

Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 10, 2016

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, October 10, 2016 at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Steve Buzzard, Tracey Brown (Absent), Julia Glessner; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler and others.

President Glessner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The owner of a property on Matilda Street who has requested closure of an alley between his property and that of Crain Ford was present. Noting that the matter had been addressed in previous meetings and that Council had given preliminary approval of the request, it was cited that the matter remains with the adjacent property owners to the alley until they reach agreement and a petition is filed making a formal request for closure.

Ordinance 2016-2, Sewer Use Ordinance, was introduced due to the length of time from the first introduction. The Ordinance has been approved for adoption by IDEM as requested changes, especially for monitoring, have been met. A public hearing was scheduled for Monday, November 14 at 5:00 pm.

Poulson reported that repairs and updates to the Christmas Lighting has been completed.

Council reviewed the packet for Request for Bids for Trash Collection and noted that bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled meeting of November 14th.

Ordinances 2016- 7, 8, 9, 10, wages and benefits for elected officials and employees, were submitted for consideration of adoption. The only change for 2017 is an increase in wages of .65 per hour as previously approved by Council. Buzzard moved, seconded by Stivers, to approve all Ordinances as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2016-11, 2017 Municipal Budget, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Glessner moved, seconded by Glessner, adoption of the 2017 Budget. The motion was approved unanimously. The budget will be submitted to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance for final approval.

Treat or Treat hours were set for 6-8:00 pm on October 31st.

A meeting of WHARMM (Warren, Huntington, Andrews, Roanoke, Markle, Mt Etna) has been scheduled for October 27th in Markle. Plans were made for attendance at the meeting.

Morrison reported that the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce had donated \$3,013 for the replacement of the snowflakes in the downtown area. Council cited appreciation for the action.

Due to the approved vacation schedule for Town employees for the week of November 7th, Morrison announced the Clerk-Treasurer's Office would not be closed on Thursday, November 10th as previously scheduled. The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th for election and on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day. A planned meeting with Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group, financial consultant for the Town, has been rescheduled for Monday, October 17th for the financial planning of projects currently being considered.

The Town Marshal reported that he is still reviewing and considering options for the planned purchase of a police vehicle in 2017.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, submitted the September activity report. Commenting that the Department's Truck committee had determined that purchase price of a tanker truck would be in the range of \$160,000, Poulson asked if quotes would need to be solicited. By consensus, Council directed that three requests for quotes would be required.

