

Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 9, 2002

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, December 9, 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, Chod Boxell, and Ron Neff; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Darrel Bice; Others, Warren Weekly Reporter, Tim Ford, Carol Maxwell.

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

Following further discussion related to a request from Centennial to place a tower on the Eleventh Street Water Storage Unit, by consensus, Council directed Morrison to inform Attorney Bendall to proceed with review and possible rewrite of the Centennial proposed draft lease agreement and to have such information available for the December 23rd regular meeting of Council.

Reviewed were notebooks detailing electric distribution system upgrade projects as submitted by Spectrum Engineering. Included in the information were detailed timelines, copies of quote invitations, quote forms, material listings, and other pertinent information. Council, by consensus, approved the project format and directed that the Utility Manager and Clerk-Treasurer implement those project steps that are the responsibility of the Town to execute.

President Jones announced that a wastewater progress meeting has been scheduled for December 19th with the financial portion scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and the construction portion scheduled for 10:00 a.m.. By consensus of Council, Morrison was authorized to execute documents as necessary for the financial portion in the absence of a Council Member.

Morrison reported that Jack Trospen and Bob Berghoff had agreed to being reappointed to the Town of Warren Board of Zoning Appeals. Boxell moved, seconded by Neff, those appointments to the Board. The motion was approved unanimously. Morrison reported that Bill Cartwright would need to be replaced on the BZA due to his election to Town Council. Following discussion, Council, by consensus, requested that Morrison contact David Scheib to determine willingness to serve out Cartwright's unexpired term. Appointment will be considered at the next regular meeting of Council.

Following discussion, Council, by consensus, approved application to the CEDIT Advisory Board in the amount of \$100,000 to offset the amount owed on the water extension project to I-69. No meeting of that group has been scheduled for December.

Following review of an agreement submitted by Financial Solutions Group detailing cost of service for filing of TIF Neutralization documents as necessitated by action of the State Legislature, House Enrolled Act 1001, Boxell moved, seconded by Neff, that President Jones execute the agreement as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Jones announced that invitation had been received to attend a function in honor of Sheriff Jackson's retirement, December 29th.

Following review of an application document, Boxell moved, seconded by Neff, to approve submission of that document as prepared by Butler Fairman Seufert Engineering to INDOT as part of the Enhancement Grant program with the application being made in the amount of \$1,140,800. With a local match of \$285,200 which would include in-kind contributions, the project would cover streetscape improvements including paving of streets, sidewalk and lighting enhancements, and landscaping for a four block area. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Jones reported that the State Board of Accounts audit report for the years covering 1999, 2000, and 2001 had been received. Copies were submitted to Council for review. President Jones, with consensus of Council, commended Morrison in her capacity as Clerk-Treasurer for the excellent result of the audit.

President Jones reported that the Church of Christ had requested that one street light adjacent to the parking lot and the security light at the parking lot be turned off on December 14 and 15 to allow for better viewing of the annual live nativity. Council concurred with the request instructing Bice to inform Poulson to take steps as in the past.

November financial reports were submitted for review by Morrison.

Bice reported that due to installation of additional lighting, three additional Christmas banners are needed. Council, by consensus, directed that five banners be purchased.

Tim Ford, Fire Chief, reported that the grass buggy had been under repair but is expected to be back in service within the week-end.

Council reviewed a written monthly activity report as had been submitted by Marshal Donnelly.

Announcements were as follows:

December 23	Council Meeting – New members to take oath of office.
December 10	HCUED, WALDC, "Our Town"
December 24-26	Christmas Closing
December 31, January 1	New Year's Closing

