

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Ben Stocksdales, Billy Haller, Brandon Hopf and Jason Parrish. Also attending: Julia Keibler, Haley James, Chief Travis Speece, and Reny Keener.

Members not present: Kristi Fox and Bob Woosley.

Approval of Minutes

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council meeting minutes from August 21, 2023. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

New Business

Mike Davenport, the owner of Mike's Car Store, is in attendance tonight to present a donation check for the all-inclusive Ashley Mariah Park Playground.

Angela Wyzard, the office manager of Martin's Body Shop is also in attendance tonight to present a donation check (an online donation was made) for the Ashley Mariah Park Playground.

Clerk Treasurer Julia Keibler

Nothing to report.

Chief Travis Speece

Nothing to report.

Town Engineer

Nothing to report.

Public Works - Town Manager - Reny Keener

Grants:

Readi 2.0 Grant:

The call for projects are due September 27, 2023. IEDC will visit the region and meet with us individually and with the RDA directors in January 2024. The IEDC will allocate money to the regions in April 2024 and RFP's will be issued in May 2024. Funds will be released in the fall of 2024. Projects will not be able to start until Fall 2024 at the earliest.

Projects:

These projects will come out of two separate funds which will not jeopardize one another. The park project will come from quality of life. The Solar for WWTP will qualify under quality of opportunity.

Georgetown Park

We're asking for \$3-\$6 million for the Georgetown Park. This will cover the playground, splashpad, and parking lot. This project did not get funded last year.

Solar for WWTP

This project meets a lot of the state's 5 E priorities and we are asking for less than a million dollars for this project. We are currently paying around \$5,000.00 a month in electricity costs and it keeps increasing.

Community Foundation Grant

We have made it to the final round and scoring will take place over the next few weeks. We should have an answer by the October meeting.

Creating Places Grant

We are approved for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Matching Grant of \$50,000.00 for the Ashley Mariah Park Playground. After tonight, we have raised around \$44,000.00. Donations for this fundraiser through the Patronicity website will start September 1, 2023 and end October 31, 2023. All donations through the website are matched as well.

Public Works

Reny Keener suggests locking the restrooms at the Ball park for the season a little earlier than usual due to repeat vandalism. They will reopen in Spring 2024. Chris Loop would like Chief Travis Speece to look into the security cameras and try to figure out who is vandalizing them and see if he can contact them or their parents.

Westfield Springs Lift Station

This lift station has been clogged every month for the past three months. We have given the developer, HOA, and every homeowner in that subdivision a letter making them aware of this issue. Reny Keener suggests any future issue bills from TNT get billed to the developer or HOA since this lift station is solely used to support this subdivision.

4" Utility Rate

Out of six neighboring communities there are three that responded back. Sellersburg, Charlestown and Corydon offered information but the others did not. The amount that we currently charge is lower than any of the them. We did a rate study previously. Chris Loop would like us to contact Baker Tilly to see how much a rate study would cost.

Georgetown Utility Uniforms

We currently lease uniforms for \$208 a week or for \$10,816.00 a year. Reny Keener would like to look into purchasing uniforms and jeans for the staff to take home and wash themselves. Chris loop suggests allowing a clothing allowance like the police follow. Chris Loop would like Reny Keener to bring this item back in October with a written policy.

Georgetown Park Improvement Project

The benches have been delivered and Riley's Excavating will have this work finished within the next two weeks. They will be boring water lines.

Mary Collins and Roy Street

Bob Woosley solicited over five quotes and Riley's Excavating was the only bid submitted. Their quote is \$22,500.00.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve Riley's Excavating bid for \$22,500.00 and to be paid from the Local Road and Streets fund. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

Koetter Change Work Order Number 4 and 5

INDOT requirements required changes to the Georgetown Streetscape Project. Change order number 4 has been completed but needs to be paid. Change work order number 5 will include adding handrails and guardrails to stairs related to the retaining wall and to provide safety along the ditch line.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Change Work Order Number 4 and 5 for the Georgetown Streetscape Improvement Phase 2. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Town Attorney - Kristi Fox

Nothing to report.

Plan Commission

Nothing to Report.

Redevelopment Commission

Nothing to report.

Agenda Items

Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget

The public hearing for the 2024 Budget is now opened at 6:57 P.M.

The DLGF made a few changes to the budget that was submitted. Roadway Paving was cut back from \$310,000.00 to \$275,000.00. This was decreased because we have already budgeted for paving this year. We do have the grant funds, but since it is not completed those funds are not included. We can create an ordinance throughout the year if we need to. The final estimated budget for Gaming is \$347,000.00, The General Fund is \$910,000.00, Continuing Education is \$9,000.00, CCI is around \$10,000.00, EDIT is \$100,000.00, and the Redevelopment Commission is \$158,000.00.

Kim Courtney asks if there is a suggested increase in property taxes this year. Julia Keibler informed her there is a 4.03% increase made by the DLGF guidelines.

The public hearing for the 2024 budget is officially closed at 7:02 P.M.

Ashley Mariah Park Playground Equipment

We received a half off equipment grant for the playground structure for \$49,750.00 if the Town purchases this structure by October 27, 2023. If the Town does purchase this, they will owe \$54,925.88. That includes half of the playground plus \$5,175.88 in shipping costs. Chris Loop would like to table this item until October's meeting to get a better idea of how much we raise in between meetings.

Georgetown Park Improvement

We have received an equipment grant for the playground structure for \$215,000.00 if the Town purchases this structure by October 27, 2023. There is a chance the Town could get an

extension until mid-November. Reny Keener suggests holding off on this grant until we hear about the Read 2.0 grant. We can reapply for this grant next year.

New Town Logo Design

Our current logo becomes very blurry when changing the size. This logo was made in 2011 or before. We currently have problems with our logo on signs, clothing, and large print for documents. Ideology quoted an updated version of this logo with a simpler steam engine and cleaner typeface. We would have a copy of it in every format available and in color and black and white for \$500.00. Chris Loop would like Reny Keener to bring this item back at the October meeting with a few more options.

Reopening Wastewater Improvement Fund

This item will be placed back on the agenda for the October 16, 2023 meeting. This will give the Town Attorney time to research whether the fund is open or closed.

Ordinance G-23-09 - An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-11-07

This Ordinance was first read at the August meeting but did not pass unanimously. This Ordinance will make police officers eligible for overtime.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-09, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-11-07. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

First Savings Bank Deposit Proposal

First Savings Bank has offered us the option to open a sweep account that will pay us 3%. A peg amount will be set and the funds will sweep back and forth. They are offering the Town a standalone money market rate of 4% and 4.5% on certificates of deposits with a 12-month maturity. We will be able to transfer money between the sweep account and the operating as needed.

Chris Loop made a motion to accept the Deposit Proposal, allow the Clerk to establish whatever peg she believes is necessary for the sweep from the operating account, put funds into the money market account and purchase a CD for \$75,000.00 all at First Savings Bank. Seconded by Ben Stocksdale and approved 5-0.

Claims Docket

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve the Claims Docket. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.


Miscellaneous Business


Billy Haller noted that Duke Energy has not finished the lighting project. Reny Keener will keep on pushing them.

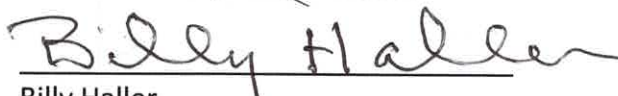
Adjournment

Jason Parrish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President

Ben Stocksdale, Vice President

Billy Haller

Brandon Hopf

Jason Parrish

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer

SIGN IN SHEET

MEETING DATE & TIME:

September 18, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

Budget 2024

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