

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, February 12, 2012

Attendance:

Present:

Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
David Reese, Town Council Member
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Absent:

Richard Dickinson, President

Others present:

Gene Scott
Fritz French
Jason Challan
Sandra Cath
Lawrence Roth

Agenda and discussion:

- 1 . In Mr. Dickinson's absence, D. Reese moved that R. Parrin chair the meeting, seconded by S. Moss.
2. R. Parrin introduced the new Council Member replacing Jane Houck who resigned in December. Steve Moss, Attorney and General Council is with Duke Energy was welcomed to the Council.
3. D. Reese and S. Moss were sworn in to four year terms as Council Members by R. Parrin .
4. Residents who have expressed interest in filling the two additional positions introduced themselves; Fritz French and Jason Challan attended the meeting and briefed the Council on their backgrounds.
5. A. Kasper updated the Council on Metro Communication Equipment. In-car laptop communications with IMPD's new system is now operational. Air card capability will be added in September.

In addition, IMPD is revamping Marion County beats into zones. Williams Creek is currently included in local Beat 104. It is unclear at this time how the included Towns will be assigned to zones. A concern is that the Town could end up in a much larger zone which could impact response times. A. Kasper will keep the Council informed of the progress of this reorganization and if a need presents itself to lobby the Mayor's Office concerning public safety in the Town.

6. College Street/Williams Creek Bridge. DPW confirmed that the replacement of this bridge is scheduled for 2013. It will likely involve closing College north of 75th St. As the schedule becomes more clear, the Town will discuss detour routes with DPW. Detouring College southbound traffic at 86th St., stating "Local Traffic Only", will be encouraged.

7. Update on proposed Town Street, Stop signs and Lights. R. Parrin presented the latest plan developed to upgrade all street lighting, street and traffic signage. Installation contractors have been requested to submit proposals for the work. An issue arose late last week concerning the Town's ability to connect to the existing IPL power grid. R. Parrin and S. Moss are working on overcoming this issue.

In addition the Council discussed the possibility to pay for this capital improvement through a capital campaign, rather than a new tax assessment. Raising the project cost looks to be feasible using this method. Once the project scope and cost is finalized the Council will address this fund raiser.

8. Repaving selected Town streets – Dick Dickinson wrote to the DPW director thanking him for including the Town's east-west roads in the Rebuild Indy funding last year. He also requested that the Town's primary north-south streets which are in bad condition be included in 2012 Rebuild Indy project priority list.

9. Selection of Landscape Committee. No interested residents attended the meeting. This opened a more general discussion about dividing the oversight of the Town's important tasks among the Town Council members. A proposal was made by R. Parrin for the five Council positions.

- Roads and Lighting
- Law Enforcement/Security
- Communications including the Town directory and web site management
- Landscaping/entrances
- Code enforcement

Also,

- Legal - Town Attorney
- Finance- Town Treasurer.

It was agreed to discuss this further once all of the Council positions are filled.

There being no further business, D. Reese made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Moss.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer