

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday, October 11, 2004**

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, October 11, 2004 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, David Scheib, Bill Cartwright, and Harold Jones; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Curt Day, Ronnie Boxell, and Lee Poulson; Others, Warren Weekly Reporter, Herald Press Reporter.

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted.

Ordinance 2004-10, amendment of Planning Code to meet State requirement, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Cartwright moved, seconded by Scheib, to adopt Ordinance 2004-10. The motion was approved unanimously.

Day reported that the Scout Cabin had been prepared for the Scout Campboree scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, work has been done with the Chamber of Commerce to prepare for the annual Scarecrow Festival.

Scheib reported that the last regularly scheduled Park Board meeting of 2004 had been held. Updated was the maintenance list. The next meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2005.

Submitted for consideration was a quote for tuck pointing and repair of the brick on the War Memorial in Tower Park. The quote in the amount of \$1190 was submitted by Charles May, the same company which had recently completed work on Assembly Hall. Jones moved, seconded by Cartwright, to accept the quote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Day reported that Basic Wildlife Removal had begun the process of removing pigeons from the downtown area and placing of netting and spikes in roosting areas. It is expected to take thirty days to complete the process.

Discussion was held regarding the handling of limbs and brush as the Town collection point had been closed due to accumulation of trash such as paint cans. Day recommended that residents be notified that the wood chipper would be used throughout the Town during the first and third weeks of the month and that the Clerk-Treasurer's office be notified by residents if work is needed. Council concurred with the recommendation.

Morrison reported that collection of data necessary for establishment of a Stormwater Utility has continued. Submitted for Council review was a study conducted by New Haven on establishment of Equivalent Residential Units and fees established by nine communities. Also submitted for Council consideration was an informational pamphlet used by New Haven. Following review of the document, by consensus, Morrison and Day were directed to begin preparation of such a document to be used locally.

Ordinance 2004-11, an ordinance updating the Town Code nuisance abatement section, was introduced by title and summary. Consideration of adoption will be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting of Council.

Ordinance 2004-12, an ordinance amending rates and charges within the Municipal Water Utility, was introduced by title and summary. A public hearing was scheduled for 6:40 p.m. on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Assembly Hall.

Discussed was a request from David Daugherty for water, sewer, and possibly electric connection to the municipal system. The property is outside of the incorporation of the Town of Warren. Following discussion and upon recommendation from Day, Cartwright moved, seconded by Scheib, that water and sewer taps be provided but that electric connection be denied as the area is in REMC Service Territory and some distance from a municipal connection point. The motion was approved unanimously.

Day notified Council that the computer at the water treatment plant had been replaced as problems were being experienced with the memory storage.

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By consensus, Trick or Treat hours were set for Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m..

Discussed was submission of a request to INDOT for amendment of the speed limit from 900S to Seventh Street on SR 5 from the current 45 mph to 35 mph due to the school, villa and golf course construction, emergency vehicle traffic, United Methodist Home traffic and other businesses resulting in additional traffic flow. Council concurred and directed Morrison submit a request for the amendment.

Morrison submitted a request for a three month sewer credit for account number #5604102 in the amount of \$38.49. Following discussion and by consensus, the credit was granted.

Cartwright and Morrison reported on seminars attended at the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns Annual Conference in Evansville. Morrison was commended by Council as the recipient of IACT's highest award, the Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award for service to municipal government which was presented at the annual conference.

Morrison submitted the September financial report. Morrison will be attending the Board of Local Government Finance public hearing on the 2005 municipal budget on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Huntington County Courthouse. Morrison will be attending the Indiana Mainstreet Annual Conference in Madison on October 29<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The quarterly WHARMM meeting will be held in Markle on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The four Council Members have scheduled to attend.

Day submitted the September Activity Report and reported that twenty seven electric poles have been replaced since September 1<sup>st</sup>. Submitted were two quotes for purchase of a utility trailer as follows: Utility Truck Equipment Company, \$6989 and Zahm Trailers, \$5800. Jones moved, seconded by Scheib, to accept the quote of \$5800 from Zahm Trailer Sales. The motion was approved unanimously. Lee Poulson requested approval to rent a tractor and spreader for land application of sludge. Council concurred. Leaf vacuuming has begun on regular schedule, Fridays and Mondays.

Reviewed was the September activity report from Marshal Donnelly.

Cartwright moved, seconded by Scheib, to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers as follows:

Electric	364-395	\$478,112.92
Water	375-406	\$ 24,139.82
Wastewater	307-338	\$315,344.14
Sanitation	31	\$ 3,388.84
General	517-568	\$ 65,882.61

The motion was approved unanimously.

General discussion was held.

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

Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk-Treasurer  
Marilyn Morrison

Approved by Town Council:

\_\_\_\_\_ As President  
Harold Jones

\_\_\_\_\_ As Member  
Bill Cartwright

\_\_\_\_\_ As Member  
Ron Neff (Absent)

\_\_\_\_\_ As Member  
David Scheib