



WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2019
Whitestown Municipal Complex– Public Hall

Minutes

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – Eric called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- B. Roll Call – All present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Election of Officers – Eric m/m to appoint Clinton to President, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved. Clinton m/m to appoint Susan as Vice President, Eric 2nd; 5-0 adopted.
- E. Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Clinton m/m to move the appointments to the end of the agenda, Susan added the authorization to the purchase of the fire truck under the consent agenda to pay for the chassis and aerial in advance of the full payment and to discuss signing authorities per contracts, Eric 2nd; 5-0 adopted.

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Boone EDC - none

3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT

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

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – All 2018 Annual Reports and 2019 January Reports will be Presented During the February 2019 Meeting

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 12/19/2018 Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims – December 2018 Expenses Town | December 2018 Revenues Town | December 2018 Utility Claims (December 2018 Water Operating, December 2018 Wastewater Operating, December 2018 Sewer Capacity, December 2018 Water Capacity) ** - Susan m/m to approve the above consent agenda, Eric 2nd; 5-0 adopted.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Consider an Ordinance Amending the Employee Manual (Paid Parental Leave) (*Ordinance 2018-38, First Read*) - Susan did 2nd read and m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, Kevin said the public is overall in favor of this, but some wanted clarification on foster care. Discussion ensued. **5-0 adopted.**
- B. **Public Hearing:** Introduce a Resolution Confirming a Resolution Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area and Approving Applications for Real Property Tax Abatement (Exeter) (*Whitestown Town Council Resolution 2018-58*) – Amy Royal signed up to speak on this topic. Amy said they (Exeter) share the same address, and she is hoping to see if Exeter could get their address updated so it is not the same as hers. Susan m/m to close the public hearing, Clinton 2nd, **5-0 adopted.**
- C. Consider a Resolution Confirming a Resolution Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area and Approving Applications for Real Property Tax Abatement (Exeter) (*Whitestown Town Council Resolution 2019-01*) – Clinton read the resolution. Susan m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, **5-0 adopted.** Brittany said the official address will be completed when it is passed through the Plan Commission.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider an Ordinance Updating the Pre-Approved Claims List (Whitestown Ordinance 2019-01, First Read) – Susan did the first read of the ordinance. Susan m/m to suspend the rules for 2nd reading, Eric 2nd. **5-0 adopted.** Susan did 2nd read and m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd, **5-0 adopted.**
- B. **Discuss Facility Rental Policy** – Nathan talked about the facility rental policy. One update would be to take rental fees back to \$35/hour. Susan m/m to go with the updates, Jeff 2nd, **5-0 adopted.**
- C. **Seth Neckers** – thanked the Town and the Parks & Rec department for making the facility accessible.
- D. Susan m/m to add an item to the agenda. Resolution 2019-2 – Susan read the resolution and m/m to adopt, Eric 2nd. Discussion ensued. All council members shared stories about Dax and thanked him for his service. Dax talked about how it was a hard decision for him to make.
- E. Appointments of Boards and Commissions –
 - Clinton m/m to re-appoint Mike Roberts for another 4-year term to the Police Commission, Eric 2nd, **5-0 adopted.** Erin Nichols appointed to the Police Commission by Clinton, Susan 2nd, **5-0 adopted.**
 - Clinton m/m to appoint Matt Doublestein to the Plan Commission as a Town Council President appointment, as his term on the BZA has expired; and appoint Shawn Wooden to the BZA in Doublestein's place, Susan 2nd; **5-0 adopted.**
 - Historic Preservation Commission – Clinton m/m to appoint Jessica Averitt as a Town Council President appointment (3-year term), Susan 2nd, **5-0 adopted.** Clinton m/m to appoint Lindsay Adams as a Town Council President appointment (term expires in 2021), Susan 2nd, **5-0 adopted.**
 - Clinton recommended all RDC members be retained for a new term (Brian Brackemyer, Adam Hess, Kyle Weathers, April Witthoeft, and Clinton Bohm), Clinton m/m to re-appoint Brian and April as Town Council appointments, Susan 2nd, **5-0 adopted.** Clinton m/m to appoint the remaining three as Town Council President Appointments, Susan 2nd, **5-0 adopted.**

- Clinton m/m to re-appoint Harlan Vondersaar, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Clinton m/m to appoint Monika Mala, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Clinton m/m to re-appoint Sarah Ford to the Plan Commission, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.
 - Clinton m/m to appoint Danny Powers and Dave Taylor to replace Jason Lawson and Chief Anderson's positions. Clinton m/m to appointment to the Veterans Committee are: LJ Jernstadt, Bill Fletcher, Verny May, and Sonny Ourai; Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Susan m/m to appoint Derek Ford, Matt Watson, Stacey Dickie, and Pete Steitz, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.
 - Jeff m/m to appoint Katy Bradshaw for the Neighborhood Council, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Susan m/m to appoint Mike Hancock for the Rural Residential seat of the Neighborhood Council, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted.
- F. Signing Authority and Contracts – Susan said we need to update our rules for whoever is the acting Town Manager and put into place an acting Town Manager for signing contracts and the Town Council President. Susan m/m to update accordingly, Eric 2nd, 5-0 adopted. Susan talked about how when Dax wasn't here previously, Jason was the acting Town Manager, and m/m for Jason to be acting Town Manager in the interim, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT** – Dax said we got new numbers from our accountants and how our cash should increase by nearly \$800k. MVH was down a bit. Dax continued talking about the budget and various numbers. Discussion ensued.

10. **ADJOURN** - Susan m/m to adjourn, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 8:06pm

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on January 9th, 2019 are approved on the 13th day of February 2019 by the following Town Council Members:



Eric Miller, President



Susan Austin



Clinton Bohm



Jeff Wishek



Kevin Russell

Attest:



Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer