

10-4-2019

Regular Town Council meeting, members present Mayor Dan Wright, Council Danny Stark. John Post and Shelly Davers, Attorney Brad Kage, Marshal Britt Burgmeier and Maintenance Ron Hendershot.

Dan Wright called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

First he wanted to have the presentation for information on the proposed trail grant application. Steve Gill gave the presentation to the public and had pictures to show where it would come into Town on Water Street, then to Montgomery Street up by the school yard with a lookout over the river, then down Pike Street and on to the commons where a shelter house and restroom and a boat ramp will be put. He will have the pictures in the back for anyone to look at or ask questions. Dan said a public hearing would need to be held on the project. He suggested October 24 at 7 PM at the gym, everyone agreed. Steve did report that a \$274,000 match would be needed and they are looking in some avenues for this. Dan thanked Steve for the information presentation.

Next Jess Bailey with Selective Insurance came to explain to the council about a new clause that she recommend we put into our existing policy concerning sexual harassment. John made a motion to add this item with a second Danny Stark with all in favor. She has it written up and will contact the council and they can come into her office and sign the necessary papers.

Mayor Wright next brought up the budget for 2020. He asked if the council had time to look over, they had and Shelly made a motion to pass John Post giving it a second with all in favor.

Dan also asked passing the minutes of the 8-16-2019 meeting, Danny Stark was not at this meeting so he can't vote. John made the motion to pass the minutes with a second by Shelly.

Ben Christiansen and Aaron Stenftenagel with Utility Supply Company came to the meeting to give a presentation on the proposed water meter replacement plan. This is on the Neputune 2 program. They gave a very nice informative presentation explaining the meters and how they work to the way they will be read to the program with Keystone that the readings will go through for the billing. Time saved in not having to lift each meter would be a big plus. The meters can be checked as he drives by them, if a questionable amount of water is being used it will alert the meter reader and they can contact them immediately. Updated quarterly and the company stands behind the meters. No moving parts to wear out. The system could also be phased in and not all purchased at one time. Dan thanked them for the presentation and asked the council if they had any questions. Shelly asked about the cloud situation and security. He spoke on the Amazon web service it goes through. John asked about the few meters we have in Town with bigger meters. He thinks there 4 of them, and they explained they do carry bigger meters.

Public comments: Steve Gill asked what this will do to our water bills as far as cost. Dan explained we will investigate borrowing money from IN Rural Alliance with a 5 year term and it should not increase our water bills at all. Dan thinks it is a good plan, but we should consider phasing it in a 2 year time frame.

Eric with the Vernon Fire Department asked about 8 trees on the properties they have purchased for the new department, part of them are on Brown Street and part are on Posey Street, as well as some in the alley. They know someone that will cut them down and they are going to sell or give away the wood. They asked the Town if they would cover the cost to take them down. Danny Stark made a motion to pay for the cost with a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Council:

Shelly asked about the trash service. The two representatives were there from Best Way. Dan Wright has had complaints from some of the residents that leave for the winter and we shut off the water for them and they do not want to pay for trash service they are not using for the months they are gone. Discussion with the representative saying she would talk to her supervisor and ask if this could be done and report back at the next meeting. Danny Stark spoke up saying from the meeting when all of the Town people showed up relaying their absolute no on the trash service and only a handful for it and the reaction he still gets when he asked by these people is no, he is stating from his council position that he is not for it. John Post asked her to please check out the situation with the people leaving for the winter as he is for the trash proposal. Shelly asked if the new tractor is in and Ron reported it is. Shelly told the council that Ron and his wife Trish cleaned the storage building making room for the tractor and the generator for over 4 hours last week and she thinks that they or at least Trish should be paid for her time. Danny Stark remarked that he cleans the gym and the building and the only money he receives is the gym scheduling money. Discussion only on this matter. Shelly next asked about the leak in boys bathroom at the Gym, Danny told he it was fixed. Shelly asked about the cat situation under the Vernon Gym. Danny told her that Mrs. Malone who lives next door is feeding them. Shelly thought we had purchased 4 cameras for the Vernon Gym, but she only saw 3 up. Danny explained that he has 1 more to install. Shelly reported that the council and the Town needs to know who rents the storage areas and how long the lease is for and the money they pay. While discussing this Danny reported someone has left a boat in the building for a while and has not contacted him or paid rent. Brad told Danny to get the information to him and he will publish a public notice.

Shelly wanted to know if we had advertised the old tractor and bush hog. Dan thinks we should advertise for sealed bids to be opened at the November meeting. Ron said he would take care of this. Concerning the tractor Jess with the insurance needs the information on it, Ron will get it to her.

Shelly is concerned about the person who lives in the home next to the property Dan Wright owns on the highway. They are pulling in by her house and driving down the sidewalk and parking there. Dan said he knows Angie Beeman who owns the house and will talk to her.

Shelly also requested once before about posting the minutes of the meeting on the website, Dan said he will speak to Rodney about this.

John Post reported on a fire hydrant on Brown Street just up from the fire house is broken. If it is just the top the cost would be \$545.00 if we need a whole new hydrant the cost would be \$3500.00. John asked Jean to check and see if we can pay for this cost out of the Loit/Lit/PS fund. The valve is shut off.

John asked if we were going to have a fall clean up. Discussion with deciding that it is getting late for one this fall, but Dan thinks we need to sit down and look ahead and set up and spring and fall dates for next year.

Brad had nothing to report.

Britt had nothing to report.

Ron had the estimate for Kinney Glass to replace the office door at the firehouse, the door installed would be \$2200.00 and the two windows installed would be \$1595.00 for both. The other company he contacted for a estimate never contacted him. Dan said Kinney would be ok we have an account with them. He also told Ron that the council already agreed to have the work done just have Shelly and Jean and you decide and get started. Jean commented we still need to find a contractor so we can get started. Britt is going to check this weekend with someone he knows.

Jean had the account for a water and sewer bill for Nick Templeton for \$221.97. She has already turned it over to Brad for collection. Brad took this claim to court and on 8-28-2019 the Judge ruled in Mr. Templeton's favor. We have ran our course of action on this account for collection and now she is asking for the account to be written off. John made a made a motion with a second by Shelly to write this off the books with all in favor.

Danny Stark had received a complaint from Kenny Sandefur requesting the Town stop dumping brush at the cemetery. Dan Wright said he will check on this matter.

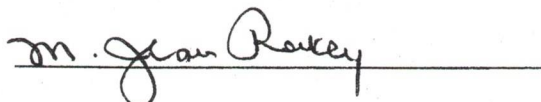
Dan Wright had been contacted about the ghost walk the Heritage is hosting on the 11th and the 12th of October. They want to know for safety reasons if Brown Street from Pike to Perry be closed these two nights from 5PM to 9PM. Danny Stark made a motion to approve this request with a second by John with all in favor.

Nothing more to discuss, Shelly made a motion to adjourn with a second by Danny Stark.

Meeting adjourned

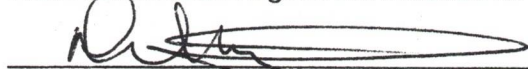


Dan Wright, Mayor

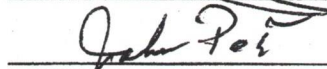


M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer

I have reviewed and signed the vouchers for 10-2019.



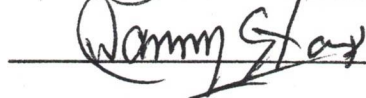
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John Post, Council



Shelly Davers, Council



Danny Stark, Council