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WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
January 10, 2018
Regular Meeting
Minutes

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – Eric called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
- B. Roll Call - All Present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Election of Town Council Officers – **Susan m/m to Elect President Miller to remain as President of the Council, Clinton 2nd; Jeff asked if Eric would commit to having each Councilor on a board, Eric said he would; 3-2 adopted. Susan m/m to elect Clinton as the Vice President, Eric 2nd; Jeff said he would like to address a few issues he has had over the past two years. He it felt like over the last two years, two council members have been willfully excluded from information from the President and Vice-President. He talked about how he believes there has also been a lack of communication. 3-2 adopted.**

2. PRESENTATIONS - None

3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT

- A. **Town Management Report ****

- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW (Water Monitoring), Planning and Community Development, Police (Operations, Stats, Drugs Report), Fire ** - Kevin mentioned how the public safety has had a significant increase in calls this year. Eric said the opioid epidemic has been hitting this area and that was why they created the task force about a year and half ago. Discussion ensued about the role of the task force and communication.**

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – **12/13/2017 Meeting Minutes I 12/20/2017 Meeting Minutes ****
- B. Claims: **December 2017 Expenses Town I December 2017 Revenues Town I December 2017 Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating, Wastewater Capacity) ****
- C. Authorize DPW Director to Execute the INDOT LPA Community Crossings Grant Agreement – **Susan m/m to approve the consent agenda above, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 adopted.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-44 (2018 Salary Ordinance) (**Ordinance 2018-01, First Read**) – **Clinton did first read. Kevin** read some of the potential increases in the salaries the percentages he calculated. **Kevin** and **Eric** discussed being fiscal stewards of the Town’s money with differing opinions on how. **Jeff** said he would like to make sure we are in true market value with these positions, however would like to see further explanations for some of the increases. **Jeff** also thought the decrease in the salary range of the Planning Director position was doing a disservice to the Town by not being able to attract a potential higher talent pool, emphasizing that right now, and the next ten years are critical in the planning development of the town.
- B. Consider an Ordinance Providing for the Timing of Health Savings Account Contributions from the Town to Town Employees (**Ordinance 2018-02, First Read**) – **Clinton did first read.**
- C. Consider an Ordinance Amending the Speed Limit on Central Boulevard Near the Behavior Analysis Center for Autism (**Ordinance 2018-03, First Read**) – **Clinton did first read. Kevin** asked if this was because it is a school, **Eric** said that is correct, and it is a good step forward to keep children safe. **Kevin m/m to suspend rules for a 2nd reading, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved. Clinton did 2nd read and m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- D. Consider an Ordinance Amending Zoning Maps (**Ordinance 2018-04, 1 Read Only**) – **Susan m/m to table, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- E. Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2015-06 (Add 2 voting members to the Human Relations Commission) (**Ordinance 2018-05, First Read**) - **Susan did first read. Eric** said this was recommended by a 5-0 vote by the Human Relations Commission. **Clinton** said his only concern was to make sure they don’t lose membership and not be able to have a quorum.

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- F. Consider a Resolution Establishing Policy and Fees for Town Facility Rental (**Resolution 2018-01**) - Clinton read the resolution. Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.
- G. Consider a Resolution Concerning Interest in and the Authority to Purchase or Acquire Property (Wrecks Inc. property) (**Resolution 2018-02**) - Clinton read the resolution. Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.
- H. Consider a Resolution Relating to the Financing of the Proposed South Main Street Park Project and Approving a Form of Taxpayer Petition in Connection Therewith (**Resolution 2018-03**) - Clinton read the resolution. Dax said this would be a bit different from previous bonds, needing 50 signatures from the community to move forward. Clinton asked if there was a timeframe the signatures would need to be collected by, Dax said there would not, but it would be done quickly. Dax said there could be another Building Corp Bond with the major project on the Wreck's site. Susan said she thinks this is a very needed project. Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 adopted.
- I. Consider Approval of a Municipal Advisor Engagement Agreement (Reedy Financial for Work Related to the South Main Street Park Bond) - Gary Smith from Reedy Financial Group talked about the agreement, the scope of service, etc. Clinton m/m to authorize President Miller to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town.
- J. Consider a Purchase Exceeding \$5,000 (\$11,000 – Public Hall Carpet) - Dax talked about how it was time to change the carpet out. Kevin asked if it would reach out to the hall way, etc., Dax said it was just in the Public Hall. Susan m/m to authorize replacement of the carpet, not to exceed \$11,000, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 adopted.
- K. Appointments to Boards and Commissions – President Eric m/m to appoint Kevin Russell and Susan Austin to the Building Corp., Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.
- VP Clinton m/m to appoint Kevin Russell to Veterans Commission. Kevin said he thought it was supposed to be a member of the public and suggested Stacy Dieckman. Clinton m/m to appoint Stacy Dieckman, Eric 2nd; 5-0 approved.
 - Eric m/m to appoint Matt Doublestein to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Board, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 approved. Susan m/m to appoint Jessie Averitt, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved. Clinton m/m to appoint Michael Kubik, Eric 2nd, 5-0 approved. Jeff m/m to appoint Melissa Harkins-Rose, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved. Kevin m/m to appoint Ann Simon, Eric 2nd, 5-0 approved.

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- **President Eric m/m to appoint Kisha Rollins to the Human RC, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Raji Muthukrishnan, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint Becky Ottinger to the Historic Preservation Commission, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Mike Hancock, Clinton 2nd; Jeff said he thinks that is a great appointment; 5-0 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint Kevin Russell to the Town's EDC, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint Craig Arthur to the Plan Commission, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Cory Clasemann-Ryan, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint Clinton Bohm to the Fire Board, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Jeff Wishek to be a voting member of the Fire Board, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Michele O'Conner as the non-voting Town Council Appointee, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint Kevin Russell to the RDA, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Kyle Weathers to the RDA, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Susan Austin to the RDA, Clinton 2nd; 4-1 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint Sarah Ford to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Andrew McGee, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint Bill Fletcher to the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Mike Hancock, Susan 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Monique Clupper, Clinton 2nd; Kevin asked if this is replacing Mike Martin's seat – it would – through Jan. 2019; 5-0 approved.**
 - **President Eric m/m to appoint April Witthoef to the RDC, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Kyle Weathers, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 approved. President Eric m/m to appoint Adam Hess, Clinton 2nd; 5-0 approved. Susan m/m to appoint Bryan Brackemyre, Clinton 2nd; Clinton talked about how helpful and important Bryan has been to the RDC; 5-0 approved. Susan m/m to appoint Clinton Bohm, stating he has likewise been very important in his role on the RDC, Eric 2nd; 5-0 approved.**
9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT** – Dax talked about how we are still waiting on the 1782 notice for the budget. It got cold in the last few weeks, and the median project was delayed due to the cold. The roundabout is about to go out to bid. There have been additions to the website, Tanya and Glen have done a great job with it. There will

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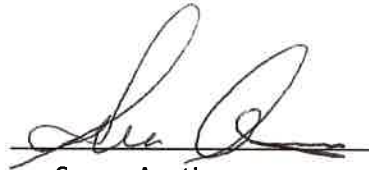
be an MLK Day Event put on by the Human Relations Commission. **Dax** congratulated **Brittany** in the Arizona State University School of Planning. **Dax** said she has done a great job so far, has improved communication in the department, and it was great she was accepted into ASU. **Dax** congratulated the snow removal crews. Salt does not work below negative 10 degrees. All annual reports should be ready by February. **Clinton** said he thinks the website is much more user friendly and likes it. **Clinton** thanked **Tanya** and her department for the work they've done on it.

10. ADJOURN – Susan m/m to adjourn, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 8:09pm

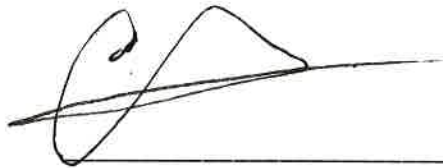
The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on January 10th, 2018 are approved on the 14th day of February 2018 by the following Town Council Members:



Eric Miller, President



Susan Austin



Clinton Bohm



Jeff Wishek



Kevin Russell

Attest:



Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer