

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2019

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President N. Cobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer K. Hrapek; present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member L. Kittredge, Council Member D. Lafata, Council Member N. Cobbs, and Council Member E. DeLaney.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 Executive Session and August 12, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the claims as presented, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Waiver of Building Permit fees – Westchester Migratory Bird Sanctuary – Council Member J. Ton spoke on behalf of the Bird Sanctuary and advised they need the permit to complete electrical work. Engineer M. O'Dell advised the permit has been submitted and is required for them to obtain NIPSCO connection. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the request for waiver of building permit fees, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Paul Petro, Duneland Cove resident, thanked the Town Council, the Park Board and Town staff for the work completed at Waskom Park, he commented on the work completed by Gariup on these improvements to the facilities there.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - Chief Cincoski requested Town Council approval of the Chesterton High School Homecoming Parade permit. He advised the Police Commission usually approves these permits however they meet the day before the Homecoming Parade and he requested the Council approve this permit. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the Parade Permit, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. FIRE - No Report

C. CLERK-TREASURER – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer K. Hrapek advised they would like to request authorization to obtain quotes from local banks as part of what is being done with Chesterton Utility Service Board. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. She also requested authorization to pay \$28 per shot for Flu Shots for employees and their spouses. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Hrapek also advised the Porter County Election Board has requested the use of the Town Hall for the General Election Early Voting this fall. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES – Commissioner J. Schnadenberg was absent, report presented by Town Engineer M. O’Dell. He reported on the Indiana Avenue project and the installation of the curbing, and the milling and paving work that would be completed. Schnadenberg also reported on the progress of other paving projects including CR 1050 N. He advised there is a banner request for Hooked on Art. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the banner request, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

E. ENGINEERING – No Report

F. BUILDING - No Report

G. PARK - Superintendent B. Mathias stated he had no report, however, Engineer M. O’Dell responded to Mr. Petro’s comments and advised that Gariup would be returning to Waskom Park for seeding and landscaping work, and they would return as many times as necessary to complete the landscaping and seeding.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - Absent - No Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- Absent – No Report

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Opening Request for Proposal – Quiet Zone

Town Attorney Lukmann opened the Request for Proposals from:

James F. Giannini & Associates of Chesterton, Indiana

Weaver Consultants Group LLC of Chicago, Illinois

CTC Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas

He recommended the Council make a motion to take this under advisement.

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to take these under advisement, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton commented that he thought we would never see this day, the opening of these proposals.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2019-12 – Town Attorney Lukmann advised this Ordinance is forwarded to the Council with a favorable recommendation from the Advisory Plan Commission - An Ordinance of the Chesterton Town Council Amending Portions of the Text of the Unified Comprehensive Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinance. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion

approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2019-13 - An Ordinance of the Chesterton Town Council Amending the Chesterton Town Code – Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone – addressed under Bid Openings.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member J. Ton advised the Clerk-Treasurer attended the NIRPC meeting since he was unable to attend, when she returns he would obtain an update and also attend the next NIRPC meeting.

Council President N. Cobbs spoke about the Indiana Political Subdivision Catastrophic Liability Fund which was discontinued in 2008 and to which the Town contributed. He advised Anton Insurance was looking into the funds the Town contributed to this Fund and ascertaining the return of those funds to the Town. He advised a letter has been prepared and he requested the Council authorize his signing this letter to be submitted. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve sending the letter, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

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| Council Member E. DeLaney: | No Comment. |
| Council Member L. Kittredge: | Council Member L. Kittredge advised it was good to see a bunch of people here taking part in Town business, seeing what’s going on, and becoming involved. |
| Council Member J. Ton: | No Comment |
| Council Member D. Lafata: | No Comment |
| Council Member N. Cobbs: | No Comment |

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer K. Hrapek