

Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 10, 2015

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, August 10, 2015 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, Julia Glessner, Steve Buzzard, Tracey Brown; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson; others.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Marla Stambazze, Department of Community Development, submitted a report on 201 N. Grover citing that the requested action to secure the property had not been completed. Following discussion, an Enforcement Order previously approved was upheld by consensus with September 15th consideration of demolition order. Mark Beatty, property manager of 315 N. Wayne in addition to a potential purchaser of the property were present as requested due to no action being taken to alleviate the unsafe conditions at the site. Neighbors in the area were also present and discussed their concerns that action had not been forthcoming. Following discussion, Tracy Brown moved, seconded by Glessner, (citing that the Council was not interested in demolishing houses which could be rehabilitated) that inspection of the property be conducted by DCD in thirty days and if remediation of issues #6, 9, 22, and 23 of the enforcement notice had not been completed, a demolition notice would be considered. The motion was approved unanimously. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for September 15th at 5:00 pm concerning the abandoned property at 608 N. Nancy with inspection also scheduled for the property adjacent at 602 N. Nancy for August. Roof repair to the building at 111 W. Second St has been completed, inspected, and approved. The house at 204 First Street, which had suffered fire damage, has been demolished and removed. Transfer of ownership of a property on Eleventh Street has been completed with the now current owner complying with the Order of Enforcement currently in place. Added to the enforcement list was a cement foundation at 112 Hendricks Street.

Following review by Stambazze, Stivers moved, seconded by Glessner, to adopt Ordinance 2015 -5, amendment of the current subdivision ordinance which would allow lot line adjustments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted was the 2015-16 renewal of the current consulting contract with Commonwealth Engineers at the same rate scale as currently in place. Glessner moved, seconded by Stivers to approve the signing of the document and the motion was approved unanimously.

Another offer for restructuring of the Eleventh Street Water Tower AT&T lease was summarized. Several offers have been received and rejected in the past six months. Brown will contact the representative of SAC Wireless.

A lease with the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce was submitted for consideration of approval. The lease would allow the Chamber rights of use to the park under certain conditions as set forth in the lease for a sum of \$1 per year. Signing of the lease was approved by consensus.

Morrison reviewed the 2016 Municipal Budget as prepared for the meeting with a representative of the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance on Wednesday, August 12th. Few changes were made to the existing 2015 budget. The Public Hearing for the budget is set for September 15 with adoption set for October 12th pending approval by the State. Submitted by Morrison was an invoice from Keystone Consulting in the amount of \$397.00, prorated for 2015, maintenance for the Key-Device software installed for radio read meters. Council approved by consensus.

Poulson, as Fire Chief, submitted the July activity report and updated truck maintenance and fund raisers.

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Poulson, as Utility Manager, reported that lighting projects which included pole removal and installation of LED lights have been completed in Salamonie Heights and at the Tower Park ball diamonds. Smoke testing of the sewer system in the Salamonie Heights area has also been completed but the engineers report has not been received.

The equipment for installation of a batting cage through a grant from Bendix/Knorr was discussed with that installation to be done in the same area as a prior batting cage. Order for parts will be done on August 11th.

The next meeting of Council has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 pm. Public hearings for the 2016 budget and Property Enforcement orders are scheduled for that meeting.

Accounts Payable Register was reviewed and approved.

General discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned

Submitted _____ Clerk-Treasurer
Marilyn Morrison

Town Council:

As _____ President
Julia Glessner

As _____ Member
Steve Buzzard

As _____ Member
Tracey Brown

As _____ Member
Ethan Stivers