

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
August 10, 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>
Richard Hill		Debra L. Hendrickson		Jessie Boshell	
Member	<u> X</u>	Clerk Treasurer	<u> X</u>	Senior Planning Dir.	<u> X</u>
Laura Fleury		Rick Shipp		Shaun Young	
Vice President	<u> X</u>	Town Marshal	<u> X</u>	Public Works Sup.	<u> X</u>
Brad Goedeker		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 7:23 pm

Pledge

Invocation - Conducted by K. McGinnis

Roll Call – All present

Adoption of the Order of Business

- Ordinance 2021-09 requested for continuance

Minutes – from July 21, 2021.

- D. Hawkins requested an amendment on the minutes which were corrected.
- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve the amended minutes July 21, 2021. B. Goedeker seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Voucher Packet 8-10-2021

- R. Hill inquired if the Town Manager had contacted Republic Trash Services about the poor service. There is a meeting being scheduled. J. Saylor would like an update at the next Council meeting.
- D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Voucher Packet 8-10-2021. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Financial Report

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all operating funds are higher than a year ago.
- ARPA funds were deposited into our bank in the amount of \$511,600.57. Slightly higher than anticipated
- B. Goedeker inquired about the street lights monthly expenses. Would it be in our interest to upgrade the lights to LED? D. Hendrickson would try to create a spreadsheet for comparison.

Old Business

- RDC Vacancy – Two residents have applied. 1. Eric Prickle, 2. April Sparts. D. Hawkins stated he would like to see the position advertised again since we are waiting until the next meeting. D. Hawkins made a

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motion to continue this position until next meeting so the Council can meet the applicants. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

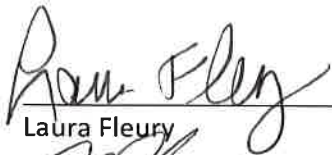
Passed 5-0

- Ordinance 2021-09 – Approving Modification of Zoning Commitment for W95RE.
 - Eric Prime, VanValer Law Firm, summarized previously there was more commercial and less industrial. Due to economy and Covid situations, desire for office space has nearly gone away so condensing the commercial to make room for a larger light industrial space by moving the line. 16 ½ acres for retail, hotels and restaurants. Commitments and Annexation has not changed, just moving the existing line dividing the two. D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ord. 2021-09 first reading. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to suspend the rules for Ord. 2021-09. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-09 second reading. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
- Discussion on the Law Concerning Electronic Participation in Council Meetings.
 - D. Hawkins wants to restrict this Ordinance to the Council only.
 - B. Geodecker stated it would only be virtual if a Council member could not attend due to circumstances.
 - R. Hill inquired if you could set perimeters. Yes
 - K. McGinnis stated equipment would have to be purchased. Council inquired if K. McGinnis would look into the cost.

New Business

- Millstone Section 3 – Dedication and Acceptance of Asphalt Surface, Erosion Control, and Curbs and association Maintenance Bonds.
 - J. Boshell, Senior Planner asked the Town for acceptance.
 - Three-year Bond means anything that needs repairs will have to be fixed.
 - D. Hawkins inquired how long can they take to do the repairs. J. Boshell stated probably 30 days. R. Hill agrees no long than 10 days. D. Hawkins would like for it to be written in their bond to be completed in 30 days.
 - R. Hill would like for it to be as soon as possible and not to exceed past 30 days.
 - S. Watson states we have to give the developer 15 days before we proceed to process the bond.
 - K. McGinnis stated he would like to change the ordinance, along with J. Boshell, from 10% to 25% and update the design standards.
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to table this until next month. R. Hill seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
- Resolution 2021-18 – Tax Abatement Building 5 Expansion
 - To amend the existing tax abatement to allow the building to expand further. 767,000 sq. ft to 980,00 sq. ft. which will be more of an investment with the same terms accepted for the smaller building. The only thing changing is the size of the building. B. Goedecker seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
- Development of a plan for ARP Funds
 - D. Hendrickson stated there were four categories stated from SBOA on how to spend the money. S. Watson stated his job is to start the discussion that there has to be a plan. When the

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Laura Fleury

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Brad Goedeker

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Richard Hill

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David Hawkins

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Attest:

Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

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Council has a specific desire then there will be a discussion. There is a meeting with Baker Tilly on what the perimeters.

Passed 5-0

Town Manager Report

- Springhill Subdivision will begin in mid-August for new paving, curbs and sidewalks through Community Crossings Grant.
- New Town Webpage soon to be completed.
- Community Day will be on September 18, 2021 from 12-4. Mike Wood of Baily & Wood Mortgages will be donating the Fireworks later that night.
- Meeting with Republic Trash Removal on August 18. S. Watson is looking at the current contract.
- County TIF still in discussion is still ongoing. They have no infrastructure east of I65 so they would need our utilities. Another meeting on August 30.
- Kingsbridge subdivision in Franklin, has been approved with a cul-de-sac next to Park Forest. The road is approximately 10 feet away from the connection point to Park Forest.
- Aspire Group stated there is someone looking for a place to open up a new manufacturing to be deployed in 2 phases and want to know by 8/12/21 if it would be a consideration by the Town Council for a personal property tax abatement for five years.
 - The Town has only given personal property abatement one other time.
 - J. Sayler stated he wouldn't be against considering. B. Goedecker made a motion of intent to consider. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Council Comments

- D. Hawkins inquired about the water connection to his property after the annexation of his property and if someone could let him know what is going on. K. McGinnis stated he would check the contract.
- L. Fleury inquired the status of the Eagle Scouts projects. They are out fund raising and moving along.
- B. Goedecker stated the traffic at Sawmill Rd. and Whiteland Rd. Would like something to be done in the future. It could possibly come to fruition through TIF money. Whiteland Rd and Warrior trail is probably priority one.

Counsel Comments – S. Watson stated the TIF Neutralization annual process was completed stated the assessed value for next year for the TIF \$11,000,000 which translates to approximately \$265,000. This year we will receive approximately \$170,000.

Public Comments – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 14th of September, 2021

Aye

Nay



 Joe Sayler, President

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