

(Schools in general help bring in residents), Cultural development, Welcoming Culture, Messaging and technology are some of the major reasons people move to communities. Mixed use walkable areas are very economic for towns and help with growth. **Kevin** asked about Post-Secondary education and how important that would be; **Zach** said the focus needs to be on K-12, but Post-Secondary is a factor. **Zach** said Whitestown is a shining star of a community for where people want to live.

D. BZA Update – **Lauren Bailey** and **John Molitor** - **Lauren** introduced **John** and he talked about the BZA legal issues. The Drakes have decided to take legal action against the BZA claiming a building was within the 600' legal distance from residential areas. **Lauren** said on Monday that the Plan Commission referred this to the review committee, tentatively scheduled for April 25th. **John** said, the possibility would be that if the Council approves the amendment, this would make the BZA issue a moot point. **Kevin** asked **Lauren** if any other areas could come into legal conflict. **Lauren** said it is possible, as it is approximately 600 pages long. Discussion ensued. **Susan** asked if **Lauren** has referenced the county documents which help define some of these terms.

E. RDC Financial Update – **Gary Smith** (Reedy Financial Services) – **Gary** talked about the April 15th report. The report talks about the TIF districts, when they were established, etc. The financial information and revenue collections were included, as well as projections.

3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT

A. **Town Management Report (2/28/17) | WMU Management Report (2/28/17)**
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4. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW (Water Monitoring), Planning and Community Development, Parks, Police (Stats Report, Drugs Report), Fire**
** - **Kevin** asked **Chief Anderson** to expand a bit on the new Drug Report. **Chief** said this breaks down the statistical information and helps them with furnishing information to the Drug Abuse Task Force. Discussion ensued.

5. **Eric** asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. **Susan m/m under unfinished, item E – downtown beautification, New Business under M – Engagement of Bose McKinney. Clinton 2nd the motion, 5-0 approved.**

6. **PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK** (Topics Not Related to an Agenda Item) – County Councilor Nieshalla thanked the Council for their time and asked them to reach out if they ever have any suggestions or questions.

7. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes –**3/15/2017 Regular Meeting Minutes** **
- B. **Claims March 2017 Expenses Town | March 2017 Revenues Town | March 2017 Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating, Wastewater Capacity)**
** - Susan m/m to approve the consent agenda (items A and B) – Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Consider an Ordinance Establishing Human Relations Commission and Veterans Committee Funds for Receiving and Dispersing Donations and Grant Monies (**Ordinance 2017-08, Second Read**) - Clinton did 2nd read. Clinton m/m to approve, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.
- B. Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2016-24 To Add Additional Holidays for the Use of Fireworks Within the Town of Whitestown (**Ordinance 2017-12, Second Read**) – Clinton did 2nd read. Clinton m/m to approve. Eric 2nd; Susan mentioned that she received several communications about the fireworks frightening their animals, but thinks we need to be inclusive of other holidays, and supports this. 5-0; passed.
- C. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Concerning a Confirmatory Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown for the Re-Declaration and Re-designation of an Economic Revitalization Area and Approval of Tax Abatement Application (Duke/Browning Allpoints at Anson Building 20) (**Resolution 2017-04**) - Eric opened the public hearing. Clinton m/m to close the public hearing, Susan 2nd, 5-0; approved.
- D. Consider a Confirmatory Resolution for the Re-declaration and Re-designation of an Economic Revitalization Area and Approval of Tax Abatement Application (**Resolution 2017-04**) – Clinton did 2nd read. Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.
- E. **Whitestown Beautification** – Dax talked about how we have to get this correct. The project could be around \$350,000 to get it done correctly and making sure people remember and know they are in Whitestown. Lori from DLZ talked about the scope of the project and how it has increased to incorporate areas which were not initially in the original project. This also includes arts pedestals. Kevin asked about a timeline for getting this completed. Lori said there is, but there is not a specific schedule yet. Jeff asked about what exactly was being added, i.e. lighting and trees. Dax said there is a 2-year agreement for the contractor to maintain the plants and replace them if they die. This will come out of the Maple Grove Bond. Susan m/m to authorize Dax to enter into the adjusted Whitestown Parkway Beautification Project presentations provided by DLZ this night with the fee breakdowns as proposed which the total would be \$35,000, Clinton 2nd, 5-0; adopted.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2016-46 (2017 Salary Ordinance) (**Ordinance 2017-13, First Read**) – **Clinton** did first read. **Kevin** asked **Dax** if he could explain what he is adding. **Dax** said two positions were added, the Events Coordinator and an assistant to the P.R. Director. This also clarified the salaries of two positions, and the increase of the Parks Director's salary. **Susan m/m to suspend the rules, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 suspended. Susan did 2nd read. Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- B. Consider an Ordinance Concerning the Establishment and Approval of the Town of Whitestown Revolving Fund Program, the Initial Funding of Said Program, the Administration of the Program by the Town of Whitestown RDC, other Matters Connected Therewith and Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith (**Ordinance 2017-14, First Read**) - **Clinton did first read. Dax** explained the issue about the façade grant program.
- C. Consider a Resolution to Participate in a Proposed Reorganization with Worth Township Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5 (**Resolution 2017-13**) – **Eric** said the Work Township Board unanimously approved a similar ordinance. Worth Township Trustee, **Jim Baldwin** thanked the Council. He believes this needs to be done the right way and not rushed into. He wants to make sure everyone knows this is a re-organization and not an annexation. **Susan** did the first read. **Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, Eric said this is the beginning of the process of the discussion and the needs of the unincorporated Worth Township will come first. Whitestown has no desire to incorporate unincorporated Worth Township. Susan thanked the Worth Board of Trustees. Clinton thinks this is a good opportunity to provide for the Township. 5-0 approved.**
- D. Consider a Resolution Directing the Whitestown Police Department to Investigate Senior Citizen Telephone Wellness Check-in Systems (**Resolution 2017-14**) – **Susan did first read. Susan** said this is a system with an automated call to seniors to help provide assistance to seniors. **Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- E. Consider a Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds and, If Necessary Anticipation Notes of the Town of Whitestown Redevelopment District (**Resolution 2017-15**) – **Clinton did first read. Dax** explained some background on the resolution. **Eric** appreciated **Dax** putting this in front of the Council. **Dax** said he anticipates this being completed this year. **Eric m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, Clinton said he thinks this is a great plan and is putting action to the comprehensive plan, 5-0 approved.**

- F. Consider Approval of an Economic Development Agreement (Moontown Brewing) – **Dax** said he thinks this is a good agreement, and they have to bring it up to code. The Town will put the roof on the building and pave the parking lot. **Susan m/m to approve, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

- G. Consider Approval of Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (**Town Facility Maintenance Department Lawn Care Equipment**) – **Dax** said the Streets Dept. owns all the mowers currently and they had the mowers this week, and **Chuck** needs a mower of his own so he does not get behind on mowing if the Streets Dept. is using all the mowers. **Chuck** said he suggests the X-Mart mower, as it will probably last longer than the other brands he has quotes for. **Susan m/m to authorize up to \$23,000 for the two mowers, Jeff 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

- H. Consider Increasing the NTE Amount for the Employee Wellness Program – **Dax** said the Council approved \$4860, but a day was added and the new total cost is \$7060. **Dax** suggested to consider doing it year-round. **Eric** thinks this is fantastic. **Clinton m/m to approve the additional \$2200, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.**

- I. Consider Approval of an Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (Town Local Match for Whitestown Connector Land Acquisition (\$215,683.77) - **Dax** suggests doing an additional appropriation to pay this in a lump sum this year. **Susan m/m to approve the expenditure, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.**

- J. Consider Approval of an Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (2017 Town Road Marking Project NTE \$100,000 from Town MVH) – **Dax** said **Jason** would like to stripe everything, some of it would be the thermo-type. **Dax** said they think it will be closer to \$85,000. **Susan m/m to approve NTE \$100k, Clinton 2nd, Clinton said this is very important for the newer vehicles, 5-0 approved.**

- K. Consider Approval of an Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (Tree Removal in Walker Nature Park) – **Dax** said this is from **Nathan** from the Parks budget. This is to get rid of dead ash trees. **Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

- L. Consider Approval of an Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (**Big Four Trail Landscaping Project**) – **Dax** said this was to construct the Big Four Trail east. **Clinton m/m to approve with NTE \$14,500, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

M. Bose McKinney engagement – Susan m/m to authorize Bose McKinney and Evans with consultation of the Town’s manager and Public Works director to take all necessary or appropriate legal action, including but not limited to, intervening in legal proceedings at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to protect the Town’s sewer interests and contracts with citizens related to Sewer Service, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Dax talked about the official census numbers of 7814 which was much more than anticipated. The 2010 number was 2838. \$1.45 million will be added to our revenue streams from 2017 to 2022. The majority of that will be MVH. In 2020, our next census will be done and we expect to be at 12,000. This also adds more liquor licenses. We went from 92% white to 83% white, which means we are around the average of the state for diversity, and our average age fell. The Storm Water Project bids will begin next week. The transportation plan is underway. The RFP for the Bike/Ped Commission will be done this year. **Nathan** is working on how to connect the trail to Zionsville. There is also the county portion between Whitestown and Lebanon.

11. ADJOURN – Clinton m/m to adjourn, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on April 12th, 2017 are approved on the 10th day of May 2017 by the following Town Council Members:

Eric Miller, President

Susan Austin

Clinton Bohm

Jeff Wishek

Kevin Russell

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer