

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2021
5:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President S. Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare; present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member D. Lafata, Council Member J. Fisher, Council Member S. Darnell and Council Member L. Kittredge.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to approve the claims as presented, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

CBLT- Support of Coffee Creek Plan- Maura Durham – Durham presented and read a letter from the Chesterton Branding Leadership Team (CBLT) regarding the Coffee Creek Master Plan. Durham stated that several down town business owners are vested in the downtown and that the Coffee Creek Master Plan is key to future potential. The revitalization of the park will hopefully bring return visitors to downtown as well as in a sense connect Thomas Centennial to Coffee Creek Park.

Vacation of a Portion of a Public Way- Bennett's Rentals – 2001 W. Morgan Ave. – Attorney David Hiestand presented the petition on behalf of Bennett's Rentals. Hiestand explained that the petition involves the part of the property where the property dead ends at the bike path. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to set the petition for public hearing on November 8, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Department heads will review the petition prior to that meeting.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Police— Chief T. Richardson reported that his department is collaborating with the Park Department to prevent vandalism. Dispatchers have been watching the cameras. Chief Richardson commended the dispatchers for being vigilant on suspicious activity.

B. Fire – Deputy Chief N. Williams reported that multi department training took place at Dogwood Park on October 4. CFD and an additional 30 people participated in training for rescuing victims out of burning buildings. Also, there was be a fire safety open house on October 9th at the Fire Station. Deputy Chief Williams thanked all those who came out.

C. Clerk Treasurer- NO REPORT

D. Streets, Sanitation, & Central Service –Truck Request- Street Commissioner J. Schnadenberg talked about the intersection of CR 250 and Kelle Dr. Commissioner Schnadenberg reported that there have been many complaints and concerns about the intersection. A traffic study is being done and in the mean-time signage has been improved and line of sight parking has been eliminated. Assistant Street Commissioner D. Moy reported that 4th and Broadway parking has been fixed. Leaf pick up will be starting soon and there are maps at the Town Hall and online for the leaf pick up schedule It will run for five weeks starting October 25th. Assistant Commissioner Moy asked that no leaves be placed in alleys and ditches and please don't mix any debris with the brush.

E. Engineering—Town Engineer M. O'Dell reported on Easton Park Phase 4B—there are 30 to 40 lots coming in and this will go to Plan for secondary plat.

F. Building —Building Commissioner M. O'Dell reported that Aldi is close to occupancy. Aldi's grand opening is Thursday October 14.

G. Parks –Superintendent S. Griffin reported that the Park Board has approved the Coffee Creek Master Plan. Superintendent Griffin thanked the CBLT for their support.

H. Attorney—NO REPORT

I. Utilities—Superintendent D. Ryan reported that a draft of a rate study will be done soon.

J. Town Manager—NO REPORT

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, & REMONSTRANCES

Public Hearing- Vacation of a Portion (5 foot) of a Utility and Drainage Easement- 1890

Catkin Circle- Ed & Aneeqa Virgil – The public hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. This petition was filed for the purpose of building a small shed. Most sides of the property only have a 6 foot easement. No utilities are underground currently. No one spoke for or against the petition. A letter from John and Barbara Black in favor of the petition was given to Town Council members prior to the meeting. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m. Department heads recommended a 5 foot easement.

Public Hearing- Vacation of a Portion (2 ½ feet) of a Utility and a Drainage Easement- 1087 Crabtree Lane- Hanneli Jaakola- The public hearing was opened at 7:18 p.m. There is 2 ½ of a 10 foot section of a constructed pool that is overlapping the easement. No one spoke for or against the petition. The public hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2021-19- Approving the Issuance of Bonds and Appropriation of the Proceeds Thereof by the Department of Storm Water Management- 2nd Reading- Town Attorney Nolan presented the ordinance. 1st reading was passed on vote of 3-0 at previous Town Council Meeting. The Storm Water Board will have a public hearing and review a confirmatory resolution next week. The bonds will be issued pursuant to Indiana code 8-1.5-5 in an amount not to exceed \$1,013,000 to provide funds to acquire, construct, rebuild, repair, extend, and improve the storm water system and equipment, and structures and equipment appurtenant to them and to pay costs of issuance of the bonds. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2021-20- 2022 Budget- 2nd Reading- Attorney Nolan presented the ordinance regarding 2022 appropriations and tax levy. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2021-22- Vacation of a Portion (5 feet of 15 ft.) of a Utility and Drainage Easement- 1890 Catkin Circle- Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member D. Lafata made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2021-23- Vacation of a Portion of A Utility and Drainage Easement- 1087 Crabtree Lane (2 ½ feet of 10ft utility easement) - Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the ordinance on 1st reading, motion seconded by Council Member J. Ton; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member L. Kittredge made the motion to suspend the rules, motion seconded by Council Member J. Fisher; motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to approve the ordinance on 2nd reading, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

Revised Bus Barn Annexation Agreement- Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the bus barn annexation agreement, motion second by Council Member L. Kittredge; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Quiet Zone-NO REPORT

XI. NEW BUSINESS AND/OR UPDATES

NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member S. Darnell:	No comment
Council Member J. Fisher: for the Coffee Creek master plan.	Council Member J. Fisher said she is excited
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No comment
Council Member J. Ton: endorsed the CBLT in regards to the Coffee Creek master plan.	Council Member J. Ton concurred with and
Council Member D. Lafata:	No comment

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member J. Fisher made the motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Council Member D. Lafata; motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CLERK TREASURER C. UDVARE