

September 25, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Corydon, Indiana, met in the Town Hall, 113 North Oak Street, Corydon, Indiana, on the 25^h day of September , 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	
Mark L. Parks	
Roger L. McGraw	
John D. Kintner	
Chris Mattingly	

Town Attorney Chris Byrd attended the meeting.

President North addressed the Council for the 2nd reading of the budget and the budget hearing per IC code IC 6-1.1-17-3:

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Corydon Civil Town, Harrison County, Indiana that the proper officers of Corydon Civil Town will conduct a public hearing on the year 2018 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Corydon Civil Town not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Corydon Civil Town shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Corydon Civil Town will meet to adopt the following budget:

She announced that the 2018 Budget would be passed October 9, 2017 meeting at 7:30pm.

John D. Kintner made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Council meeting and Mark Parks seconded the motion with a 5-0 vote.

The Council was presented with a list of potential people to be considered for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals since Olivia Orme resigned her appointed position.

Kerry Zimmerman was on the agenda, but did not attend the meeting.

Roger McGraw made a motion to approve a bond for Bette Purucker as secretary for the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board of Regents. Chris Mattingly seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

President North advised the Council the junk cars next to the Gerdon Auto property had been cleaned off the property. Some of the cars are now parked on the street in front of rental property owned by Carla Clunie and Ms. North will place a phone call to her asking that the cars be removed from the street.

Roger McGraw made a motion to authorize Rand Heazlitt to contact Beckort Auction for the disposal of the tax sale properties located on Ashwood and Ridley Street. Mark Parks asked for a cash reserve to be put on the properties. Mr. Heazlitt stated that he viewed the properties and that the property on Ridley does not seem salvageable and the house on Ashwood was questionable. He recommended moving ahead with contacting Beckort Auction for property disposal. Roger McGraw questioned if both properties were rated R-1 and he was told that they were. He then made a motion to contact Beckort Auction and Mark Parks seconded his motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mark Parks made a motion to schedule November 10, 2017 for the scheduled day off for Veteran's Day which is Saturday, November 11, 2017. Chris Mattingly seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Chris Byrd presented the Council with a 2003 contract agreement between Chase Bank and the Dillman, Chastain, & Byrd Law Firm. The contract showed a monthly rental fee of \$2,317.20 from May 31, 2018 through May 31, 2019. Chris Byrd proposed that if the existing contract was ratified by the Council that it could be transferred to the Town of Corydon. Chris Mattingly made a motion to have the existing contract transferred. Mark Parks seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Cassie Hauswald had attended earlier meetings with the Council to discuss removal of the two tall dams located on Indian Creek that are owned by the Town. At this meeting she presented information and requested approval of a grant to remove the dam. She has found funding through a Fish Habitat Program and a newly formed company named Eco System Connection that would be willing to work with the Town. She advised that the bulk of the work will be going through the permitting process and that Purdue would be willing to reintroduce hellbenders back into their natural habitat of the creek. Rand Heazlitt stated that it would not leverage any commitment from other funds so he saw nothing to preclude moving forward with the recommendation. President North stated that the Town held significant liability since there would always be the possibility of drownings. Blake Cromwell was in the audience and reminded the council that the dams never had any impact with flooding issues. Roger McGraw made a motion to move forward to contact Jerry Sweeten for expert assistance on how to apply for the Grant. Chris Mattingly seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

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

Under old town business Rand Heazlitt updated the Council that the new town hall had been cleaned out and David Sanders had presented preliminary plans. He announced that the next phase of design and engineering plan was ready to be implemented. He asked for another allocation of \$24,500 from the Council for design in order to keep the project moving. Ben Shireman advised that the clean out process was well under budget. The next phase of the design will be for Shireman, David Sanders, and Michael Sams. Mark Parks made a motion to approve the request and Chris Mattingly seconded the motion with a 5-0 vote. He announced that weekly meetings are held at the new town hall on Wednesday s at 10am and all members are invited to attend. He also offered to take members on a walk through at the close of the meeting.

Under new town business Mr. Heazlitt told the Council that he is currently meeting with department managers to review all of their projects and has meetings this week with Kenny, Danny, and Matt. He informed them that he is getting more involved with Stellar and will taking more of a leadership role and any comments they had to share would be appreciated and he reminded them that he is working for them and asked for any questions to be directed to him.

Eva North reported that the Town had been awarded with a \$232,000 grant from Community Crossings. She will participate in an award program with INDOT that will acknowledge Mauckport, Corydon and Lanesville as grant recipients. She updated the Council about the public concert that will be hosted at the Corydon auditorium on Saturday at the high school that will host a Chinese Folk Music Group as part of the Midwest International Music Festival.

Rand told the Council that he will be reviewing the personnel handbook. At the present time we have had two employees shift positions within the organization and there is a third person wanting to apply for a position. He suggested that after his review an Executive Session be held to have discussion about his findings and deliberate the 2018 salary ordinance.

John Kintner conveyed that Susan McGuffey reports that every Monday morning the fountain lights are out of the ground and need to be repositioned and that more permanent mounting system needs to be found. He also talked about the replacement of the water hydrants that have issues at Farmer's Market and Bicentennial Park.

Therefore being no more business to come before the Council and upon a motion made by John D. Kintner and seconded by Mark Parks, the meeting adjourned.

DATED: Oct 9. 2017

SIGNED: 

ATTEST: P.M. King