

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
April 09, 2019

<u>Council members present</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>	
Andy Brock		Norm Gabehart		Stephen Watson	
President	<u> X </u>	Town Manager	<u> X </u>	Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
David Hawkins		Debra L. Hendrickson		Josh Wade	
Vice President	<u> X </u>	Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>	WWTP Superintendent	<u> X </u>
Scot Ford		Rick Shipp		Dave Gabbard	
Member	<u> X </u>	Town Marshal	<u> X </u>	Water Superintendent	<u> </u>
Joe Saylor		Joe Csikos		Rusty Snyder	
Member	<u> X </u>	Planning & Zoning Dir.	<u> X </u>	MS4 Coordinator	<u> X </u>
Brad Goedeker		Eric Funkhouser			
Member	<u> X </u>	Fire Chief	<u> X </u>		

Call to order – A. Brock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Invocation

Adoption of the order of business for the day

Minutes from March 12, 2019-

- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes from 3-12-19. S. Ford seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Voucher Packet 4-09-19 -

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve V-P 4-09-19. S. Ford seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Financial Reports –

- J. Saylor stated the lawyer fees in the Water operating fund seem to have been mostly exhausted. Gabehart replied it was due to the remonstrative with Indiana American Water over the excessive rate increase for the Town and a couple of surrounding areas. There were additional monies appropriated for the situation with Indiana American Water but had not been added to the totals to reflect the increase.
 - Since 2015 there have been several increases that were not passed onto the residents. When IAW came at us with the substantial increase we could not overlook it and took action towards it. Whiteland is a wholesale customer and we have a distribution system so the increase was several times more than other communities that are owned IAW.

- S. Watson updated the settlement hearing is on Thursday as a procedurally requirement to go before IURC members for approval.

Old business –

Ordinance 2019-02: Additional Appropriation, First reading

N. Gabehart stated the Town will hire a new police officer. The amount will be \$45,000 for salaries and equipment. A Brock opened Public Hearing at 7:15. No comment. Closed at 7:16. J. Sayler made a motion to pass the first reading. S. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

New Business –

- **Ordinance 2019-03: Small Cell Facilities modification on existing poles to accommodate 5G**
 - J. Csikos in response through actions of State Legislature and Telecommunications. Ordinance received a favorable position from the Plan Commission. What this ordinance does is prohibits these sites from going into established neighborhoods. If property was zoned residential prior to March 1, 2017 we can keep it out of those neighborhoods but does require a permit to go into future neighborhoods to install. J. Sayler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.
Passed 4-1 with S. Ford voting No
- **Johnson County Library – Davin Kolderup**
 - Prom program gave away over 200 dresses to surrounding communities along with suits and jewelry.
 - The new building project is still in the works. Bonds are needed to fund the new library through tax increase.
 - Over 1,100,000 items were checked out in 2018.
 - WIFI hotspot is a big hit
 - Teen art contest coming up with C-P schools very well represented
 - Chromebook checkout coming soon

Town Manager Report –

- **Code Enforcement Reports**
 - 259 St. Charles Way – meeting with J. Csikos, R. Snyder and Norm Gabehart. Pictures provided. Some progress made.
 - 189 Pinedale – phone call was made with no response.
 - 369 Center Street – resident should be clean as soon as the weather permits.
 - 350 Center Street – ongoing violations.
- **Whiteland Farmers Market and more.**
 - Located on the property immediately east of the Town Hall.
 - Welch's Family Farms will be the first building.
 - One building will be an ice cream shop.
 - Hope to open at the beginning of May.
- **Paving**
 - Obtained quotes for curb lines needing replaced in Chad Lo for around 1000 ft.
 - Water and Street Department are finishing up projects before the paving begins.
- **Tourism Grant for the Parkour Park**
 - Project is driven by the Town Manager Student Advisory Council

- The normal amount was \$5,000 but the Tourism Board decided they deserved more so the grant was increased to \$7,500 because the students (WCHS) saved the Town money by working on the documentation with the idea themselves.
- Thank you to Carmen Parker for all her efforts on working with the students also.

Council Comment –

- S. Watson stated
 - the appeals time has run out on the CCD rate re-establishment.
 - Cell Tower lease sale, approved in December by the Council, will hold a public hearing in May to allow comments on the proposed transaction. There will be a resolution to adopt.
- S. Ford wanted to applaud Dave Gabbard, Water Superintendent, for his quick actions to resolve a problem.

Public Comment –

- James Bryant, resident, emailed Town Council and Town Manager. Wanted to say thank you for responding to a situation in his addition.
- Shawn Middleton, resident, wanted to know how many of the 5G cell tower boxes will be distributed. J. Csikos stated the total is not known at this time.
- Sue Schreiner inquired
 - Who will continue to monitor 259 St. Charles Way? Gabehart stated the Town will take a proactive approach on monitoring.
 - Is there still a parking on the street ordinance? Chief Shipp there is.
 - Can a home be empty for any certain amount of time? Gabehart stated as long as the property is kept up more than likely there will be no action.
- J. Saylor inquired who would be the first point of contact concerning nuisance violations? Gabehart stated it would be Rusty Snyder.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

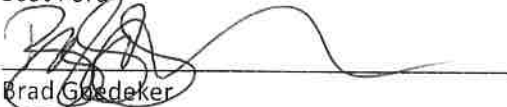
Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 14th of May, 2019

Aye


 Shawn A. Brock, President



 Scot Ford




 Brad Goedeker

Nay

 Shawn A. Brock, President

 Scot Ford

 Brad Goedeker



David Hawkins

David Hawkins



Joe Sayler

Joe Sayler

Attest: 

Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk-Treasurer