

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
May 11, 2021

<u>Council members present</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>		<u>Other Town Officials</u>	
Joe Saylor		Kevin McGinnis		Stephen Watson	
President	<u> X </u>	Town Manager	<u> X </u>	Town Attorney	<u> X </u>
Scot Ford		Debra L. Hendrickson		Jessie Boshell	
Member	<u> X </u>	Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>	Senior Planning Dir.	<u> </u>
Laura Fleury		Rick Shipp		Shaun Young	
Vice President	<u> X </u>	Town Marshal	<u> X </u>	Public Works Sup.	<u> </u>
Brad Goedecker		Eric Funkhouser			
Member	<u> X </u>	Fire Chief	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
David Hawkins					
Member	<u> X </u>				

Call to order

- J. Saylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge

Invocation - Conducted by K. McGinnis

Roll Call – All present

Adoption of the Order of Business

Minutes – from April 13, 2021.

- S. Ford made a motion to approve the minutes April 13, 2021. Goedecker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Voucher Packet 5-11-2021

- S. Ford made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 5-11-2021. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Financial Report

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all operating funds.
- S. Ford inquired what the balance of the Sewer Bond was. D. Hendrickson stated the balance of 2020 was \$1,166,000. The Water Bond which was set up as a 10 different one-year loans and we have four years left on it.
- There will be an ordinance started tonight for the new Fund for the ARP grant money.
- L. Fleury inquired if there would be a Community Day in 2021. D. Hendrickson stated so far, we are planning on it. There is a separate fund for Community Day.

Old Business

- **Ordinance 2021-05, Amending Sec 34.01, Town Manager, Final Reading**
 - J. Saylor proposed this ordinance and gave a brief summary of why. There is also amendment of including the Clerk Treasurer’ office.

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- S. Ford inquired if the Town Manager needed approval to spend the funds for an engineering firm? He also stated if the expenditures were over \$10,000 the Town Manager should need approval. J. Saylor stated he thought that would be reviewing an abundance of contracts. No one wanted to amend the ordinance. B. Goedeker made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2021-05 as amended. S. Ford seconded the motion.

Passed 4-1. D. Hawkins voting no.

- **Ordinance 2021-06, Amend Town Code 32.04 Emergency Executive Orders.**
 - To restrict or limit the ability of Town Executives.
 - L. Fleury made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-06. S. Ford seconded the motion.
- **Passed 4-0-1. D. Hawkins voting abstains.**
- **Samuel Drive discussion.**
 - L. Fleury stated she was told that Franklin wanted to do the connection.
 - S. Ford stated he did not want the First Responder gate installed. The County is responsible for the condition of the ditch. That is why you pay a ditch tax. D. Hawkins stated he agreed with Mr. Ford. He would like an Ordinance drafted for no access to Samuel Drive and an oral agreement tonight. Passed 5-0. Room was filled with joy.
 - S. Ford made a motion for an oral agreement from the Council. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0.

- **Resolution 2021-12, Confirming Resolution Tax Abatement for ABC Cutting, LLC, Public Hearing**
 - Patrick Sherman representative of ABC Cutting, LLC. Summarized the building has increased due to rising construction costs. The approximate hourly rate is \$30 an hour.
 - S. Watson stated there is an amendment to the SB-1 also.
 - Public Hearing opened at 7:47pm. No comments. Closed at 7:48pm.

Passed 5-0

New Business

- **Resolution 2021-14, Adoption of the Johnson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**
 - Stephanie Sighting, Emergency Management Director, stated every five years a new plan is drawn up thus if adopted by the Town then they can apply for funds to help towards any emergency.
 - S. Ford made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Lisa Litner, Director of Johnson County Public Library, Annual Review**
 - The library is returning to normal.
 - Books can be delivered & curbside service available.
 - Online programming available.
 - The new library will be opening in 2022.
- **Approval of Performance Bonds for ABC Cutting, LLC**
 - Mike Picklesimer, representative for Project Plus, stated items to be installed are water mains, sidewalks, sewer lines.

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- S. Ford inquired if the Town would have any liability since they are installing their own sewer. The Town has no risk or surrounding properties.
- S. Watson concurs and everything seems to be in order.
- S. Ford made a motion to approve Performance Bonds. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Ordinance 2021-07, Establishing a new fund for American Recovery Plan Grant, First Reading**
 - The Federal Government requires a fund to be established in order to deposit the funds and shows the money will be spent according to the guidelines set.
 - The Funds are to pay back the Town for Covid relief or Water and Sewer treatment facility.
 - A Plan has to be established. There is no hurry.
 - The deadline is 12/31/2024.
 - S. Ford made a motion to approve of Fund 176. B. Goedeker seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. S. Ford made a motion to suspend the rules. D. Hawkins seconded the motion. S. Ford made a motion to approve the second reading for Ordinance 2021-07. L. Fleury seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0**

Town Manager Report

- The Community Development Director has left the job and everyone is pitching in until someone is hired. The job has been posted and interviews will be later this week.
- CCMG Funds have been awarded. The Town did was awarded funds. The bid opening is underway.
- WWTP update
 - The Town has obtained three appraisals from engineering companies.
 - J. Wade stated the last 3 ½ years has had a problem in the sewer system. The screen system does not function due to products in the sewer system. S. Ford inquired if there was a new screen put into the system it will solve the problem and what is the cost? J. Wade stated it would start at \$150,000. The fine screen was cleaned daily.
 - S. Ford inquired what the soft costs would be to refinance the Sewer Bond. S. Watson stated the Town would need a bond council and a financial advisor which could cost anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000 each.
 - S. Ford inquired whether the Sewer Bond funds could be paid by TIF money. S. Watson he would have to investigate but probably so.
 - S. Ford inquired about the cost of a fine screen with a wet well and two interceptors? Would that be enough work to correct things? J. Wade stated it would but there are other things that need to be fixed including the failing flow meters and a broken UV system.
 - S. Ford stated we know what the problem is so why are we spending over six figures to solve the problem. J. Sayler stated we need engineering stamp from IDEM. J. Wade stated what needs to be done exceeds the cost so that is why we need an engineer's help.
 - S. Ford would like to get more proposals from engineering firms. The Town is in a good place right now to go spend money unnecessarily.
 - IDEM stated a solution (on paper) must be in place by end of June.
 - D. Hawkins stated the issues started in 2012.
 - K. McGinnis stated the engineering firms provided a half to do list and a want to do list.
 - D. Hendrickson inquired if you can do the "have to do" items now and go back later for the "want to do" later. The engineering firm stated you can but there would be extra fees when you do the "want to do" later.

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- D. Hawkins stated even though the Town Manager walked in on a situation but it has been five months and the Town Manager still has not made a decision. Why has there still not been any progress made?
- S. Ford inquired how long the Town Manager had the proposals? K. McGinnis stated prior to the last month Council meeting. K. McGinnis stated the firms used in the past were the ones contacted. The clock started ticking in January and if we had inquired about more proposals, we might have saved some money.
- K. McGinnis is asking for permission to move forward with the lowest proposal from the engineers.
- L. Fleury made a motion to move forward and let the Town Manager select an engineering firm. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 3-2 with Ford and Hawkins voting no.

Council Comments – B. Goedeker in the minutes there was an error on the amount of money the Town will receive from the ARP. D. Hendrickson stated she would correct the number.

Public Comments –

- Kim Pennington Lee wanted to address the issue of the flooding in Park Forest. J. Sayler stated it was addressed earlier.
 - Also, the Town can apply for grants if it does incur an emergency.
 - There is a resident of the Town that has a machine shop in Shelbyville and she would be happy to contact him to assist the Town with any help they need.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 8th of June, 2021


Aye

Nay




 Joe Sayler, President

 Joe Sayler, President



 Laura Fleury

 Laura Fleury



 Brad Goedeker

 Brad Goedeker

 Scot Ford

 Scot Ford



 David Hawkins

 David Hawkins

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra L. Hendrickson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

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