

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Warren County Learning Center with the following officers present – Randy Wurtsbaugh, Council President and Council Members Jim Lanham and Paul Coffman. Also present were Mike Hutchison, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney, Ingrid Barce, Amy Cushman, Kevin Strickler, Vickie Strickler, Edwin Buswell, Wade Armes, Mark Hutson, Michele Stucky, Gene Snoeberger, Ben Dispennett, and Eric Jackowick.

Randy Wurtsbaugh called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing for Williamsport's proposed water project and grant application submission.

Edwin Buswell with KIRPC discussed the Town of Williamsport's proposed water project and application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from their Wastewater/Drinking Water Program for water system improvements. Williamsport was not awarded the grant previously, so this is a resubmission. This round of grants will be announced and awarded in February 2023.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to close the public hearing for Williamsport's proposed water project. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve all September minutes. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve September claims. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated there are no UBO's to present.

Council discussed the gazebo above the Falls on Monroe Street. Kevin Strickler stated Jim Morgan Construction gave a quote that came in around \$34,000.00 for all work needed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the quote from Jim Morgan Construction up to \$35,000.00. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler stated most of the material for the Kiger-Wright addition electrical project is in, but not all.

Randy Wurtsbaugh discussed the quote for water meters and meter reading equipment presented at the September meeting. Kevin Strickler stated the quote for \$207,360.00 is for 550 5/8" water meters and radios, two handhelds and command links, and ten 1" water meters. Kevin stated quote is not locked in when ordered. The final cost is determined at time of delivery.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve the purchase of meters and equipment through EJP, as presented by Kevin. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler stated the Town has until October 2024 to identify the location of all lead pipes in the Town's water system and notify all customers.

Randy Wurtsbaugh stated the Town employee Christmas dinner will be at the Senior Center and catered by Paul and Djene Coffman.

Ingrid Barce discussed several employee policies for the Town Employee Handbook. Ingrid will draft policies for the Council to review and adopt.

Jim Lanham discussed using a portion of the ARP funds for drainage work on the Lincoln Street project. Kevin Strickler stated the overall cost for that part of the project, including the

engineering cost that isn't covered under the Community Crossing Matching Grant, was determined to be too costly at this time.

Vickie Strickler stated she has a quote from Bullseye Fencing for the permanent fencing at the ball diamond at Williamsport Town Park, but they are still waiting on a second quote from Alvin Fencing. Council tabled this until second quote is received.

Vickie Strickler provided the Council with an update on pool sponsor letters sent to businesses and funds raised at this point. Vickie also stated that the Warren County Community Foundation has agreed to do a grant match up to \$5,000.00 for private donations for the pool from individuals.

Kevin Strickler stated the Town's two linemen apprentice have signed the contracts presented to them concerning their employment with the Town, and gave them to the Council to sign.

Kevin Strickler discussed Logan Linton's desire to attend a class to obtain his Class A CDL license. The Council requested Logan attend the next meeting to discuss this with them.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve and sign the linemen apprentice contracts. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Eric Jackowick discussed parking on Monroe Street in front of his business and the other business south of the railroad tracks. Ingrid Barce will draft an ordinance for passage at the November meeting.

Paul Coffman made a motion to place signs on the East side of the railroad tracks that would limit parking from the railroad tracks to Fall Street to two hours, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to order the parking signs. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh discussed a request from the Wabash Valley Bible Baptist Church to use the parking lot owned by the Town next to High Falls Saloon for a trunk-or-treat. Ingrid Barce stated as long as the Warren Agency is ok with the proof of insurance provided by the church, and Council agrees to allow it, there is no problem.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the use of the Town parking lot for the purpose of trunk-or-treat by the Wabash Valley Bible Baptist Church as long as the Warren Agency okays the proof-of-insurance the church has provided. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Brian Stultz inquired about the old skate park ramps.

Ingrid Barce stated a resolution would have to be passed at the November meeting declaring the ramps surplus property and then be advertised as such. The earliest a decision can be made would be in December at the monthly council meeting.

Wade Armes stated the Fire Department will be having Santa at the fire station on December 3rd from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Fire Department will also be working with Brian Jordan on a Christmas parade that will take place on December 10th.

Wade Armes discussed installing a shower at the fire station. He will get pricing and present quotes at a future meeting.

Mike Hutchison stated a special meeting needs to be scheduled in December to discuss year-end business and set salaries. Council set the special meeting for Thursday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m. at the Williamsport Fire Station.

Michele Stucky discussed the Community Center design plans and asked the Council for their input on the location. Council majority opted for the downtown location over the location at the Williamsport Town Park.

Mark Hutson discussed raccoon problems in town.

Ben Dispennett discussed utility rate perception in Williamsport, the first round of the new microgrant available for small businesses in Williamsport, and the READI grant for the Wabash River Greenway Project.

Jim Lanham made a motion for the Town to commit \$300,000.00 towards the Wabash River Greenway Project as part of the match for the READI grant. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Amy Cushman presented the Council with leak adjustment requests.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve only the September bill adjustment presented for 410 S Second Street. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the leak adjustment presented for 700 Grant Street in the amount to \$311.57. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce discussed the Warren County Comprehensive Plan.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-1020A concerning the Warren County Comprehensive plan for 2022-2023. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce discussed the Town receiving funds from the opioid settlement and stated that both a restricted and unrestricted fund account will need to be established in order to receive the funds from the settlement.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve resolution 2022-1020B, establishing a restricted and unrestricted account in order to receive funds from the opioid settlement. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

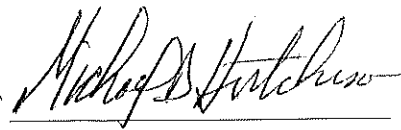
Ingrid Barce introduced an amended nuisance ordinance and stated the prior nuisance ordinance passed was not advertised within thirty days of passage and was also missing the "Junk" section.

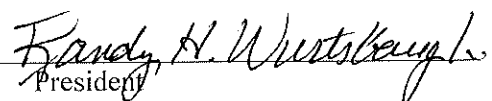
Jim Lanham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-1020C. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to adjourn. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

With no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST





 President

James E Lanham
Member

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Member