

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
June 13, 2017

Council members present

Kent Beeson	
President	<u> x </u>
James Klenner	
Vice President	<u> x </u>
Scot Ford	
Member	<u> x </u>
Andy Brock	
Member	<u> x </u>
David Hawkins	
Member	<u> x </u>

Other town officials present

Debra L. Hendrickson	
Clerk-Treasurer	<u> x </u>
Norm Gabehart	
Town Manager	<u> x </u>
Joe Csikos	
Planning & Zoning Director	<u> x </u>
Rick Shipp	
Town Marshal	<u> x </u>
Steve Burden	
WWTP Superintendent	<u> x </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> x </u>

Call to order

Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Roll call

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from the June 1, 2017 meeting. Hawkins made a motion to approve the 6/01/17 minutes. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0-2 with Klenner and Ford abstaining.

Minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting. Ford made a motion to approve the 5/09/17 minutes. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

Voucher Packet 06-13-17. Klenner made a motion to accept the Voucher Packet 06-13-17. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

Financial Reports – Hendrickson gave a report on any quarterly payments that were made. The Town made the final lift station alarm payment of \$8396. Nothing out of the ordinary occurred. Gabehart stated we are waiting on our June settlements.

Old business –

- Ordinance 2017-03: Additional Appropriation to the General Fund 1st reading
 - Gabehart summarized from last month’s meeting the effort to bring in two more police officers. We employed the first officer last year and employed the second officer a few months earlier. He also stated at the July meeting there would be a public hearing. Hawkins made a motion to approve the 1st reading of the Ordinance 2017-03. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- Ordinance 2017-04: Amending Ordinance 2016-07 – Salary Ordinance 1st reading
 - Gabehart stated due to the delay in fulfilling a position for a water/sewer laborer, the Town could fund other positions in the budget. He also stated the need to add a Part-time Admin Assistant to the Town Manager, and additional Part-time financial office assistant. Carmen Parker will be selected to assist the Town Manager if the Council so approves. Klenner inquired what the Water Superintendent had to do to obtain his license. Gabbard replied depending on when the paperwork will be finished, probably sometime in July.

Recess – 5 minutes

New Business

- Conflict of Interest Disclosures
 - Carmen Parker – Possible administrative assistant sells merchandise for 185 Promotions and Apparel and could provide items to the Town in the future.
 - Tyler Croy – a Police officer for the Town of Whiteland and who owns TXC Solutions LLC and could perform technological services for the Town and could perform work in the future.

Hawkins made a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Disclosures for Carmen Parker and Tyler Croy. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

- Consideration agreement between the Town of Whiteland and the Whiteland Volunteer Fire Dept. Corporation
 - Gabehart summarized back in November of 2016 the Fire District Advisory Board approached the Town to consider a merger to provide a better public safety. The Town researched the financials and found a debt by the Volunteer Fire Dept. that was incurred by the Volunteers. Negotiations are ongoing to resolve some of the debt prior to the merger. The foremost priority is to get personnel on the engines which is difficult since there is almost no one in the firehouse during the day due to it being volunteer. We would like to see paid standby which is a loud by State statute. Our efforts will be to see the contract money to pay for the paid standbys. The selection for the Chief will be delayed because we cannot advertise for the Chief with financials are unknown. There will be interim Chief in place as soon as possible. This merger will have a resolution and that will be forwarded to DLGF with a document from both entities and it will then be put on a ballot for the voters. The Town will have oversight of the administration. The Fire District Advisory Board passed a resolution last year and the Volunteer Corporation agreed. Ford inquired if there was any idea of how much a paid standby would receive. Gabehart could not answer at this time. Watson stated that the agreement should clarify the first page, section 2a the Town is not expending its own funds. Hawkins made a motion that the Council agree to give the Town Manager authority to execute negotiation agreement. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Department Heads Reports

Rick Shipp – Town Marshal

- For the month of May 330 runs and 49 of them to the Annex. 29 hours 53 minutes at the annex area. Reserve hours were 110 for May.
- Reserves stepped up to fill slots with an officer in the Academy and one off for surgery.
- Officer Brian Smith assisted with apprehension on two armed robbers.

- Officer Tyler made a Narcan save.
- Officer Jason Beck is graduating with honors and voted Vice President of the class. He also designed a token with was voted as the one the Academy wanted to use.
- Appreciates the Council for allowing the Town to hire the officers.
- The new bulletproof vests were received.

Steve Burden – Wastewater Supt.

- May incurred a lot of rain but did peak on capacity but everything went good and with upper 90's on efficiency.

Dave Gabbard – Water Department

- Since starting in the water department in January there were issues with lack of maintenance. There were two repairs with a shut off valve resulting in a loss over 200,000 gallons of water not being able to bill for. Requesting to purchase a piece of equipment called a Vac trailer with a valve exerciser on it. Received three quotes. Approximate cost is \$49250.00 for the one Gabbard is recommending. Hawkins inquired how critical is the piece of equipment. Gabbard there are over 250 valves in town that are recorded. It is almost impossible to find. The Sewer Dept will be able to use this item also. Ford asked if it is required to have a license to operate this piece of equipment. Gabbard stated no. The Vac trailer will be funded in the next year. Beeson stated he does not want it to bind us to finance the Vac trailer if we have the funds to pay it outright. Ford made a motion to purchase the Vac trailer for \$49,250 and the funding mechanism to be determined later. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Joe Csikos – Planning Director

- Requesting the Council to review some of the design standards. There are two homes in Millstone requesting to widen the driveways to equal to the garage width. Csikos will bring the amended resolution next meeting. Ford made a motion to permit the two lots to allow the driveways to equal the garage. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Norm Gabehart – Town Manager

- The Johnson County Community Foundation designated the location for a mural on the east side of the Crystal Graphics building on June 24, 2017
- State of the Town Address with the Otto Lewis Memorial Dinner on June 23, 2017.
- State House Bill 1002 on road funding will be an increase more. For towns that have less than 10,000 population would qualify for a 75/25% match on funds instead of 50/50%. An inventory list was created and possibly can possibly come up with a target \$1,000,000 worth of road projects for paving.
- There will be railroad closures for repairs. Once it is completed they will come back and repair the pavement.

Debra L. Hendrickson - Clerk Treasurer

- Nothing new to report.

Council comment – follow up on the Conflict of Interest that statute that the person who files cannot make the purchase from their own company.

Public comment – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day _____ of _____, 2016

Aye

Nay

Kent Beeson

Kent Beeson

James Klenner

James Klenner

Scot Ford

Scot Ford

Shawn A. Brock

Shawn A. Brock

David Hawkins

David Hawkins

Attest:

Debra L. Hendrickson