

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
August 21, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Members not present: Kristi Fox.

Approval of Minutes

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve the Special Budget meeting minutes from July 24, 2023. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the Special Town Council meeting minutes from July 24, 2023. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve the Special Budget meeting minutes from August 14, 2023. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

New Business

Deana Lewis from First Savings Bank is in attendance tonight to present a \$5,000.00 donation check for the all-inclusive Ashley Mariah Park Playground.

Mac Construction is in attendance tonight to present a \$5,000.00 donation check for Ashley Mariah Park Playground. (The check is in the mail and was not actually presented.)

Clerk Treasurer Julia Keibler

Knob Hill apartments will be on a 4" meter and our current ordinance does not cover that fee. Julia Keibler and Bob Woosley suggested having a rate study done and drafting a new Ordinance for future reference. The base rate will be the only rate impacted, not the flow rate. Chris Loop suggested billing them based on the old Ordinance for now. Reny Keener will be working on obtaining additional information.

Destination Georgetown has provided all their financial statements for the board members to review. Julia Keibler would like approval to go ahead and write the donation check to them for \$12,500.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the release of the second half of Destination Georgetown's payment. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 4-0.

There is a conference at Fort Wayne for the Indiana Association of Building Officials. This conference will focus on the Indiana Code. Haley James will attend Monday, September 25, 2023 through Wednesday, September 27, 2023. The total for the hotel and conference is \$791.70.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Haley James going to the Indiana Code Education Conference at Fort Wayne with a budget not to exceed \$800.00 and to be paid from the General Fund. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

We have a resident on Wolfe Cemetery Road who started renting a dumpster instead of using the normal trash services provided by the Town about 3 years ago. They are zoned residential and are in town limits. This was discovered when Sweetland delivered their new trash bins. The homeowner would like some kind of credit since they paid their monthly rates on top of the dumpster rental from the trash company. The Town Hall was never notified. Chris Loop would like to table this item until he can discuss this with legal counsel.

The CD rates will be reviewed by First Savings Bank.

Chief Travis Speece

The help for National Night Out was appreciated. First Savings bank was a sponsor of the event.

Travis Speece would like to open the hiring process for a new patrol officer from September 1, 2023 to November 1, 2023.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the opening the hiring process for a new patrolman. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

The persons responsible for messing up the basketball court will have to pay restitution. It will be \$2,100.00. Bob Woosley will reach out to the company about the repairs.

Public Works - Town Manager Reny Keener

Community Foundation Grant

Bob Woosley and Reny Keener have been working together on this grant. This grant will help pay for our all-inclusive playground. The Town has made it to the third round and will need to submit answers by the end of the month.

Floyd Memorial Foundation

Reny Keener applied for a grant through the Floyd Memorial Foundation. This grant will go towards Ashley Mariah Park.

Creating Places-IHCDA- Indiana House and Community Development Association

We have been approved for this matching grant of \$50,000.00 for the Ashley Mariah Park playground. This grant requires the Town to raise \$50,000.00 in order for us to receive the \$50,000.00. We will use the fundraising website, patronicity from September 1, 2023 until October 31, 2023. As of tonight, we have raised \$17,500.00.

Next Level Trails Grant

We have passed the initial inspection. The state asked for clarification on a few details. The Town match was 20.4% with that being Public Works Labor and usage of our equipment. Winners will be announced in December 2023.

Reny Keener has completed two out of his three Oklahoma Economic Development Institute Classes. He will finish Entrepreneurship Class on September 4, 2023. Hoosier Energy has reimbursed the Town for two classes and the last reimbursement check should be received by the end of December 2023.

The new utility truck has been delivered and is in the process of getting insured and a license plate.

We passed all of our Ziptility training for Stormwater and Wastewater Software. Reny Keener would like to ask for approval to purchase an iPad/tablet for the utility workers. Reny Keener has provided a quote for an ATT iPad 10th generation 64 GB for \$599.99. It will be \$20.00 a month for cellular service. Reny Keener would also like to purchase a case/screen protector for \$29.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve purchasing the ATT Cellular iPad 10th generation 64GB, two years of apple care, and a case, with a budget not to exceed \$725.00 and for it to be paid

from the Gaming Fund. The \$20.00 monthly cellular service charge is to be paid from the Wastewater Operating Fund. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

Town Engineer - Bob Woosley

Bob Woosley is going to secure quotes on replacing the catch basin drain at the corner of Mary Collins Lane/Roy Street. He will bring this item back to next month's meeting.

CCMG- Community Crossings Matching Grant

Bob Woosley has requested a quote from the Temple & Temple to fix a problem at Lawrence Moore way. This project effects 8670 State Road 64. The Fawbush's are getting flooded out from roadway drainage. Temple & Temple provided a quote for this project for \$16,169.00. This would have to be a new project added. Bob Woosley would like approval for this quote. Billy Haller suggests tabling this project until we receive 2 additional quotes.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Temple & Temples quote for \$16,169.00 for 8670 State Road 64. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 3-1. Billy Haller is opposed.

Copperfield Drainage Project

Temple & Temple have found a potential conflict with the water main. Bob Woosley is contacting Edwardsville Water to see if we can modify the depth of our storm pipe. If this is not successful, they will have to modify the lines. Bob Woosley will follow up on this within the next month.

WWTP- Air Line Leaks at Aeration Tanks

There is an air leak on the A side that continues to be an issue. Bob Woosley requested quotes from multiple contractors and received two. This is an emergency repair that needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

Schardein Mechanical: \$14,939.00

TNT Technologies: \$48,615.00

Chris Loop made a motion to approve utilizing Schardein Mechanical for \$14,939.00 for the repair of the air leak repair on the A side and for it to be paid from the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

There is a gate valve leaking on the B side of this treatment plant. We have a contractor looking at the piece that might be under warranty.

Brookstone Lift Station #2

We continue to have routine maintenance performed on all the lift stations but TNT technologies has been at this lift station performing other work and keep running into issues with the pump backup control module. This is becoming an issue and Bob Woosley asked TNT for a quote on replacing the backup control module.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from TNT Technologies for \$1,216.51 for a new back up control module and for this to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 4-0.

Town Attorney - Kristi Fox

Nothing to report.

Plan Commission

Nothing to Report.

Redevelopment Commission

The Redevelopment Commission voted to purchase signs to put outside completed Façade Grant projects to help spread awareness of the program.

The board has decided to bring Reny Keener on as the executive director. It will run through the end of December 2023. The new Redevelopment Commission can decide to renew the contract.

Destination Georgetown asked about updating our application to allow the Town to use pictures of the Façade projects and to potentially be allowed to release them to a third-party organization like Destination Georgetown.

New Business

Tunnel Hill Road Development – Sanitary Sewer System Expansion

John Pasiga from OHM Advisors was in attendance tonight with the Sprigler Group to discuss sewer tap-in fees with the Town regarding the Edwardsville Gateway Project. There will be a lift station or pump station located at the lower part of the property. They will have to pump up to meet up with the main.

This project will create approximately \$600,000.00 in capacity fees. The developer would like to know if the town would be willing to participate financially in this piece of the system. The Council decided not to move forward with this opportunity.

R-23-02, A Resolution to Purchase or Initiate Litigation for 9150 State Road 64 - The Old Wolfe Hotel

The Town Council would like to purchase this property and help restore it. This property was appraised for \$25,000.00. The Town Council will send an offer to the homeowner and the owners will have 30 days to accept our offer or the Town will implement eminent domain.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Resolution R-23-02, A Resolution to Purchase or Initiate Litigation for 9150 State Road 64 - The Old Wolfe Hotel. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 3-1. Billy Haller is opposed.

Resolution R-23-03, Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Request for Proposals/Qualification and Taking Certain Other Actions Related Thereto

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Resolution R-23-03, Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Request for Proposals/Qualification and Taking Certain Other Actions Related Thereto. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

Ordinance G-23-08, An Ordinance Permitting and Regulating Mobile Food Vendors

First reading of Ordinance G-23-08, An Ordinance Permitting and Regulating Mobile Food Vendors.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-08, An Ordinance Permitting and Regulating Mobile Food Vendors. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-11-07, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-11-07

First Reading of Ordinance G-23-09, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-11-07.

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve G-23-09, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance G-11-07. Seconded by Chris Loop. Billy Haller is opposed. 3-1.

This Ordinance will be brought back in front of the Council at the September meeting because it did not pass unanimously.

Sign Replacement at 8775 State Road 64- Hair-n-Harmony

Stephanie Bays is in the audience tonight to ask the Council for help on replacing her sign that was removed when the new sidewalks were completed. She plans to put the sign where it was placed originally. This sign will be LED but will not have any motion effects. Bob Woosley reviewed her sign proposal and thinks it will not be a problem as far as meeting all

requirements. Stephanie Bays will need to submit a sign application to the building department to obtain a permit.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve reimbursing \$2,000.00. to Stephanie Bays for a replacement sign contingent upon the building department receiving a sign application and invoices after it has been installed. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

Destination Georgetown- John Beams

John Beams would like to remind everyone about the Whistlestop Festival. This will start on Friday, September 1, 2023 and end on Monday, September 4, 2023.

Betty Ervin has been a member of Destination Georgetown for years and lives in Town. Destination Georgetown would like to ask the Town Council to consider presenting a proclamation for her to become the Town's Historian. John Beams suggested presenting this proclamation at the Whistle Stop Festival on September 1, 2023.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve a proclamation that Betty Ervin is the Town's historian and for it to be delivered on September 1, 2023. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 4-0.

Claims Docket

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Miscellaneous Business

Nothing to report.

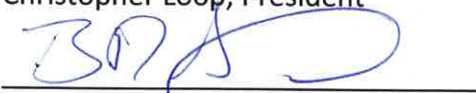
Adjournment

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

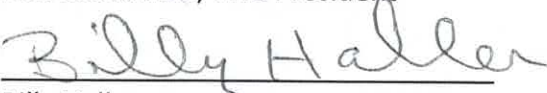
Minutes approved by:



Christopher Loop, President



Ben Stocksdales, Vice President



Billy Haller



Brandon Hopf

Jason Parrish

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer