



WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2019
7 PM
Minutes

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – **Clinton** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call – All Present

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Swearing in of 2020 Officials – **Judge Schein** performed the swearing in of the Council (**Clinton Bohm, Susan Austin, Eric Miller, Jeff Wishek, and Rob Worl**) and Clerk-Treasurer (**Matt Sumner**).
- B. WFD Badge Pinning of Battalion Chief **Tracy Badgley** – **Chief Westrich** talked about how **Tracy** has thirty-three years of experience in firefighting.
- C. Boone EDC – **Rachel Huser** thanked the Council for help with the record leads for this year. They have also worked hard ramping up workforce development. **Clinton** thanked **Rachel** and the EDC for all they do to help Whitestown.
- D. **Susan m/m to adopt the agenda as presented, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT

- A. Town Management Report I **WMU Management Reports** (Sewer, Water)

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW, Planning & Community Development, Building Department, Parks and Recreation, Police (Operations, Stats, Drug Stats) I WMPD 2019 Goals and Accomplishments, Fire I WFD 2019 Goals and Accomplishments – Chief Westrich talked about wanting to hire three new recruits next year, and to put on their own academy. This will open the applicant pool to draw from. **Clinton** thanked the **Chief** and thought this was a great move forward and is looking forward to seeing this work and grow.

5. PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK (Topics Not Related to an Agenda Item) - none

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 11/20/2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes

- B. Claims – November 2019 Expenses Town I November 2019 Revenues Town I November 2019 Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating)**
- C. Approve Hiring of Employee Relative for Front Desk Receptionist/Constituent Relations (New Hire – Sheryl Rountree, Front Desk Receptionist – Mother of Nicole Rountree, Utility Billing Office Manager)**
- D. Approval of BF&S Contract for Signal 267 and Indianapolis Road I Contract**
- E. Acceptance of 2019 INDOT Road Inventory**
- F. Consider an Expenditure Exceeding \$5000; (NTE \$14,900: ESO Record Management System Software -- Fire Department) I Quote – Susan m/m to approve the above consent agenda, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second Read and Consider for Adoption: 2020 Salary Ordinance (Ordinance 2019-29) – Susan did the 2nd read and m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd. Kevin said we have given the employees 5% raises for each of the last 4 years when inflation has been around 3% each year and believes the raises are a bit on the excessive side. 4-1 adopted.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider a Declaratory Resolution Concerning Project Rain (Resolution 2019-34) – Clinton read the resolution, Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- B. Consider a Resolution Concerning a new PERF option for Town Employees (Resolution 2019-33) – Clinton thanked the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer (Arren Miller) for their work on this. Susan thanked them as well. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that the work and research for this was all done by Arren. Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- C. Public Hearing: Economic Improvement District – Clinton opened the public hearing at 7:17. Susan m/m to close, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Public Hearing Closed at 7:18.**
- D. Consider Approval of Economic Improvement District Ordinance (Ordinance 2019-30) – Clinton did first read. Susan m/m to suspend rules for 2nd read, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Clinton did 2nd read. Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- E. Consider Approval of Ordinance Amending Lift Station Bond Ordinance (Ordinance 2019-31) – Clinton did the first read. Susan m/m to suspend the rules for a 2nd reading, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Clinton did the 2nd read. Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- F. Consider Approval for \$10,000 of Funding Assistance for the Child Advocacy Center taken from the 2020 WMPD Budget – Chief Anderson discussed the importance of funding the CAC. Chief said the Police Commission recommended the Council to pass it unanimously. Susan said the work the CAC does is very important. Eric m/m to fund the CAC for \$10,000 from the 2020 WMPD budget. Clinton 2nd echoed Susan statements saying he believes their work is very important as well. 5-0 adopted.**
- G. Approval of Encumbrance of 2019 Funds and Purchase of Equipment – Danny Powers said he was looking to purchase a new pick-up truck and a skid steer. Clinton thanked Danny for bringing this to the Council. Clinton m/m to approve the encumbrance, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

- H. Consider Approval of Performance Pay for Chief Westrich – **Clinton** said he and Councilman **Wishek** have gone over the goals with the Chief in the Fire Board, and the Fire Board approved a 5% bonus and a 5% pay increase for the following year. **Clinton m/m to approve the Fire Board recommendation, Eric 2nd. 5-0 adopted.**
- I. Consider Approval of Performance Pay for Chief Anderson – **Susan** said the Police Board made a recommendation for a 5% bonus for the Chief, **Clinton made the motion to approve the bonus, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- J. Consider Adoption of 2020 Town Boards and Commissions Calendar of Meeting Dates – **Kevin** asked **Rob** if the meeting dates worked for him. **5-0 adopted.**
- K. Economic Improvement Board Appointments – **Clinton m/m to appoint Susan Austin, Nathan Messer, Kate Ems, Pete Anderson, and John Cohoat to the EIB – Eric 2nd, 4-0 adopted. Susan abstained.**

9. OTHER BUSINESS – Jeff wanted to thank Kevin for his service on the Council and appreciated his help. Kevin said he was proud of this building and talked about helping to get speed limits regulated.

10. ADJOURN – Susan m/m to adjourn, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 7:32pm.

The minutes from a Town Council meeting on December 18th, 2019 are approved on the 8th day of January 2020 by the following Town Council Members:

Clinton Bohm, President

Susan Austin

Eric Miller

Jeff Wishek

Rob Worl

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer