

November 13, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 113 North Oak Street, Corydon, Indiana, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 at the hour of 7:30 p.m., in regular meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council.

The meeting was called to order by Eva North, who presided and the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Council.

On call of the roll, the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present:	Absent:
Eva North	
John D. Kintner	
Mark L. Parks	
Roger L. McGraw	
Chris Mattingly	

Town Attorney Chris Byrd attended the meeting.

Chris Mattingly made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 Council meeting. John D. Kintner seconded the motion and the vote was 5-0.

Mark Parks made a motion for the Town Council Meeting date be moved from December 25<sup>th</sup> to the December 27<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. Chris Mattingly seconded the motion and the vote carried 5-0.

There was no activity in Planning & Zoning.

Greg Hall resides at 515 N. Capitol Avenue, and filed a complaint about the John Holsclaw property that was destroyed by fire. Mr. Hall owns the car wash located at 220 W High Street, and asked for assistance with cleaning up the Holsclaw property at the west end of High Street. This area has drug and vandalism problems. He has made several attempts to protect his property from vandals by installing cameras, but the cameras have been destroyed. He also has flood damage due to drainage issues on the Lucas property. The roadway from the south entrance of his property is in poor condition, and he requested that the Town fix the problem. He has contacted Mr. Lucas but has received no response. Eva North said that Mr. Holsclaw was in poor health but wondered if the Council would be interested in providing help if Mr. Holsclaw would make a commitment to getting the area cleaned. Chris Byrd stated that the Town could send a letter to both Mr. Lucas and Mr. Holsclaw. Roger McGraw made the motion to send a letter and the motion was seconded by Mark Parks, and it carried with a 5-0 vote. John D. Kintner advised the Council and Mr. Hall that the road was never a street, and that it has always been a private road owned by the railroad company. The Council has also asked the town marshal to be vigilant about transient activity in that location.

The Dillman, Chastain, Byrd Attorneys contract will remain the same as it had been with the Chase Bank; however, the Clerk-Treasurer requested that a new document be filed that shows the rental agreement between the Town of Corydon and the lawyers for her records, and correct invoices for payment since the acquisition of the bank. The Town Attorney will provide a revised contract for the Council to sign at the next meeting. Mark Parks made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Chris Mattingly with a 5-0 vote. Chris Byrd advised the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Tammy at the office for details. He said the firm is paying \$2,725.50 a month until May 2018, and the rate changes to \$2779.00 until May 2019 with a five-year term, and they are receiving a \$400 credit for cleaning. The contract is valid until May 2019. Mark Parks made a motion to continue with the existing contract until 2019 and at that time the contract can be renegotiated. Chris Mattingly seconded the motion and the vote was 5-0.

The Town Marshal, Matt Kitterman advised the Council that a new officer was hired to replace Chris Avis. His name is Hardin (H) Ellis who previously worked for the Georgetown Police Department and Norton's Hospital security. He will begin working for the Town November 20, 2017. He is a police academy graduate. The Town Manager Rand Heazlitt informed the Council that Eric Fowler will replace Scott Flicker who moved to the Sewer Department. John D. Kintner asked about the procedure for hiring. The Town Manager stated that he had interviewed the candidate, and recommends the appointment. John Kintner asked why Mr. Ellis left the Georgetown Police Department, and the Town Marshal said he left on good terms. Chris Mattingly made a motion to approve hiring Mr. Ellis and Mr. Fowler, and Roger McGraw seconded the motion with a 5-0 vote.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested that Salary Ordinance 2016-15 be amended. She stated there was a discrepancy with the Street Department Labor pay scale, and asked that it be amended to \$11.50 to provide the correct coverage for the position. Roger McGraw made a motion to approve the amendment and Mark Parks seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Heazlitt made a statement to the Council that the Cemetery Board of Regents requested a salary increase for the Caretaker position. He stated that the Town would not be able to make the adjustment as they requested. There are questions about how the Town staffs the position and reviewing ways we can or cannot supply their request that will require further guidance and review. Blake Cromwell stated that there are a lot of veterans in the cemetery and it would take a lot of research, but there are federal and state grants for cemeteries. Eva North reported that this is a complicated matter and would have to have further investigation into the matter.

Chris Mattingly made a motion to approve \$5K for decorations at Bicentennial Park for "Light Up Corydon". These items will be stored for future use and added onto. Roger McGraw seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 vote. Blake Cromwell asked if the Town would be funding the lights and decoration for the Capitol square. Eva North assured him that Main Street provided funding for that event.

The Council then reviewed a bill for professional services from Michael Sams in the amount of \$8K for design of the new Town Hall at the former Chase Building, and \$400 for a Christmas cut out for photographs at Bicentennial Park. John D. Kintner asked why it took 22 hours to look up furniture. Mr. Sams stated he spent multiple hours going to shows, researching furniture for quality and design and looking for locally made furniture in Jasper, and that he has spent more hours than he billed the Town. Chris Mattingly made a motion to approve the payments. Roger McGraw seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Under other business, the contractor for the Town of Corydon requested lighting quotes for the new Town Hall. The quotes were to be returned to the Town Hall by 4:00 pm. David Sanders, project engineer delivered the requests to Falls City Electric and to Eckart Supply. Falls City representatives were at the meeting to hear the results; however, Mark Parks said that it did not seem fair that Eckart Supply not be heard because they did not receive notification. Ben Shireman, the general contractor, stated that David Sanders was not able to see Phillip Bennett directly, but provided the envelope to the secretary who walked the information to Mr. Bennet's office and put it on his desk. Mark Parks made a motion to table the decision until the next meeting until he had a chance to talk to Phillip Bennett to find out what happened. Roger McGraw seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Mark Parks said he wanted the process to be fair.

Mr. Heazlitt provided an update on the Harrison County Indian Creek Trail Project, which was the most popular project during the Hometown Collaboration Initiative (HCI) process and utilizes a second local historic bridge. The permitting process took two years and during this time, DNR changed some of the plans. The large hurricanes effected the price of materials and the overall project price increased. This resulted in a \$900K shortfall in the bidding process. The Town Manager requested that the Town consider contributing \$250K Stellar Funding to the project, HCCF was funding \$350K, and the county committed \$350K of the Cumulative Bridge Fund. He stated that this project defines the connectivity to historic downtown, dramatically enhances the area, and it shows collaborating within the county.

Without this project, it would diminish Rice Island and other activities the Town wants to preserve. Overwhelmingly, the residential support by the community toward this project has been heard, and this project will depend on the Town's participation and the right to claim it as part of Stellar. He said this money does not go above or beyond our need and the money will be due in 2018. Eva North said she would be putting together a Stellar funding chart at the next Stellar Coordination meeting. Chris Mattingly made a motion to approve, Roger McGraw seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

Mark Parks made a motion to approve payments and sign bills. Chris Mattingly seconded the motion and there was a 5-0 vote.

Connection fee discussions were tabled and the ordinances to purchase properties will be discussed at another meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council and the Council adjourned.

DATED: 11-27-2017

SIGNED: 

ATTEST: 