

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, February 9, 2015

Attendance:

Present:

Scott Preston, Town Council President
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Maureen Burger, Town Council Member
Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer

Absent:

Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member

Others:

David Reese

Agenda and discussion:

- 1 . S. Preston's called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with all council members present.
2. S. Preston asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2014. On a motion by S. Moss, seconded by M. Burger, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
3. R. Parrin had previously distributed the 2014 Annual Report as submitted to SBOA to Council Members. It was noted the funds were transferred at year end to the Rainy Day Fund as allowed by the State. The Renovation Fund balance will be adjusted in 2015 by the cost of the initial three lights installed.
4. R. Parrin update the Council on the renovation project. All lights and all signs but three were installed by year end. A few lights still need to be energized by IPL. We understand that IPL work orders have been issued to complete the work. It was noted that a few of the sign posts will need to be adjusted after the ground thaws. Also, replacement street signs for Westwood Road have been ordered as well as additional signs for the Sycamore and Forest intersection.

On another street matter, feedback on the new snow removal service has been positive. The Council will consider adding the intersection at 81st and Broadway to the salting plan.

5. A. Kasper advised the Council of recent police run statistics in northern Marion County. Vigilance on the part of residents and patrols by Town deputies have kept the Town on the low end of activity. He also briefed the Council on progress made to utilize the Town of Beech Grove court to hear traffic and nuisance ordinance violations issued by Town of Williams Creek Police Department. This will give the Town better visibility of violation status as well as receipt of fines issued by the court less a nominal fee by the Beech Grove court. Craig Wiley will serve as prosecutor on behalf of the Town.

The Council asked A. Kasper to obtain a draft agreement that E. Townsend can review and forward to Council members for review.

6. S. Moss discussed the implementation of the OneCall program to quickly disseminate emergency information to residents. Messages can be delivered by email or text message. Residents will be contacted to explain the system and their preferred method of being notified. A Community Notification Policy has been drafted.

OneCall is different than the Town Bulletin Board recently established to keep residents informed of items of general interest. Julie Laughner is managing it and should be contacted regarding postings.

7. R. Parrin advised that with the completion of the lighting upgrade the Town has an opportunity to further improve Town appearance. He suggested that a Town Beautification Committee be formed by interested residents to create a unique sense of place in the Town of Williams Creek. Besides landscaping the Town entrances and common areas, other possibilities include seasonal banners on the light poles and pole mounted flower baskets. He noted that each light pole has a 120v outlet that can accommodate seasonal lights. D. Reese advised that we have a resident in the banner making business who has offered to assist. The Council will approach Patty Hefner, Landscape Committee chair, about interest in forming the committee.



9. Maureen Burger advised that the Welcome Packet has been finalized and she will distribute it to new residents. It is important that she be advised about newcomers soon after they move into Town.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by S. Moss and seconded by M. Burger, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer