

Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 11, 2002

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, November 11, 2002 for a Regular Council Meeting in the Town Hall meeting room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with the rules of this Town Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Harold Jones, Jacqueline Huffman, and Ron Neff; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Steve Donnelly, Larry Poulson, Darrel Bice; Others, Warren Weekly Reporter, Huntington Herald Press Reporter, Brady Smekens, Bill Cartwright, Randy Voight and Carol Pugh.

President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced the opening of a public hearing concerning annexation of property commonly referred to as the United Methodist Home golf course/villa property. Calling for input and hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Brady Smekens, chairman of the "Our Town" Committee updated on goals, progress, and projects of the committee. Specifically noted were plans to initiate discussion of building and sign standards within the project area, generation of income for use by the committee, progress with application for 501©3 status, planning for the May 17th Art's Festival, and marketing planning. President Jones commended the group for the project.

A review by Attorney Bendall of a proposed contract from Centennial for placement of a tower on the Eleventh Street water storage tower has not been received. By consensus, Council directed that Morrison work further on the contract using IACT resources and request input from other communities regarding such contracts.

The blue recycling bins are scheduled to be delivered on Monday and Tuesday, November 4th and 5th between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.. Notice has been given to the Warren Weekly for publication of the schedule. The flyers, detailing the recycling schedule and procedure, prepared by Huntington County Solid Waste will be mailed to each customer.

President Jones reported that a November 7th Special Meeting had been held with Dave Isaacson of Spectrum Engineering. Discussion was held concerning the continuing preparation of specifications for a vegetation control and primary line upgrade.

President Jones requested that Morrison contact Huntington County Tourism as to the possibility of grant funds for the placement of two entrance signs into the Town.

Submitted for Council consideration was Change Order #2, wastewater plant project, in the amount of \$9,760. Read was a letter from Schnelker Engineering detailing the need for the additional cost. Following discussion, Neff moved, seconded by Huffman, approval of Change Order #2 from Indiana Construction. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2002-19, adoption of the 2002 supplement to the Town Code, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Jones moved, seconded by Neff, adoption of 2002-19. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bice reported on holiday preparations. Poulson reported that a tree donated by Andy Gephart would be used for the community tree.

Huntington County Department of Community Development has scheduled a development meeting for November 13th at 7:00 p.m. for discussions related to construction of the wastewater treatment plant. Council requested that Bice schedule to attend the meeting to represent the Town. Also to be represented will be Indiana Construction.

Morrison, Jones, and Neff will be attending a workshop on Stormwater Management at New Haven on November 13th with the meeting to begin at 5:00 p.m..

Morrison submitted a letter from the Department of Community Development stating that terms of two members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Jack Trosper and Bob Berghoff, would expire at the end of 2002. Council, by consensus, approved re-appointment of each, pending Morrison contacting each as to acceptance of the re-appointment.

At the request of Kay Seibert, a Special Proclamation in honor of local citizen Harvey Hite's 105th birthday was introduced. Jones moved, seconded by Neff, adoption of Special Proclamation 2002-2. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted the October financial reports.

Bice updated street and utility projects, much time being spent on leaf vacuuming. As to purchase of a pole truck by the Electric Utility, UTE company had scheduled bringing the truck for an on-site inspection within the next 10 days. Bice and Poulson are to inspect the truck before bringing a recommendation for purchase to Council. Bice reported that mobile units had been installed in trucks making radio communication between all vehicles possible. Hand-held units will be used during a testing period the week of November 11. Bice requested permission for Chuck Booher to attend the IRWA Conference in Columbus,

December 2-4. Approval granted by consensus. Also reported was that request for quote on purchase of a mini-cam for use by the sewer department have been sent. A report should be available at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

Marshal Donnelly made general comments and filed the October activity report.

President Jones commented on information received from Matt Greller, IACT Executive Director, outlining staff and program changes being made.

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Announcements were as follows:

November 23	Council Meeting
November 12	HCUED, 7:00 a.m., Daugherty's Noon, WALDC, Annex 7:00 p.m., "Our Town", Annex
November 19	Office Closed, Computer Upgrade
November 28, 29	Thanksgiving Holiday

Jones moved, seconded by Neff, approval of accounts payable vouchers as follows:

Electric	416-443	\$89,740.99
Water	416-446	\$14,454.50
Wastewater	326-350	\$359,735.80
Sanitation	19-20	\$3450.00
General	552-594	\$42,261.72

The motion was approved unanimously.

General discussion was held.

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

By _____ Clerk-
Marilyn Morrison Treasurer

Approved by Town Council:

As _____ President
Harold Jones

As _____ Member
Jacqueline Huffman

As _____ Member
Ron Neff

As _____ Member
Chod Boxell (Absent)