

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Vice President J. Trout called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Deputy Clerk S. Jones; present were Council Member J. Ton, Council Member J. Trout, Council Member N. Walding, and Council Member E. Delaney. Council Member S. Darnell was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member E. Delaney made the motion approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014 Council Meeting, motion seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve claims as submitted, motion seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

V. PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Marcus Key 2010 W. Porter Ave requested permission to keep 4 chickens on his property which is less than ½ acre. He advised that he would like to keep these chickens so that he can have a fresh supply of eggs and he likes to live a sustainable lifestyle without having to become a farmer. Council Member J. Ton commented that he felt this was a viable suggestion, and merited further consideration and review by legal counsel, and department heads. Council Member E. Delaney commented that there is a variance to the current ordinance for children who are 4-H members, and keep restricted animals as a 4-H project. He also commented that legal would need to review this as well as Council Members contacting their constituents concerning this issue. Council Member J. Ton asked Mr. Key if there were any other communities within a 3 county area that permitted this on less than ½ acre. By consensus the Council decided to take this under advisement and submit the issue to department heads for review. Council Member N. Walding advised that he would forward a copy of Mr. Key's email to the Clerk-Treasurer for distribution to department heads.

Paul Tharp 918 S. 18th St. expressed his opposition to permitting chickens and other farm animals because 25 years ago a relative of his had a pot-belly pig, and they had to move out of Town if they wanted to keep this animal because the Town determined it was a farm animal, and not a pet.

Anthony Tharp 1921 Annabelle Ct - submitted petition for Waiver from Town Standards requesting a 2nd driveway for his residence accessing 19th St. Mr. Tharp advised that he has

spoken with M. O'Dell and they reviewed issues of drainage, and the proposal would address drainage issues. Mr. Sharp responded to Council Member J. Trout inquiry concerning the existing driveway which would be modified but could accommodate off street parking for persons visiting his home. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to grant the Wavier from Town Standards as requested, seconded by Council

Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. It was noted that the petition had both Mr. & Mrs. Sharp names as requested by legal counsel.

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- A. POLICE - No Report
- B. FIRE - Chief J. Jarka reported that the hiring process is completed and Michael Coslet would begin November 17th. He also reported that Fire Prevention programs met with 787 children and 307 adults. He reported that Engine 520 is back in service and all tornado sirens were in working order during the last test, and all vehicles have passed DOT inspections, and pump tests for the year. He also advised that he submitted letters to the Council requesting authorization to forward bid specifications for a new engine to legal counsel in preparations for going out to bid. He advised that the 2nd letter was a request to replace an Assistant Deputy Chief's vehicle that is experiencing mechanical problems making it no longer appropriate as an emergency response vehicle. Council Member E. Delaney reported on Chief Jarka's requests and mentioned that there would be a time when there would be a 2nd Fire Station and it would require personnel, and equipment. It was reported that the cost of a new engine could be from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and prior to retiring, Chief Orlich was working with the Township Trustee on partial funding from that agency. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to authorize these requests that once specifications were reviewed and approved by legal counsel to go out to bid for a new engine, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- C. TOWN HALL - Deputy Clerk S. Jones reported the Clerk-Treasurer's office is still working on a document retention program for the Town.
- D. STREETS, SANITATION & CENTRAL SERVICES- Street Superintendent J. Schnadenberg reported that the 2014 leaf program was behind last week but to catch up they have worked 792 regular hours and 234 overtime hours. He advised that calls for brush pickup have been delayed to address leaf pickup. He also reported they were preparing trucks for winter.
- E. ENGINEERING - No Report.
- F. BUILDING - No Report
- G. PARK - Superintendent B. Mathias reported he has been working on the Impact Fee and it should be ready in 3 or 4 weeks.
- H. ATTORNEY - Town Attorney Lukmann requested the Council set a Public Hearing for the Sewer Rate Ordinance for December 8th Town Council meeting. Council Member N. Walding made the motion to set this for Public Hearing, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- I. UTILITIES - No Report
- J. TOWN MANAGER- Absent

K. NIRPC REPORT - Council Member J. Ton reported on an EMPC program regarding solar energy chaired by J. Gadzala and Engineer M. O'Dell advised that he would email the information packet to the Council Members.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS AND REMONSTRANCES

Ordinance 2014-14 AMENDING THE RATE FOR GARBAGE PICKUP AND DISPOSAL INCLUDING RECYCLING - Town Attorney C. Lukmann presented information concerning the proposed Ordinance and the rates for the next 3 years. Council Vice President J. Trout opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor or against the Ordinance. Council Vice President J. Trout closed the Public Hearing. Council Member J. Ton 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 J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member N. Walding made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2014-15 VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC WAY - Brent Reynolds 909-911 S. 20th St petitioned for vacation of a portion of Portage Ave behind these addresses. Mr. Reynolds presented information regarding his petition and was aware that the Ordinance required an easement for drainage, and sewer access. Department heads submitted a letter recommending vacation. Council Vice President J. Trout opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke in favor or against the Ordinance. Council Vice President J. Trout closed the Public Hearing. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member J. Ton made the motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Council Member E. Delaney, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Council Member E. Delaney made the motion to approve the Ordinance on 2nd Reading, seconded by Council Member N. Walding, motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

NONE

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

XII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Council Member N. Walding: No Comment
Council Member J. Ton: Council Member J. Ton reminded everyone that tomorrow is Veteran's Day and asked that residents take the time to recognize Veterans and what they have done for the country.
Council Member E. Delaney: No Comment.
Council Member J. Trout: No Comment

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A Council Member E. Delaney made motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member J. Ton, motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela