

WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL
October 11, 2022

Council members present

Brad Goedeker	
President	<u> X </u>
Richard Hill	
V-President	<u> X </u>
Laura Fleury	
Member	<u> X </u>
David Hawkins	
Member	<u> X </u>
Joe Sayler	
Member	<u> X </u>

Other Town Officials

James Lowhorn	
Town Manager	<u> X </u>
Debra L. Hendrickson	
Clerk Treasurer	<u> X </u>
Stephen Watson	
Town Attorney	<u> X </u>

Call to order

- B. Goedeker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Invocation – Jim Lowhorn

Adoption of the Order of Business

Minutes 9/13/22

- L. Fleury made a motion to approve the Minutes 9/13/22. R. Hill seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0-1, J. Sayler abstains .

Voucher Packet 10-11-22

- R. Hill inquired about utility overpayment. An explanation was given. Fire General Operating Fund about a purchase of water. An explanation was given.
- J. Sayler made the motion to approve Voucher Packet 10-11-22. R. Hill seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

Financial Report

- Clerk Treasurer reported balances on all operating funds.
- Fire General Fund is higher due to the ARPA funds being transferred to cover future payroll.
- The Sewer Bond will be paid off in March 2023.

Old Business

- Ordinance 2022-08, 2023 Budget, Final Reading
 - D. Hendrickson summarized the Form 1 forms that were distributed last month at first reading.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve the final reading for Ordinance 2022-08. L. Fleury seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0

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- Ordinance 2022-11, Redistricting for Council Wards
 - S. Watson stated nothing has changed since the presentation last month.
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11 final reading. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- Resolution 2022-16, Confirmation Resolution for Resolution 2022-15, Patch Tax Abatement
 - S. Watson summarized the steps taken to this final action. Public Hearing opened at 7:18pm. No comment. Hearing closed at 7:19pm.
 - J. Saylor made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-16. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0-1 with D. Hawkins abstaining.

New Business

- Ordinance 2022-09, 2022 Budget Reduction
 - D. Hendrickson stated the budget reduction lets the DLGF know the Town did not spend all the funds.
 - J. Saylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-09 1st Reading. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- J. Saylor made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2022-09 for second reading tonight. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- J. Saylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-09 final reading. L. Fleury seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- Ordinance 2022-12, Bond Ordinance for Patch Project, Introduction Only
 - S. Watson gave a preliminary introduction on how the process is taking place.
 - There will be a Special Meeting on October 18, for final approval of the bond.
 - R. Hill expressed his concern on section seven which states the Town Council President and the Clerk Treasurer sign the documents and that the Town Council as a whole, would not be involved. D. Hawkins also inquired why the Town Manager does not sign the papers. Dennis Otten, representative for Bose, McKinney, and Evans, LLP, stated is a normal process for bond deals and if there were any major changes it would come back to the Town Council.
 - S. Watson suggested adding the Town Manager in the Bond paperwork. D. Hawkins stated he would like to see that.
 - D. Hawkins made a motion to table the vote until the clarification of the wording.
 - J. Saylor stated the Town Council President, and the Clerk Treasurer are the elected officials that target these areas and has no problem with the Town Manager is included but we rely heavy on our attorney to advise us on these things.
 - D. Hawkins withdraws the motion after S. Watson stated he has read the Bond and has no problems and will rely on Bond Counsel for terms and agreements. Revising section 7 and 8 by adding Town Manager.
 - J. Saylor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12, first reading pending changes. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 4-0-1 with D. Hawkins abstaining

- Nominations for members to serve on Economic Development Commission
 - S. Watson stated there are three members statutorily. One is nominated by Council President. One is nominated by the County Council and the last is nominated by the Town Council.
 - The Council nomination is David Collins.
 - The Council President nomination is Eric Prickel.

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- J. Sayler nominated David Collins for the EDC Board. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- B. Goedecker nominated Eric Prickel for the EDC Board.
- Ordinance 2022-13, Bond Ordinance for G.O. Bond, Introduction
 - S. Watson summarized the process of a G.O. Bond and how it is for capital projects for the Town.
 - It is a short-term bond with a maximum of 5 years.
 - Normal procedure is to vote for first reading.
 - The second paragraph in the Ordinance states Items for the funds are for certain equipment such as, but not limited to, a fire truck, Police Department vehicles, Public Works vehicles, construction of Town facilities, to name a few items.
 - Payments will be made with the source of the funds.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve first reading for Ordinance 2022-13. D. Hawkins seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- Ordinance 2022-14, Additional Appropriation for proceeds of G.O. Bond, Introduction
 - Dennis Otten stated this is the same as your budget you approve. When you close on the bond, by statute you must have permission to spend the money because it wasn't included in the budget.
 - J. Sayler made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-14. R. Hill seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

- **Town Manager Report**

- J. Lowhorn
 - Whiteland Rd sewer project – Totally complete.
 - Code Enforcement for tall grass – Other municipalities examples distributed. Recommendation is to update the ordinance. Mail a letter and taping notice on the door.
 - R. Hill inquired what the daily fine was and the next steps?
 - D. Hendrickson stated on grass liens previously were taken to the recorder's office and file a lien.
 - J. Sayler prefers to see a weekly fine instead of daily and the lien would be more cost effective.
- L. Fleury inquired if the resident at the last meeting who spoke about his water bill, was addressed. J. Lowhorn stated he did email him back. After looking at the new reads his bill was substantially reduced because he stopped watering. Reads were printed out for three new streets of residents and all followed suit.

- **Department Head Report**

- Police Chief R. Shipp
 1. An active shooter scenario was performed at the Amazon warehouse successfully and so there is a plan in the works. Amazon was impressive on how they handled safety situations.
 2. Still waiting on the new vehicles.

Council Comments - None

Public Comments - None

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Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Town Council on this day 8 of November, 2022

Aye



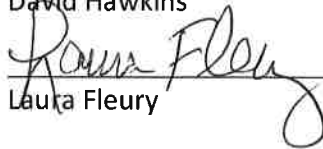
Brad Goedeker, President



Richard Hill, Vice President



David Hawkins



Laura Fleury

Joe Sayler

Nay

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Attest:



Debra L. Hendrickson, Clerk Treasurer

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