

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
December 12, 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

Julia Meece	
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	<u>X</u>
Norm Gabehart	
Town Manager	<u>X</u>
Joe Csikos	
Planning & Zoning Director	<u> </u>
Rick Shipp	
Town Marshal	<u>X</u>
Steve Burden	
WWTP Superintendent	<u>X</u>
Eric Funkhouser	
Fire Chief	<u>X</u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u>X</u>

Call to order

- K. Beeson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge

Roll Call

- All Present

Invocation

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the 11-14-17 minutes as presented. S. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Voucher Packet 12-12-17.

- D. Hawkins made a motion to accept the Voucher Packet 11-14-17. A. Brock seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0-1 (S. Ford abstained)

Financial Reports

- J. Meece reported on the beginning balances and ending balances on all the operating Funds & Water usage vs billing report. Catching up on all end of the year bills to be paid with 2017 funds. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.
- N. Gabehart did state that year ending balances are well above the year starting balances and the town has not gotten their end of year settlement deposit yet, in very good shape for closing 2017. Also reported on the water impact fees and sewer availability fees directly corresponding with new development. These are both showing very good fund amounts for escrow for 2017.

Old business

- Final Reading for Ordinance 2017-07, 2017 Budget Reduction

- N. Gabehart re-explained why a budget reduction is needed for showing the State that the budgeted funds were not fully spent for that year as projected and this helps to fund next year's budget. There were no question/concerns from the board. S. Ford made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-07 as present for second and final reading. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

New Business

- None

Department Heads Reports

- Rick Shipp – Town Marshal
 - 307 runs in November 2017. Increase in confiscation of drugs & paraphernalia from traffic stops of people passing thru the county, so good news is that it is not coming from our residents. Runs have been down out to the truck stop as well. Reserve officers put in 60 hours in November, helping cover end of year vacations.
 - Officer Beck will be leaving the department on 12/31/17 for a position at Center Grove High School Police Department. Accepting and reviewing applications for the vacancy.
- Eric Funkhouser – Whiteland Vol. Fire Dept. Chief
 - 67 total runs in November 2017. Decrease from previous month. 2 residents' fires and 1 structure fire (dryer at Freshman School). Pushing close to 700 total runs for the year.
 - Ambulance agreement is being worked on for 2018 to have one out of Whiteland Vol. Fire Department again. Also working to staff EMTs.
 - "Santa Parade" will begin 6 pm on Saturday, 12/16
- Steve Burden – Wastewater Supt.
 - All is normal to report. Year end numbers will be presented to board at Jan 2018 meeting.
- Dave Gabbard – Water Supt. – absent because of on duty
 - Beeson reviewed reported information of 33 service orders/repairs and 52 locate orders for November 2018.
- Joe Csikos – Planning Director
 - C. Parker presented for Joe a rough draft of the first 6 sections of an updated Zoning Ordinance he has been working on for the board to review the work in progress so far. The last 6 sections are still being worked on. Joe is available for any questions/concerns/input the board may find of this rough draft. N. Gabehart informed the board of the need for this revision for the Town.
 - K. Beeson also reviewed the building commissioner's report for November 2017. 7 new building permits (1 for a new home), 17 inspections, and 1 code enforcement (for trash).
- Debra L. Hendrickson – Clerk Treasurer
 - J. Meece stated that there was nothing new to report from the financial offices
- Norm Gabehart – Town Manager
 - 2017 Holiday events have been a big success for our first year. Lots of turn out and positive response from the citizens of Whiteland. Town Employees put in a lot of time and effort in getting these events in place and completed. Special thanks to Dave Gabbard, Carmen Parker and all the employees for all they have done. Thank you to the board for supporting the Town Employees as they have this year.

- Lots of projects being worked on right now. Drainage in the community is the most significant item. Still lots of interest on Development in Whiteland.
- Employee Christmas party is Friday, 12/15 at 6 pm, hope to see everyone there.
- Student Advisory Council have a challenge in January. They are meeting with the Tourism Board and petitioning for support and seeking funds for the town for this opportunity.

Counsel comment

- S. Watson reminded all board members that Certificates of Compliance and Conflict of Interest forms need to be completed by all elected members and turned in before January 2018 meeting.

Public comment

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm