

**WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
December 08, 2020**

<u>Council members present</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>	
David Hawkins		Norm Gabehart		Stephen Watson	
President	<u> X </u>	Town Manager	<u> X </u>	Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Scot Ford		Debra L. Hendrickson		Carmen Parker	
Vice President	<u> X </u>	Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>	Community Develop.	<u> X </u>
Laura Fleury		Rick Shipp		Shaun Young	
Member	<u> X </u>	Town Marshal	<u> X </u>	Public Works Sup.	<u> X </u>
Joe Saylor		Eric Funkhouser			
Member	<u> X </u>	Fire Chief	<u> X </u>		<u> </u>
Brad Goedecker					
Member	<u> X </u>				

Call to order

- D. Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – All present

Invocation – Norm Gabehart

Adoption of the Order of Business

- **Filling Town Manager Position**
 - D. Hawkins asked Kevin McGinnis to stand and was introduced. After ^{the} job interviews with potential qualifications, Mr. McGinnis was selected. Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. McGinnis if he would like the position. Mr. McGinnis replied he would. A roll call to show approval from board members. B. Goedecker made a motion to approve Kevin McGinnis as the New Town Manager. **Passed 4-0-1** with S. Ford abstaining. Welcome to the Town of Whiteland responded the Council.

Minutes

- November 10, 2020. B. Goedecker made a motion to accept the minutes November 10, 2020. J. Saylor seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Voucher Packet 12-08-2020

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 12-08-2020. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0-1. S. Ford abstains

Financial Report

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all the operating funds.
- N. Gabehart summarized the estimate for the General Fund operating balance would be \$750,000.

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- The Sewer operating and Water operating were in good standing even after all the months of Covid.

Old Business

- **Resolution 2020-13**, Fiscal Plan for the Taylor Property, 2nd Reading. E. Prime representing the Taylor family summarized the plan and commented it received a favorable recommendation from the Staff Report. S. Ford made a motion to approve Res. 2020-13. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0.
- **Ordinance 2020-16**, Taylor Annexation, 2nd Reading. S. Watson summarized the Fiscal Plan had to pass first before the annexation could pass. S. Ford made a motion to approve Ord. 2020-16. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
- **Resolution 2020-14**, Fiscal Plan for LeFaive Annexation, 2nd Reading. S. Watson stated it was the same condition as the previous Resolution. S. Ford made a motion to approve Res. 2020-14. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
- **Ordinance 2020-17**, LeFaive Annexation, 2nd Reading. S. Ford made a motion to approve Ord.2020-17. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
 - **Ordinance 2020-19**, Amendment of Town Manager Duties, 2nd Reading The only change to the original ordinance is removing the Police Department and will be supervised by the Town Marshall. J. Sayler made a motion to approve the amendment of Ord. 2020-19 second reading. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

New Business

- **Selection of the new Vice President of the Town Council**
 - S. Watson stated there could be nominations. Nominations on the floor were 1. J. Sayler, Brad Goedeker, L. Fleury. B. Goedeker made a motion to select J. Sayler for V. President. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 3-0-2 with S. Ford and J. Sayler abstaining.
- **Resolution 2020-15**, Revision of the Employee Handbook
 - N. Gabehart stated there were a few items to change.
 - Add certain retirement benefits when an employee is retiring.
 - Modify the vacation time, paid sick leave, and paid personal days benefits for probationary employees, to accrue monthly instead of waiting the sixth month probation. Made a motion to approve the changes. Seconded the motion.
Passed 4-1 with D. Hawkins voting no.
- **Ordinance 2020-22**, 2020 Budget Reduction
 - N. Gabehart ask to reduce the Park and Recreation budget by \$5,000. Stated the DLGF would reduce 2021 budget because it looks like we spent all of the funds. S. Ford made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget reduction. B. Goedeker seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.** B. Goedeker made a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading tonight in order to get the Ordinance uploaded to Gateway before December 16, 2020. J. Sayler seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.** S. Ford made a motion to approve Ord. 2020-22 for second reading. J. Sayler seconded the motion

Passed 5-0

- **Resolution 2020-09**, Additional Appropriation for CCMGF, Introduction
 - N. Gabehart stated the Town received the portion funds from INDOT to for the road funding project. These funds need to be appropriated in order to spend them. The Towns portion will be coming out of LR&S Fund. Public Hearing will be held on January 11, 2021.
- **Ordinance 2020-20**, Adjustment of the Utility Rates for Vacant properties, 1st Reading.
 - N. Gabehart stated as in the last meeting that a few residents had asked for a reduced rate while they were gone for the winter. After an investigation and talking to the Council there should be a reduced rate for vacant dwellings on residential and commercial. The charges included would be stormwater, hydrant and trash (due to the contract). There will be 2 readings and a public hearing in January.
 - Town Council unanimously agreed with the idea.
 - S. Ford made a motion to approve Ord. 2020-20 for first reading. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Ordinance 2020-21**, Revising Zoning Code Permitted Uses for I-1 and L-1 Zoning Districts
 - S. Watson summarized the revision. J. Sayler stated he wanted to strike section 156.155(F)(3), Alcohol Manufacturer. Amend to remove. S. Watson stated the Ordinance would have to go back to the Whiteland Plan Commission Advisory Board. If it passed with the amendment then the ordinance would stand. But if the Plan Commission voted no then it would have to come back to the Town Council for further approval. S. Ford approved the Ord. 2020-21 with the amendment to remove Alcohol manufacturer. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Resolution 2020-17**, TIF District Enlargement to Include Mohr Logistics Park
 - S. Watson stated the area located on I65.
 - Falls within the Comp Plan 2011.
 - J. Saylor made a motion to approve Res. 2020-17. S. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Resolution 2020-18**, Tax Abatement for Mohr Logistics Park
 - S. Watson summarized through the Abatement and the SB1 and also stating the Public Hearing would be on January 12, 2021.
 - Mohr intends to invest \$113,900,000 in real property improvements which once put to use will create additional employment positions and additional payroll in the Town.
 - S. Ford made a motion to approve Res. 2020-18. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Ordinance 2020-09A**, Amendment of the 2021 Salary Ordinance.
 - Amending the salary of the Police Secretary from \$45,420 to \$47,700. N. Gabehart stated that was the only position that did not receive a raise for 2021. Ordinance needed to be approved by 12/31/2020. S. Ford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-09A. J. Sayler seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.** S. Ford made a motion to suspend the rules. L. Fleury seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.** S. Ford made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-09A for second reading. J. Sayler seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

- **Annual Certification of Nepotism Policy**
 - All elected officials completed the forms and filed them with the Clerk Treasurer.
- **2021 Board Appointments**

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○ Redevelopment Commission

- David Hawkins - Executive
- Tom Carroll - Executive
- Katy Cavaleri - Legislative
- Todd Clayton - Legislative
- Member - Legislative

Board of Zoning Appeals

- Dan Csikos - Legislative
- Richard Hill - Legislative

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve RDC appointments. S. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve BZA appointments. S. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

● **Holiday and Meeting Schedule**

- S. Ford made a motion to approve the schedules. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Town Manager

- State of the Town Address date has been set for January 15, 2021, 10:30 am at 1550 W. 600 N, Restoration Church. If the Council approves N. Gabehart would like approval to deliver the State of the Town Address since it would be his last before retiring on January 15, 2021. Refreshments will be served. A good turnout would be expected.
- The new tenant in the Whiteland Exchange Center will be AMCOR. They will occupy Building # 3 and Building #4.
- The Agreements on the Sheds outside of the Town hall have been renewed. There are having a tremendous effect on the Town.

Public Comment

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 12 of January, 2021

Aye



 David Hawkins, President



 Scot Ford



 Laura Fleury



Nay

 David Hawkins, President

 Scot Ford

 Laura Fleury

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Brad Goedeker



Joe Sayler

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Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

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