations of warranty issues not being dealt with and other items on the quality of Arbor Homes that they currently live in. They are strongly against construction of future homes with this builder in Millstone or the Town of Whiteland.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm