

The Pendleton Town Council met in special session at 6:30 P.M. on August 30th, 2018 at its regular place of business located at 100 West State Street, Pendleton, Madison County, Indiana.

All documents presented during the same are on file in the Clerk Treasurer's office and may be reviewed upon request.

Town Council President Robert Jones called the special meeting of the Pendleton Town Council to order. He called for a moment of silent prayer and asked Shane Isaacs to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll was called and a quorum established.

Council Members present: Robert Jones, Chet Babb, Chad Wolfe, Jessica Smith, Jessica Bastin and Clerk Treasurer Virgil Mabrey was absent

Also present: Town Manager Tim McClintick, Town Attorney Alex Intermill and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Linda Kreigh.

Public Input

Bob Post

Informed the town has been awarded another historical marker approved by the Indiana Library and Historical Board. The topic of the marker will be about resident Walter Dorwin Teague, he then informed and gave the history of Walter Teague. He explained the school will allow him to place the marker in front of the Carnegie Library he was here tonight to ask the town to donate funds to the historical marker

The council decided to place the request on the September regular council meeting agenda.

Old Business

Discussion concerning residential solid waste, yard waste and recycling

Town Council President Jones

Explained letters have been sent to residents, information has been placed in the newspaper and on social media concerning the change in the town trash service and fee. The driving force to add leaf and limb pick up with the trash contractor was to free up time for the street department employees to focus on other duties. The current contract will expire this year therefore it was the time to research what is done in other communities concerning these issues and address any changes.

Resident Danny Gardner

Was disappointed in the change concerning the trash service, he felt this was one of the selling points in this community and felt there could have been more investigation done with other solutions. He also felt the town should make all property owners clean up their property and not just send violations to a few of the property owners.

Town Council President Jones

Explained the different projects that are occurring in the town at this time and that the town was trying to get creative to gain revenue due to property tax cap. The trash fee was added to residence several years ago to afford another police officer and to add funds to the paramedic program

Resident Jake Gardner

Asked why the town did not add the second police that was discussed when the residence started paying the charge for trash and stated there has been no increase in the volunteer fire department wages. He also stated he felt the wage structure of the town did not reflect the importance of public safety employees and field workers like some of the surrounding communities do.

Council Member Babb

Stated three years ago when the council decided to start charging for trash pickup he voted in favor of the idea, he then presented some numbers with concerns that the town was spending money the town does not have and monies that should be used for public safety.

A short discussion began and following statements were made

- Issues concerning the budget and expenses for the town attorney.
- Council President Jones mentioned that the intent was to hire two police officers with the money used in the general fund for the trash contract but after some examination the council decided there were not enough funds to fund two officers and the medic program therefore the council decided was to use the funds for the medic program and one police officer.
- Stated concerns that citizens would choose not to pick up leaves and some would burn them openly.
- A suggestion was made to hire a part time crew to pick up leaves for the few months when there is the need.
- Council Member Wolfe pointed out that the planning the town is currently doing will grow the town to provide the extra revenue and a desirable community.
- Council Member Babb stated he felt the trash contract should be rebid as most trash companies have no interest in picking up leaves and limbs. Town Manager McClintick stated the bid specs allowed a company to bid without the yard trash pickup

New Business

Discussion of Employee Health Benefits

Town Council President Jones

Explained the town currently has an ordinance in place for retirement insurance, an employee had some questions concerning the way the requirements were written. President Jones also wanted to state there is no objective to take away any benefits from the current employees. President Jones wanted to appoint a committee to look at the current ordinance in place; he suggested Clerk Treasurer Mabrey, Council Member Wolfe and wanted another council member to volunteer to work with Town Manager McClintick on the issue

Council Member Wolfe

Stated the committee needed to plan for the future not to take anything away from the current employees.

Officer Randy Sidwell asked to be part of that committee

Council Member Babb volunteered to be part of that committee
Klipsch Card Wellness Center Agreement

Town Attorney Intermill

Explained with the development of the wellness project there are several issues at hand with the different boards; this resolution authorized the town council to execute a development agreement for a wellness center project. This agreement went before the Pendleton Redevelopment Authority and the Pendleton Redevelopment Commission the following changes have been made

- A mirror provision concerning remedies of default between the town and the developing company
- A covenant not to appeal an assessed value of \$285,000 a year on the wellness center project itself, does not include any future development

He also explained the town financial responsibilities in the project that will be funded by funds from a bond

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-15 WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH. MOTION CARRIED

Town Attorney Intermill

Presented Ordinance 2018-12 which will establish a department of economic development to be controlled by the economic development commission. The commission shall consist of three members; one member selected by the Town Council President, one member nominated by the Town Council and one member shall be nominated by the Madison County Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BASTIN TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2018-12 ON FIRST READING AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BASTIN TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND HAVE A SECOND READING FOR ORDINANCE 2018-12 AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOTION CARRIED

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2018-12 AND APPOINT MATT ROBERTS AS THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTEE BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOLFE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BASTIN. MOTION CARRIED

Police Chief Farrer had questions concerning the 15% increase in the town's medical insurance and asked if the town could reinstate the insurance committee

Town Manager McClintick stated the Unified received several quotes for the renewal with an increase in the fixed costs. He explained the town will hold a meeting with a representative from Unified to be announce soon

There being no other business brought before this town council the public meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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