

The Pendleton Town Council met in special session at 7:00 P.M. on October 25th 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.

Roll was called and a quorum established.

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

Also present: Town Attorney Alex Intermill , Kayla Hassett Planning and Zoning Coordinator and Linda Kreigh Deputy Clerk Treasurer.

Open public hearing concerning Foster Branch Woods West

Town Attorney Intermill explained all three annexations are super voluntary annexations meaning 100% of the property owners wanted to be annex into the Town. The procedure is to introduce the annexation ordinance for each annexation which the town has already done. Publish notice of a public hearing and adopt a fiscal plan for each annexation which the town will do tonight. Then fourteen days after the public hearing the council will adopt the annexation ordinance for each annexation, which will be done at the regular town council meeting in November.

Close public hearing concerning Foster Branch Woods West

Open public hearing concerning Foster Branch Woods East

No comment

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Open public hearing concerning Mercer Drive II

No comment

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New Business

Resolution R-18-19 - A resolution opposing legalization of non-medically prescribe Marijuana Council President Jones read the resolution for the public, it stated that the Pendleton Town Council is charged with the care of the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Pendleton and the council has researched the potential impacts on the town related to the legalization of non-medically prescribed marijuana and finds as follows

- Marijuana is classified as a schedule I control substance under federal law and has a negative impact on health and safety
- Studies demonstrate that marijuana use has a detrimental effect on individual and brain development
- National pro-marijuana organization have invested millions of dollars to push drug legalization in America

- Marijuana legalization efforts in other states have resulted in social, economic and legal chaos
- Increase marijuana use will impact public education, productivity in the workplace and escalate the number of impaired drivers on public roads

Explained based on the above information this resolution states the council formally declares its opposition to the legalization of marijuana sales and distribution for non- medically prescribed use.

Bill Hutton, co- chairman of South Madison County Drug Free Coalition, wanted to reiterate the fact that this is a situation they are trying to walk hand in hand with the town council and then branch out to the other communities in Madison County to stop the sale of non-medically prescribed marijuana. He felt the studies show that the use of marijuana has an effect on the young adults learning and brain development. Stated there is a broad group of people and organizations that are interested in stopping the legislation of non-medically Marijuana, therefore wanted to get the local entities in the entire county to oppose the legalization before the state legislatures approve the use non-medically.

Council Member Babb commented that the information that he has received concerning the data of this situation was amazing.

Council Member Bastin what the long term strategy of the coalition was as this resolution looks like a statement.

Bill Hutton stated this was a symbolic step to present to the county and to show other local entities. Then an ordinance at a later date will be presented to the town council to stop the sale of Marijuana.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R18-19 WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BABB AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R18-20- Fiscal plan for Foster Branch Woods West

Town Attorney Intermill explained the capital services the town will need to provide within three years of annexation and noncapital services required to provide within one year. Stated all three are small areas so there will be no large impact on the town.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R18-20 THE FISCAL PLAN FOR FOSTER BRANCH WOODS WEST WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BASTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BABB. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R18-21 Fiscal plan for Foster Branch Wood East

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R18-20 THE FISCAL PLAN FOR FOSTER BRANCH WOODS EAST WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BASTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BABB. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution R18-22 Fiscal plan for Mercer Drive II

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R18-22 THE FISCAL PLAN FOR MERCER DRIVE II WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BASTIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Babb explained there is a lot of a concern about the pedestrian traffic on Halloween. The time this year will be from 6:00 to 8:00 on Halloween night. Because of the high volume of trick or treaters on Broadway there has been discussion with the police department concerning different scenarios to make that area safer. Some suggestions is to not allow traffic on Broadway between High Street and Madison Avenue closing east and west streets going into Broadway, another suggestion was to make Broadway one way with no parking or close Broadway and make the east and west streets open going into Broadway. Kayla Hassett stated the Police Chief discussed with the planning department about the closing of Broadway stating his preference was closing Broadway and the east and west streets going into Broadway

COUNCIL MEMBER BASTIN MADE THE MOTION SUPPORTING THE CLOSURE OF BROADWAY DURING HALLOWEEN FOR THE SAFETY OF TRICK OR TREATERS MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH. MOTION CARRIED

Council Member Smith suggested this was a good idea to implement this year and could be reevaluated next year.

Kayla Hassett suggested an event application be completed for a town sponsored Halloween event allowing all the departments to be aware of the closure.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED 7:45

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