

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President L. Kittredge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer S. Jones; 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 J. Ton made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

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

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Leigh Morris – 434 Upper Lakeshore Dr LaPorte, IN – presented a request for the Council to approve a Resolution in support of non-partisan redistricting. Mr. Morris advised that redistricting of the congressional and state representatives districts occur every 10 years after the census and historically it has been controlled by the political party in control at the time, resulting in Gerrymandering, he presented information on studies that have been conducted and advised that they have the support of 25 cities, counties and towns for this resolution. He stated that Pat Carlisle has a model resolution for the Council's review.

Pat Carlisle 714 S. 18th St. Chesterton requested the Council to take this under consideration. The Town Council advised this would be submitted to the Town Attorney's office for legal review.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- A. POLICE - No Report
- B. FIRE - Chief Jarka advised the Porter County Recycling and Waste Reduction District has requested the Chesterton Fire Department as well as other Fire Departments in the County to be drop off sites for old smoke detectors. He advised there would be no cost to the Town. The Council approved this by consensus.
- C. CLERK-TREASURER – Deputy Clerk-Treasurer S. Jones reported the Porter County Auditor's office will be processing the Spring Disbursement next week. She also reported the Indiana Department of Revenue will be sending out another disbursement of additional

CEDIT/LIT money since they found errors in their software and under distributed previously and the estimated amount the Town would receive is just over \$11,500.

D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Commissioner J. Schnadenberg requested that 2 vehicles a 2008 Ford F250 and a 2002 Ford F550 be declared surplus and be made available during the 2018 Auction. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to declare these vehicles as surplus, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Schnadenberg advised he would like to replace the 2008 Ford with a 2018 vehicle to be funded from L.R.S. at an estimated cost of \$29,800 and he would obtain quotes on this vehicle purchase. Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Schnadenberg presented a list of roads and estimates for paving through CEDIT funding. He advised the Calumet Rd project from Porter Ave to the Post Office is partially funded through the Community Crossings Grant and is to begin June 18th with detours for about 4 days. He also reported on the sidewalk projects that have begun from the list previously submitted to the Council. He stated they have been working in the area of the Chamber office preparing for the railroad cars.

E. ENGINEERING – Engineer M. O’Dell reported the Porter Avenue culvert project would begin June 18th with a road closure and detour which will be posted.

F. BUILDING - No Report

G. PARK - Superintendent B. Mathias advised the water lines have been purchased for the restrooms in Thomas Park.

H. ATTORNEY - No Report

I. UTILITIES - Superintendent D. Ryan absent, No Report

J. TOWN MANAGER- No Report

K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton reported NIRPC meeting next week.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Public Hearing - Ordinance 2018-01 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land to the Town of Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana. – Ballestero Annexation – President L. Kittredge opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the Ordinance - Attorney G. Babcock spoke regarding this annexation and presented the information to the Council. There was no one to speak in opposition to the Ordinance. President L. Kittredge closed the Public Hearing.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2018-01 – An Ordinance Annexing Certain Contiguous Land to the Town of Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana - Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve Ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Council Member N. Cobbs, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2018-08 – Ordinance of the Town of Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana, Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the Town for the Purpose of Funding Road, Street and Sidewalk Improvements and Repair throughout the Town – Town Attorney Lukmann advised this was the introduction of this Ordinance on 1st Reading and no action was to be taken at this time.

Ordinance 2018-09 – Ordinance of the Town of Chesterton, Porter County, Indiana, Providing for the Appropriations of the Proceeds of its General Obligation Bonds of the Town for the Purpose of Funding Road, Street and Sidewalk Improvements and Repair throughout the Town – Town Attorney Lukmann advised this is the 1st Reading and requested the Council to set this for Public Hearing on June 25, 2018. Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to set this Ordinance for Public Hearing on June 25, 2018, seconded by Council Member D. Lafata, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Juarez – Riverfront District Liquor License for 219 Tap Room which will be in the back 2/3 of Ashley Jewelers on 3rd St. – Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to direct the Town Manager to apply for a Riverfront Liquor License with the recommendation of the Council, motion seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member J. Ton:	No Comment
Council Member N. Cobbs:	No Comment
Council Member D. Lafata:	No Comment
Council Member E. DeLaney:	No Comment
Council Member L. Kittredge:	No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member N. Cobbs made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member E. DeLaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

June 11, 2018

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela