

Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 25, 2005

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 25, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. for a Regular Council Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with the rules of this Town Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Ron Neff, Bill Cartwright, David Scheib and Harold Jones; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Curt Day, Dennis Spitler; Others, Warren Weekly Reporter, Huntington Herald Press Reporter, Carol Pugh of HCUED and Jack Trosper.

President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11 and Executive Session of April 18th were approved as submitted.

Trosper, a resident of Jefferson Street, commended the Town for the limb/brush pick-up and removal program.

President Jones reviewed the schedule for the Town-wide clean-up program on Wednesday, April 27th and Saturday, April 30th. Utility workers will man the area on Wednesday with Council Members covering Saturday.

President Jones reviewed a letter sent to Wabash Central Railroad with Morrison reporting an answer has not been received.

Following discussion and based on recommendation of Utility Manager Day, Cartwright moved, seconded by Neff that Ethan Ehler and Nicole Ackley be hired as seasonal employees. Both are completing their freshman year in College. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison reported on an April 21st meeting of the Streetscape Committee, volunteers from the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce. Jones moved, seconded by Cartwright, that the group be made a standing committee of Council. The motion was approved unanimously. Current members are Gina Canady, Melinda Daniels, Cheryl DeWeese, Karen Campbell, Lou Ann Kaye, Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok, and Vicky Grim with Morrison serving as the Town representative. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month with the first meeting scheduled for June 16th at noon at Assembly Hall.

Following review of the contract and amended rules and regulations concerning janitorial employees, Cartwright moved, seconded by Scheib to accept the forms and to accept application from Janice Jordan to fill the position. The motion was approved unanimously.

Carol Pugh, Executive Director of Huntington County United Economic Development, reported that she had met with the Huntington County Commissioners regarding development of a plan for the I-69 area, specifically the Brickley property. Pugh reported that the Commissioners had agreed to apply for use of CEDIT monies but had requested that the Town be actively involved in the process due to municipal utilities at the site. By consensus, Council concurred with the proposal and commended Pugh and the Commissioners for taking a step toward making the area a viable development site.

Sgt. Tom Tallman, representing Huntington County Rescue, reviewed the services provided and the current fund drive for purchase of a new rescue truck. The all volunteer group is not supported through tax dollars per se but relies on donations for purchase of equipment, etc. Council took no action but indicated the budget would be reviewed in consideration of the request.

Introduced was Ordinance 2005-16, seasonal and janitorial employee's wages. Following discussion, Cartwright, seconded by Neff, moved to suspend rules to allow for consideration of adoption of an ordinance at the same meeting as introduction. The motion was approved unanimously. Cartwright moved, seconded by Scheib, adoption of Ordinance 2005-16. The motion was approved unanimously.

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A request from the Pulse Opera House to block off parking areas on Second Street adjacent to Assembly Hall on April 28th and 29th for school bus loading and unloading was approved by consensus of Council.

Reviewed was a sewer credit request due to a leak in an outside water line. The credit was for a three month period as the repair was delayed. Council approved the request for 512 N. Main, #5618002.

Jones requested Council consider closing of Second Street from Wayne to Nancy and Wayne Street from First to Third for the Art's Festival. Council concurred. A request for closure of a portion of Nancy Street was not approved as a more viable alternative might be possible.

President Jones reported on the WHARMM meeting held in Roanoke on April 19th.

Morrison reminded that Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Consultant, would be on site on April 27th to begin work on the Electric Cost of Service Study, review of TIF, and the update of the Comprehensive Financial Plan. A Special Meeting has been scheduled on that date at 4:00 p.m. for Guerrettaz to meet with Council.

Day reported on utility/street projects underway noting that most time had been spent on burying electric service in Tower Park. As part of the Park Board maintenance project list, Day requested Council approval to replace the last set of wooden bleachers at Tower Park at the cost of \$2200 from Service Supply, the company from which the other replacement bleachers had been purchased. Council concurred with the request.

The next Advisory Park Board meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 6:00 p.m..

General discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Town Council, Town of Warren:

_____	As President	_____	As Member
Harold Jones		Bill Cartwright	
_____	As Member	_____	As Member
Ron Neff		David Scheib	