

# WHITESTOWN



## INDIANA

### WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

#### Regular Meeting

June 14, 2023

#### MINUTES

#### 1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – **Eric** called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call – Susan Austin, Eric Nichols, Tanya Sumner, and Jeff Wishek present; Clinton Bohm absent.
- D. Adoption of agenda – **Susan m/m to adopt the presented agenda, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**

#### 2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. American Structurepoint – Traffic Calming Study – **Danny Powers** introduced **Raul** with Structurepoint to discuss the traffic study. Tanya asked if the raised sidewalk was an issue. Discussion ensued. Cameron Norris, a resident spoke about this issue, and what he liked regarding the solutions presented.
- B. Krohn – Whitestown Quarterly Debt Report – **Nathan Fox**, from Krohn, presented the debt report. One new bond was issued – it is a TIF Bond – it is a developer backed TIF.

#### 3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT

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

#### 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW, Planning & Community Development, Building Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Relations, Police, Fire

5. **PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK** (Topics Not Related To An Agenda Item) – **Brian Alfred** spoke about living in Whitestown, moving away, and now moving back. He talked about his house on Trailside, and how there are a lot of speeders in his neighborhood. He's concerned about the residents due to the speeding in the neighborhood, specifically around Modera Rd. **Tanya** asked if he could be more specific about the speeders, and **Brian** said it was largely delivery vehicles, but some residents as well.

**Kevin Russell** talked about when this happened in the neighborhood he lived in and what they did to help reduce the amount of speeding incidents.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 5/10/2023 Town Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims – May 2023 Expenses Town | May 2023 Revenues Town | May Utility Claims (Utility Operating)
- C. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$42,000 (Paving of asphalt path on Main Street)

- D. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$127,000 (Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Program and Economic Development Plan)
- E. Consider On Call Consulting Agreement with American Structure Point
- F. Consider Interlocal Agreement with Boone County for Paving of S CR 300 E
- G. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$12,840 (Fleet Maintenance AC Machine)
- H. Consider Approval of out of state travel for Dominic Cornett to attend the National Parks and Recreation Conference in Dallas, TX
- I. Consider Approval of Agreement with Central Indiana Mitigation Providers for Mitigation Credit Purchase
- J. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$117,900 (Mitigation Credits for Big 4 Trail)
- K. Consider Approval of CF-1 Forms
- L. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$79,500 (Design Contract with Kimley & Horn for CR 700 Paving)
- M. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$10,000 (PD – Flock Safety Falcon)
- N. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$8,440 (PD – K9 Vehicle Add-Ons)
- O. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$7,917 (PD – Drone Purchase)
- P. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$19,375 (PD – Ammunition Purchase)
- Q. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$27,490 (PD – K9 Purchase)
- R. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$10,231.20 (Development Services – Mobile Eyes Renewal) – **Susan m/m to approve the above Consent Agenda, Tanya 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Expenditure Exceeding \$5,000; NTE \$685,875 (Peters & Hull Street Improvements for READI Grant) – **Danny Powers** discussed the purpose of the project. **Eric m/m to approve, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 approved.**
- B. Public Hearing – 65 Commerce Park West ERA – **Eric** opened the public meeting at 7:31pm. **Susan m/m to close the public hearing, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 approved to close the public hearing at 7:32pm.**
- C. Consider Adoption of Confirmatory Resolution Approving 65 Commerce Park West ERA (Resolution 2023-17) – **Eric** read the resolution and **m/m to adopt, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**
- D. Consider Adoption of Declaratory Resolution Approving Elliot Tax Abatement (Resolution 2023-18) – **Eric** read the resolution. **Eric** asked **Molly Whitehead**, from the Boone EDC, to give a brief overview of the resolution. **Molly** talked about it and what it could bring to Whitestown with the tax abatements. **Eric m/m to adopt, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**
- E. Consider Adoption of 3745 S Main St Rezone Ordinance (Ordinance 2023-11) – **Eric** read the ordinance, **Susan m/m to adopt, Tanya 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**
- F. Consider Ordinance Approving Amendments to Employee Handbook (Ordinance 2023-13) – **Kevin Russell** spoke about the issues with the employee handbook, was the extra day given to the employees. He was curious about the cost to the Town, and he was curious about how much the employees get now. He recommended tabling the item until he can

get a clear answer. **Katie Barr**, Director of HR, stated the language was that the language says the floating holiday is not defined to make it not eligible for roll-over or payout. **Kevin** then spoke up stating he is ok with that but would have liked the wording to have been there in the description. **Eric m/m to amend the ordinance to read with the language discussed – Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tanya said her one concern was having it in 30 minute increments would be hard to track, that was her only concern. Katie stated that our payroll software is capable of tracking it by 30 minutes, so with that, she's not currently concerned about it being an issue. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 amendment adopted. Eric m/m to suspend rules for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 approved. Eric did the 2<sup>nd</sup> read and m/m to adopt as amended, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**

- G. Consider Resolution Approving an Updated Travel and Per Diem Policy (Resolution 2023-20) – **Eric** read the resolution and **Tanya m/m to adopt, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**
- H. Consider a Resolution Establishing a Capital Assets Policy (Resolution 2023-19) – **Eric** read the resolution. **Susan** asked if there should be a process for appraisal. **Steve Unger** explained that it is largely within the resolution – in accordance with prior approved purchasing policies, etc... **Eric m/m to adopt, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**
- I. Consider an Ordinance Amending Town Code Concerning Incineration (Ordinance 2023-14) – **Patrick Hiem**, stated he just found out about this rule, and lately his neighbors have been calling the police on him. He would like to see the language amended to have no time limit so long as the bonfire is being tended to. **Chief Westrich** stated he would like to see the authority go to the Fire Chief instead of the Police Chief for the enforcement of this Ordinance, as the original ordinance was written before we had a Fire Department. **Eric m/m to table the Ordinance, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff** stated he believes the intent is to relax it, **Eric** agreed, and said maybe look to see what other language we might have missed to be added. **Tanya** also said maybe look into different rules for rural residents as well, as they are less likely to also cause any nuisance to their neighbors, if they live further away. **Eric m/m to table, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 tabled to July meeting.**
- J. Board Appointment (Fire Board) – **Eric** said this was to remove **Councilman Bohm** from the board and appoint himself in the spot vacated. **Susan m/m to appoint Eric to the Fire Board, Tanya 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS – none

**10. ADJOURN – Eric m/m to adjourn, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adjourned at 8:00pm.**

The minutes from a Town Council meeting on June 14th, 2023, are approved on the 12th day of July, 2023, by the following Town Council Members:

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Clinton Bohm

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Susan Austin

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Tanya Sumner

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Jeff Wishek

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Eric Nichols, President

Attest:  
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Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer