



WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2018
Minutes

1. OPENING THE MEETING

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Boone EDC - none
- B. HWC –
 - 1) Introduce the Final Draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan – Dax said the plans were an introduction to the overall plan.
 - 2) Introduce the Final Draft of the Thoroughfare Plan – Dax said this have been very well vetted. They are planning on a June adoption by the Planning Commission.

3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT

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

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW (Water Monitoring), Planning and Community Development, Building Department | Parks and Recreation, Police (Operations, Stats), Fire** - Clinton asked if Chief Westrich had some things to add to their report. Chief Westrich said they are trying to stay ahead of the explosive growth in the town, and have come up with an option for the solution for the Fire Department's growth over the next ten years. Chief Westrich said a neighboring community wants to buy one of our ladder trucks. He believes it would be feasible to buy a new one after selling the current vehicle. Clinton said we could retire the debt and get a new piece of equipment with this proposal. Kevin only asked what the size of the new ladder would be. Chief said that is unknown, but it would be at least one hundred feet.

Nathan said they have won the \$200,000 grant for the new (Anson) park. **Kevin m/m to authorize Council President to sign the grant, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.** **Kevin** asked **Nathan** if he could explain the Panther Park bathroom project. **Nathan** talked about the history of it. **Kevin m/m to amend the consent agenda to include a NTE of \$70k for the Panther Parks bathroom, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.**

5. **PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK** (Topics Not Related to an Agenda Item) - **Shawn Wooden** lives in Eagles Nest and works at the Zionsville West Middle School. He said he thinks Whitestown was a great place to live. He said he does not see the discourse and the professionalism he expects out of his co-workers – he is disappointed in the interactions with the Council lately. He would like to see more respect given to every council member by each other.

Kevin m/m to add new business C and new business D into the consent agenda, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.

- A. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA Approval of Meeting Minutes –3/27/2018 Meeting Minutes ****
- B. **Claims March 2018 Expenses Town | March 2018 Revenues Town | March 2018 Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating) ****
- C. Consider Low Bid for the Panther Park Restroom Project – NTE \$70,000
- D. Consider an Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (NTE \$25,000: Parks Department Infrastructure Budget Line - Old Water Plant Facility Renovation/Future Big 4 Trail Facilities)
- E. Consider a Temporary Road Closure Request (Anson Blvd South of CR 450 S for Viking Fest – April 20-22, 2018)
- F. Consider a Contract to Provide Professional Services NTE \$32,000 from Town Professional Services Other for Historic Survey – The Historic Preservation Commission Voted Unanimously on 4/17/2018 to Recommend that the Town Council Approve a Proposal by Grey and Pape.

Kevin m/m to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider an Ordinance Concerning Redistricting of Town Council Districts (**Ordinance 2018-11, First Read Only**) – **Eric** talked about the maps saying this was going only be a first read tonight to give the community 30 days to respond. **Eric** said alternative map 2 would most likely be the one they would go with. **Steve** talked about the 5 standards within the statue.
Don Teeter – Eagles Nest - had questions regarding lack of communication with his Town Council member. He said the first map locks in his district and would create the same problem the council is trying to avoid, by having a single representative in the neighborhood, and effectively creating a stagnant number of voters in that neighborhood. He said the lack of communication breeds distrust. He asked if the redistricting was based off a council member moving outside of their current district.

David Harting – from Eagles Nest – said there seems to be a perspective problem and would love for someone on the council to explain the disconnect between the council members. He said he has been told the council members in Eagles Nest have not been communicated with and would like to know why.

Melissa Harkins-Rose – said she is on the Bike Ped Committee and is excited on about it. Resident of Eagles Nest and lived in the town since 2010. She thinks map Alt 1 is problematic, and hopes the council recognizes it. She would like for Alt 1 to be taken off the table all together. She has a concern with getting this completed within 30 days. She would like to see this opened to the public and allow the community to have input. She said it also seems like there has not been any communication to the representatives of Eagles Nest. She thinks there are a lot of concerns which have gone unaddressed. She thinks 30 days is not a very long time for this to be completed. She would like to see it extended to allow for more input from the public.

Kevin read an e-mail from November which he said has not received any response. It talked about transparency. He suggested to go to seven council members again. He suggested putting it on the ballot. Discussion ensued. **Jeff** said that **Shawn** said a lot of things he is thinking, and he thinks we need to get along and work together for the town. He appreciates the committee suggesting Alt 2. He said he would love the opportunity to communicate more. He would like to see **Kevin** and himself to be included more. **Jeff** echoed what **Melissa** said regarding the 30-day timeline being too short. **Jeff** asked **Clinton** if he would care to address moving outside of his district. **Clinton** said he moved to the town in January 2010, and he will continue to uphold the law – meaning if he moves out of his district, he will resign. **Clinton** said he still lives in his district. **Jeff** asked if it is true if he is building a home outside of his current district. **Clinton** said he is following the letter of the law, and is working with a builder, and said if when they move, he is not in his district, he will follow the letter of the law. **Kevin** asked about section 3 of the ordinance, and that it takes effect immediately. He does not have a problem with this, but wants to know if there is a deadline to get this completed to make sure everything is ok. **Steve** talked about the statue. **Kevin** said he had an e-mail talking about the southwest annexation. He wondered if they are not a part of the town, and that is common complaint with annexations. **Steve** talked about the statue. Discussion ensued. **Clinton** talked about the redistricting in the House. **Eric** said he is fine with not moving forward with Alt 1 and considering Alt 2. **Clinton** did first read.

- B. Consider a Resolution Approving Real and Personal Property Tax Deduction (Duke Site 17 – PTS) **Resolution 2018-24** – **Clinton** did first read. **Dax** said this is essentially the same thing as the council has already approved but for a different site. It has been approved by the county. **Clinton m/m to adopt, Kevin 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

C. Consider an Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (WFD – NTE \$9,000 to Purchase 4 Microsoft Surface Computers, Docking Stations, and Various Ancillary Equipment for Administrative Staff to Replace Aging and Malfunctioning Equipment) – **approved in consent agenda.**

D. Consider an Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000 (WPD – Police Canines) - **approved in consent agenda.**

7. **TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT** – Dax said **Nathan** has worked hard on the Viking Fest site. Dax said the median project is moving forward. The roundabout restrictions have moved to May 1st. Dax said INDOT has complete control of the closures. The community crossing project will start the second week of May. RealityLink will start soon.

Kevin said there was a scout here attending for his merit badge. Currently there are six Eagle Scout projects in the Town of Whitestown.

8. **ADJOURN** – Clinton m/m to adjourn, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 8:16pm.

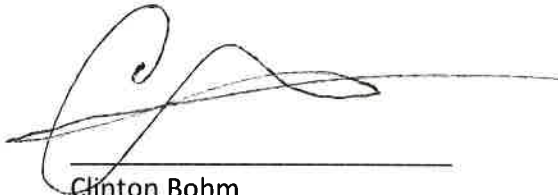
The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on April 18th, 2018 are approved on the 24th 9th day of May 2018 by the following Town Council Members:



Eric Miller, President



Susan Austin



Clinton Bohm



Jeff Wishek



Kevin Russell

Attest:



Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer