

Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 11, 2005

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, July 11, 2005, for a Regular 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, David Scheib, Ron Neff, Julia Glessner and Bill Cartwright; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Curt Day; Others, Tim Ford, Jack Trospen, Kevin Deakyne, Herald Press Reporter, Warren Weekly Reporter.

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

Trospen requested steps be taken to again remove a semi truck parked at 110 College. Marshal Donnelly will be contacted regarding the situation as he had been dealing with the owner.

Kevin Deakyne, Warren Area Chamber, submitted for review a drawing of a proposed Town of Warren I-69 billboard sign. Total cost for a three year placement of a sign is \$11,600. Local organizations, businesses, and citizens are being asked for donation. Council took the request under advisement stating that it would be considered as part of the 2006 budget if monies in the 2005 budget cannot be made available.

Paving bids opened previously were reviewed. Following recommendation of Morrison and Day, Cartwright moved, seconded by Neff that E&B Paving, the low bidder, be awarded the project at the cost of \$61,887. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kim Coolman, Park Board, requested that Council consider reopening Tower Park restrooms during the day and over the weekends. Present policy is that facilities are available only during scheduled events. Following discussion, by consensus, Council determined to continue with current policy due to the excessive amount of vandalism.

Sealed quotes for upgrade to Well#2 were opened and were as follows:

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| Ortman | \$16,431 |
| Peerless Midwest | \$13,634 |

Quotes were taken under advisement and will be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.

A public hearing was scheduled for July 25 at 6:30 p.m. in regard to a petition by Trospen and Glasgow for closing of a right-a-way.

Scheib commended the Salamonie Festival Committee and Vicki Grimm as Chairperson for a very successful festival. Council Members also commended the utility and police departments for work in support of the festival.

Following discussion, Neff moved, seconded by Glessner, to approve an emergency services contract as submitted by Indiana and Michigan Electric. The motion was approved unanimously.

Day reported that Downy Insurance had conducted an OSHA inspection and had notified of five situations which would not pass a formal OSHA inspection. All items would be rectified within a thirty day time frame. The only purchase necessary would be that of a cabinet in which to store flammable material.

Introduced was Ordinance 2005-19, an ordinance amending Town Code in regard to parking restrictions by establishing fifteen minute parking in a certain area serving the Post Office and establishing a two hour parking restriction on the north side of First Street between Wayne and Main Streets. A public hearing was set for July 25th at 6:30 p.m..

Following consideration of a request from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns for donation toward a project to compile an in-depth study of alternative funding sources for municipalities, Neff moved, seconded by Glessner, to approve payment of \$63.60, an amount based on population. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison read Resolution 2-2005, a resolution approving transfer from the Electric Reserve Fund to the General Fund in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$10,000. Following discussion, Glessner moved, seconded by Cartwright, approval of Resolution 2-2005. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Scheib summarized preparations for the WHARMM meeting to be hosted by the Council on July 18th at the Knight-Bergman Center.

Morrison submitted the May financial report.

By consensus, Council approved a recommendation by Day for purchase of a Mag Meter for measurement of sludge in the drying beds at the cost of \$2200. Day reported that I&M continues to work on control switches at the SR 218 substation to control power surges. Also reported was that Huntington Land Fill will accept sludge as it has been tested and meets requirements. At \$84 per load, a substantial savings will be realized in addition to savings as the sludge can be hauled in Town trucks. By consensus, Council approved a request by Day to reschedule employee's hours to 6:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on meter reading days when the heat index is one hundred or more. In concurring, however, it was stressed that at least one employee must be available until 5:00 p.m..

Fire Chief Ford reported that applications were being taken to fill five positions on the department. Training in the fall for Fire Fighters Category I and II will be scheduled. Ford also reported that the Department would like to accept donations for a Thermal Imaging Camera, total cost of approximately \$20,000. As donations have been pledged by several entities, as well as individuals, Morrison, following a request through the department, recommended that a Special Donation Fund be established by ordinance. Following discussion, Council concurred.

Neff moved, seconded by Glessner, approval of the Accounts Payable Vouchers as follows:

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| Electric | 229-274 | \$113,565.07 |
| Water | 229-264 | \$ 17,634.49 |
| Wastewater | 189-221 | \$ 47,111.17 |
| Sanitation | 11,12 | \$ 3,408.78 |
| General | 326-399 | \$ 54,870.73 |

The motion was approved unanimously.

General discussion was held.

Discussion related to preparation of the 2006 municipal budget continued.

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

Submitted By _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Approved by Town Council:

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| _____ as President | _____ as Member |
| David Scheib | Bill Cartwright |
| _____ as Member | _____ as Member |
| Ron Neff | Julia Glessner |