

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 26, 2017

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President J. Ton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Angela Molenhauer 403 S. 19th St. – Mrs. Molenhauer presented the Council with photos and spoke in opposition to the proposed Parking Ordinance. She stated that parking along the roadway is not always available and she felt it would be inappropriate to have gravel placed in the green space in front of their homes. She also advised that she has spoken with others who are also against the proposed Ordinance. Council Member J. Ton advised that the Ordinance she is referencing is not on the agenda tonight.

Raymond Griffith 321 S. 13th St. – Mr. Griffith also advised he is opposed to proposed Parking Ordinance and it would be an invasion of his peace and property rights.

Dale Kiser 327 S. 19th St. – Mr. Kiser also expressed his opposition to the proposed Parking Ordinance.

Mark Molenhauer 403 S. 19th St. – Mr. Molenhauer agreed with his wife in opposing the Parking Ordinance.

Lisa Tucker 312 Union Ave. – Mrs. Tucker advised that she also is opposed to the Parking Ordinance and parks vehicles on her lawn inside her privacy fence.

Linda Taylor 1611 N. 375 E – She agrees with Mrs. Molenhauer and opposes the Parking Ordinance.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. POLICE - No Report

B. FIRE - Chief Jarka reported that he is working with Town Manager B. Doyle because of a citizen's request for a drop-off spot for water for residents of East Chicago because of the contaminated water problem. He advised they would use the Fire Department as the drop-off location but they would not be delivering the water.

C. TOWN HALL - Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela reported she received a letter of resignation from Plan Commission Member Jeffrey Ton dated June 15th. She advised this is a Council President appointment and the applicant can be either an Independent or Democrat. She requested authorization to publish for the vacancy, which would expire later this year. Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela was given authorization to advertise the opening by consensus of the Council. She also advised that this position was generally paid annually and requested authorization for a check to pay Mr. Ton for mid-year commission pay. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. She also requested authorization to pay two Police Department claims that were received later than normal. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg reported the dump truck that was approved earlier this year would be built July 14th and they were starting the process for the lease purchase. He requested the Council's approval for him to sign for the loan process. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Schnadenberg reported on the progress of the paving projects and three of the four projects are completed. He stated he is still working on the Community Crossings Grant for Calumet and Wabash and if there were any funds left over, he would request approval for an additional paving project. He reported on the sidewalk projects including the trip hazard projects.

E. ENGINEERING – Engineer M. O'Dell reported the Westchester-Liberty Trail is progressing and they should begin paving next week.

F. BUILDING - Building Commissioner M. O'Dell advised he appreciated the Building Ordinance later in the meeting, Ordinance 2017-11.

G. PARK - No Report

H. ATTORNEY - Town Attorney Lukmann presented information on the proposed CO2 Ordinance and the issue with the LaPorte Ordinance the State did not approve. LaPorte has amended their Ordinance to meet the State issues and he could prepare an Ordinance similar to the LaPorte Ordinance or he could prepare a legal review for the Council. Council Member E. DeLaney recommended having the Town Attorney prepare an Ordinance in line with the LaPorte Ordinance and have the Council review it. The Council approved this recommendation by consensus.

I. UTILITIES - Superintendent D. Ryan reported the clarifier rehab project was moving forward and they were waiting for material delivery. He also reported they were researching a new Vac Truck.

J. TOWN MANAGER- Town Manager B. Doyle was absent and Council Member J. Ton reported for him the Health Insurance Committee met and they were not recommending any changes to the Health Insurance plan.

K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton advised the Council he received the line staff chart for NIRPC. He also advised NIRPC advised the deadline for the Community Crossings Grants is July 14th and he was sure staff was working on this.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Public Hearing – Resolution 2017-10 – Fiscal Plan for Jill Chitwood Annexation - Council President J. Ton opened the Public Hearing. Attorney Greg Babcock 111 S. Calumet, representing Jill Chitwood, provided information regarding the property that Mrs. Chitwood inherited and is trying to sell, but the septic system is not functional. He stated they approached the Utility Board and they have capacity available for Mrs. Chitwood’s property. Mrs. Chitwood is petitioning for annexation into the Town since that is the next step with the Utility Service Board. Mr. Babcock explained the fiscal plan. No one spoke against the Resolution. Council President J. Ton closed the Public Hearing.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2017-10 – A RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING A WRITTEN FISCAL PLAN AND DEFINITE POLICY PURSUANT TO INDIANA LAW FOR THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2 ACRES PETITIONED FOR BY THE JILL C. CHITWOOD – Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 2017-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHESTERTON TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-25 WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN TOWN EMPLOYEES AND DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION THEREOF – Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ORDINANCE 2017-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHESTERTON TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CHESTERTON TOWN CODE - Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member E. DeLaney made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela advised they received a letter from DBIG thanking them for the donation.

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member J. Ton read a prepared statement regarding the CEDC and made the Presidential appointment of Richard Riley as a member to the CEDC and he advised he would request that CEDC coordinator Town Manager B. Doyle to schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member E. DeLaney:	Council Member E. DeLaney thanked everyone who attended the meeting and it is good to see people proud of their community and their yards. He also reminded residents who park in their driveways not to block the sidewalks in front of their homes and there is an Ordinance for this violation.
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No Comment
Council Member D. Lafata:	No Comment
Council Member J. Ton:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge, motion approved by unanimous voice. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela