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Winfield Town Council Meeting
Meeting date: Tuesday, October 27th, 2020

Call to Order: A meeting of the Winfield Town Council was held at the Winfield Government Center, 10645 Randolph Street, Winfield, Indiana on October 27, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:28 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rick Anderson conducted roll call:

Members in attendance: Gerald Stiener, Dave Anderson, Tim Clayton, Jon Derwinski, and Zack Beaver

Members not in attendance:

Also in attendance: Rick Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer; Attorney David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C.; Nick Bellar, Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator; Mike Duffy, Town Engineer; Anthony Clark, Public Works Director; and Dan Ball, Town Marshal; Kevin Heerema, LOFS Fire Force.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gerald Stiener entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Council Executive Sessions of September 22, 2020, and October 13, 2020 and regular Town Council Meetings of September 22, 2020, and October 13, 2020. Tim Clayton made the motion to approve the minutes, Jon Derwinski seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented by a vote of 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Anthony Clark, Public Works Director, reported they are currently working on some equipment repairs, some will have to wait until next year to be completed. The Street Department has also been working on storm water drainage projects and some sewer projects. They continue to prepare for winter. Tim Clayton thanked the Street Department for working quickly to act on many of the storm water projects that have come up.

- Town Marshal, Dan Ball, submitted his monthly stats in writing. Dan stated it has been a busy month. They had a couple incidents at the liquor store and one is possibly related to a similar case Highland Police is investigating. There was an auto theft at Family Express. They were aware of the suspect before he was apprehended, he has targeted cars left running at gas stations before. There was a pursuit into Hobart and one suspect was taken into custody. Pursuits are up in the County and the region in general lately. His department took part in an emergency vehicle operations training over the past two days. It included pit maneuver training which is a safe technique to use in a pursuit and Dan would like to begin allowing his officer to do that but it is currently not allowed in their policy. Gerald Stiener recommend he work with Council member Zack Beaver to review and update his policy since he is a former State Officer. Dan stated he would like to include yearly training in pit maneuvering to his policy. In a recent pursuit the officer involved informed Dan he felt he could have ended the pursuit earlier with a pit maneuver if he had been trained to do so. Dave Anderson asked if the gas station has to make a complaint against the suspect who stole the running vehicle for loitering so that if he happens to come back the police can arrest him on site before he attempts to steal another vehicle. Dan said after reviewing the video the suspect was only there two minutes prior to the driver, he did



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inform the gas station employees to not hesitate to call them if people appear to be hanging around without conducting any business. Dave believes all the gas stations in the area should consider filing a no trespassing notice on the suspect. Dan said they give all the business owners that option. Tim Clayton asked about the amount of traffic stops. Dan said school has been back in service and the school system has asked them to sit in their school zones to slow down traffic. Dan did issue some citations in a school zone in the past month.

- Kevin Heerema, LOFS Fire Force, was present. Their monthly stats were submitted in writing. Kevin reported there were 47 total calls for the town last month and 28 of those were EMS. He said last month was not bad as far as Covid cases go but so far this month has been terrible. Just last week in one day all four transports were out with positive cases. They try to talk some people out of being transferred to the hospital if they don't need to because it puts their ambulances out of commission for two hours while they decontaminate them to make sure they don't transfer anything to another patient. Cases have definitely gone back up in the area. Kevin also noted a fire that took place last Friday night that went into Saturday morning in the Hidden Creek Subdivision. The family is safe but the house was lost. They did everything they could to put it out but the high winds caused a problem and much of the house was already on fire by the time they arrived. The homeowner fell asleep outside while having a bonfire and woke up to everything around them on fire. Tim Clayton stated the son called in the fire and was able to get everyone out but they were not able to take any personal items with them but the clothes on their back. There has been a big push of support from the neighbors and community to donate essential items to the family since. Kevin said the homeowner is very overwhelmed and humbled by all of the support. Tim asked how many of the EMS calls were to Crown Point Christian Village. Dave Anderson asked if it would be possible to separate out the calls to the Village from the other EMS calls for their stat reports. Kevin said they could do that and lately they have not had to go there much. Kevin noted this year overall their EMS calls have been down and their billing is down from what they normally budget for the year. Payments are only down 11% but they have not had many invoices either. A lot of their calls are Medicare or Medicaid which significantly reduces their revenue. Dave would also like to know if they could track how many Medicare/Medicaid calls they get. Kevin said he recently checked on the numbers compared to last year, from year to date of this time last year they had 594 invoices and this year they're at 433. Kevin said about 60-70% of their calls are Medicare/Medicaid. Dave asked what is their set payments, Kevin stated Medicaid pays an average between \$100-200 and Medicare pays around \$400 or half of the standard bill. Kevin again said that their runs to Crown Point Christian Village vary. They have been in Doubletree West more recently for Covid cases. Tony Clark noted he did hear this past week there were a few more positive cases of Covid at Crown Point Christian Village. Kevin said they do have a whole wing set up for Covid with negative pressure but it is unfortunately on the second level which makes it difficult to get the patient out since they cannot use the elevator.



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- Nick Bellar had no report

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items): None.

CITIZEN REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON AGENDA (Non-related to the Agenda): None.

SPECIAL ACTIONS:

1. *Public Hearing for 2021 Town of Winfield Budget.*

Second Reading of Ordinance 307, Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Town of Winfield for 2021.

Rick Anderson stated this Public Hearing was properly advertised and published; this is the second reading for the 2021 Town Budget. Rick reviewed the budget amount for 2021 is \$5.6 million, it will be lower once the debt is issued and the numbers are finalized. The total tax levy is \$2,076,000 which will also be lower when the debt is issued. From his last presentation he has added \$76,000 to the general fund, there was also an increase in the CCD Town Marshal Fund to cover some salary wage increases, he also added a used vehicle for town use and security costs as they are looking to improve security at various locations in town next year. The rate will be adopted at \$.51 the actual number will end up being around \$.40.

Gerald Stiener opened the Public Hearing at 7:09p.m. After asking three times, no comments were made and the Public Hearing was closed.

Tim Clayton made the motion to adopt Ordinance 307, 2021 Town of Winfield Budget, on second reading in title only. He then proceeded to read the title. Zack Beaver seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 5-0.

2. *Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation for 2020 General Obligation Bond Proceeds*
Second Reading of Ordinance 310 Additional Appropriation of General Obligation Bond Proceeds.

Rick noted this was properly advertised and published. This allows the town to spend the General Obligation Bond Proceeds, they won't close the bonds until early December.

Gerald Stiener opened the Public Hearing at 7:11p.m. After asking three times for comments, none were made and the Public Hearing was closed.

Tim Clayton made the motion to adopt Ordinance 310, Additional Appropriations of General Obligation Bond Proceeds, in title only after second reading. He proceeded to read the title in full. Zack Beaver seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 5-0.



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UNFINISHED/DEFERRED BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Letter of Engagement, Bond Council, Barnes and Thornburg LLP.

Attorney Austgen stated this is a standard engagement letter with the correct form and the amounts are in the correct range. Tim Clayton made the motion to approve the Letter of Engagement for Bond Council from Barnes and Thornburg LLP. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 5-0.

2. Consideration of Letter of Engagement, Financial Advisor, Crowe LLP.

Attorney Austgen stated this is also a proper form with standard rates needed for financing. Tim Clayton made the motion to approve the Letter of Engagement for Financial Advisement from Crowe LLP. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

TREASURERS REPORT:

Rick Anderson noted the Community Crossing Grant application was submitted for the intersection improvement at 109th Ave. and Grand Blvd. They also received their first amount of funding from the CARES Act Reimbursement. Rick then presented the Treasurer’s Report through September 30, 2020 and routine claims-to-date in the amount of \$414,981.34. Gerald Stiener entertained a motion to pay the claims. Tim Clayton made a motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$414,981.34. Dave Anderson seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gerald Stiener noted the upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gerald Stiener entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Clayton made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dave Anderson. All were in favor, the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Gerald Stiener
Town Council President

Richard C. Anderson, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer

Kim Wachowski
Recording Secretary

Date of Approval _____