

Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
APRIL 15, 2019
6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Everett Pullen, Josh Cavanaugh, Chris Loop, Kathy Haller and Billy Haller. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Jessica Alexander and Charlie Morgan.

Approval of Minutes

Josh Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes on March 18, 2019. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 5-0.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the Special Town Council Meeting Minutes with a change to Roy "Street" and Miller "Lane" being added on March 21, 2019. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Main Street Project Grant Public Hearing

Jill Seguesser appeared in place of Nick Creevy. There have been several meetings concerning the Revitalization. At the end of last year, we receive word that we did not receive the funding. We did receive information as to why so that we could move forward and reapply. We intend to reapply at this time.

The project has been changed a little bit. There are some pieces that the town is going to take care on their own and so the cost went down a little bit. Now the town is reapplying for grant money in the amount of \$373,200.00 and the local match is \$109,856.00. The type of money that we are applying for is federal grant money that flows through the state. The state then administers the program. The objective is the elimination of slum or blighted conditions.

After the public hearing we will submit the proposal and then a site visit will follow. Another public hearing will then be held. Any specific concerns will be addressed during the site visit. The application will be submitted by June 28, 2019 and the results will be released by August 15, 2019.

If the grant is not awarded, there is another round at the beginning of October 2019. The projects are then awarded in January 2020. We would be able to reapply if needed. There is a

team of four people that review all of the purposed projects. There is only enough money to award two or three of these in the state at any given time so the process is very competitive.

Our project includes adding sidewalks where there are none. Starting on the west side of town at Georgetown-Lanesville Road and following that due east to Canal Lane. Much of that stretch does not have sidewalks at all. Some sidewalks will remain because they are in good shape while others will be enhanced or made larger.

There is a section that will not be included in the grant and that is between Roy Street and Miller Lane. There are some walls that are falling and those will be fixed. We will be taking bids on that. There are some areas on the north side that do not have walls and we will be adding those so that sidewalks can be installed. We do have sufficient right of way for that part of the project. This will provide safe passage through the town.

The people who live or work in town can provide letters of support of why this is important and can be very helpful in the application process. The letters are needed by the second week in June because the application will need to be submitted by June 28, 2019.

If the grant is awarded in August then the town will have six months to bid the project out. That will put us about this time next year and we can get then started on the project.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Everett Pullen to sign the Authorization of Submission. Seconded by Josh Cavanaugh and approved 5-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

Nothing to report.

Chief Denny Kunkel

Nothing to report (Chief Kunkel was absent from the meeting).

Public Works

Nothing to report.

Town Attorney

Nothing to report.

Town Engineer

The Community Crossings Grant reimbursement has not been received as of April 1, 2019. The next round of funding will be coming up sometime this spring and fall. July 2 through August 1 will be the next submission dates.

Pay Application #13 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been recommended for approval for a total of \$135,339.85.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Everett Pullen to sign Waste Water Treatment Plant Pay Application #13 for a total of \$135,339.85. Seconded by Josh Cavanaugh and approved 5-0.

Bob Woosley brought some pictures showing the changes at the treatment plant.

The current generator at the treatment plant will be able run the new plant and it will not have to be replaced. The new plant is very energy efficient. Also, it has been found that one blower is all that is needed unless there is a large rain event.

There are some changes orders that will be coming up. Change Order #2 contains some new safety items like handrails, hose bibs and lighting at night. These are not items that will affect the processing at the plant.

The plant itself is now running, the UV system is now running and there is a lot of progress being made.

A 45-day time extension has been requested and approved by SRF. They were supposed to be substantially complete by April 1, 2019. The plant is running but the sludge plant has not been completed. It is in the building and power is running to it and it will be finished soon.

West Lift Station has a Grease Gremlin installed as a trial. There is a constant problem with grease and rags at the station. Wipes are not flushable and they are a constant problem as well. It has been about a week since it was installed and we are not having as much of a problem with the thick layer of grease that would usually build up. We will know more in the next couple of weeks if it is having an impact.

We are still working on the Main Street Project. There are contractors that are interested and bid documents will be going out soon.

Lakeland Estates has agreed to have the system televised. Lakeland is going to put forth funding as well as the town. Kristi Fox is working on an agreement now for everyone to sign. Lakeland Estates does have a neighborhood meeting scheduled for June 26 and they would like for Bob Woosley to attend. They would like for him to explain why we need to televise the lines and what the issues are with the system.

Chris Loop made a motion to waive any conflict that may exist and allow Kristi Fox to prepare the agreement with Lakeland Estates. Seconded by Josh Cavanaugh and approved 5-0.

Westfield Springs Subdivision Development off of Frank Ott Rd and Alonzo Smith Rd has 79 single family lots. It is located in the county but we will provide sewer service. They have submitted final plans for Bob Woosley to review and he has sent them comments. After our review, the plans will then be submitted to the state so that they can get approval.

Walnut Street Survey has not been received. We are still waiting on the survey from Harts Surveying and then the information will be given to Kristi Fox.

Old Town Hall came up in a discussion about a digital library branch. Is this something that the Town might be interested in?

Bill Gibson is the Floyd County Surveyor and is great to work with. Bob Woosley would like to send him a thank you note for all of the ways he helps the town. The Clerks office will draft the letter and Everett Pullen will sign.

Kathy Haller and Bob Woosley will be going to the Harrison County meeting on May 6, 2019 to thank them for the Riverboat Money that we receive. It will be May 6, 2019 and make them aware of what is going on in Town.

Street sweeping will start this next Wednesday and Thursday.

A homeowner on Ferber Lane called about when the town is going to seal the new asphalt. We don't typically seal new asphalt but would crack seal it after a few years as needed. Bob Woosley to take a look at the street.

Brookstone Way also needs to be put onto the paving list.

Plan Commission

Nothing to report. The meeting was rescheduled.

Storm Water Board

Nothing to report.

Old Town Hall Committee

Nothing to report.

Ball Park Committee

Nothing to report.

Redevelopment Commission

Kim Courtney has asked Kristi Fox to come up with some paperwork for grants from the funding they will be receiving. Businesses and homeowners can apply for it. There is a \$150.00 fee that is required as well as the matching funds. Kim Courtney would like to know if there is a separate program that could be used if someone is below a certain level of income that they could apply and the fee be waived. The way the program currently works is that the project is completed and paid for by the business/homeowner and then the business/homeowner is reimbursed.

Agenda Items

Citizen Volunteer Compensation

To table until it is ready.

Josh Cavanaugh is still looking at website companies.

Electric at the Ball Park

A quote has been received from Haydonberg Electric for \$2,173.00 for electric for the security cameras. Once electric is there additional outlet will be available.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve \$2,173.00 from Haydonberg Electric for electric at the Ball Park to be paid for out of Parks. Seconded by Josh Cavanaugh and approved 5-0.

Vacuum for Storm Drains

We will be doing street sweeping but there is also a problem with storm drains that get clogged with rocks and leaves and debris. We have been looking at a system that can go on the back of one of the trucks that is called a Billy Goat 3. It will suck everything out and put it into the truck. This would be a MS4 project.

Josh Cavanaugh made a motion to approve \$4,234.95 for the Billy Goat 3 to be paid out of Stormwater. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

It can be removed from the truck and put onto other trucks.

Sidewalk Project Easements

There are some sidewalk easements that can go ahead and be purchased for the town portion of the project. There are some easements that will be needed for the grant portion of the project. There are also some easements that we will not need anymore.

The last page in the handout has all of the properties broken down (this entire handout consisting of four pages will be attached to the minutes).

9090 St. Rd. 64 is now in an estate because the owner passed away and has been removed from the project. This is part of the town funded project.

9070 St. Rd. 64 is also part of the town funded but we have never received anything signed from them.

9620 St. Rd. 64 we do not need an easement from anymore. We have sufficient right of way.

There are 11 properties in the town funded portion that will need to be dealt with. There are eight in the top section that should be purchased. The appraised price is what they will be purchased for. 10% has already been paid and so we will need to pay the remaining difference of 90%. A closing agent will not be needed and Kristi Fox will take care of recording everything.

Number 6 was a donated property. Kristi Fox will go ahead and move forward. Number 4 we would like to just go ahead and purchase the easement without an option.

Chris Loop made a motion to purchase easements 1-13 minus Number 6 because it was donated and allow Everett Pullen to sign any purchase agreements and any other related documents to the recording of those purchases to be paid out of Gaming. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 5-0.

Number 13, 14 and 15 all have options that need to be extended. They need to be extended for another 18 months.

Chris Loop made a motion to extend easements needed for the OCRA Grant 18 months and to pay them an additional 10% to be paid out of gaming. Seconded by Josh Cavanaugh and approved 5-0.

Number 2 and 4 are going to stay in the town funded project. Number 18 we do not need anymore because of the right of way.

Quote for the Lobby

The quote for the lobby is for the Senate bill that is currently before the Legislator. It involves tap on fees. Currently they are trying to eliminate or restructure how those fees are calculated.

It would put into jeopardy our current ordinance. There is a quote from Barnes & Thornburg for \$4,000.00. The original quote was \$10,000.00 and Kristi Fox was able to get them down to \$4,000.00. There has been some language modification to the bill. There are other towns against this, as well as, SRF because of how it affects funding.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from Barnes & Thornburg for \$4,000.00. Seconded by Josh Cavanaugh and approved 5-0 to be paid from wastewater improvements.

Destination Georgetown – Plan & Funds Request

Matt Millies is a board member. Destination Georgetown is a 501c3 that is associated with Main Street and the redevelopment of Georgetown. He submitted a planning document and annual budget for 2019. They are requesting \$5,000.00 from the Town as well as having a membership drive to fund their budget.

Destination Georgetown will be presenting some ideas for the old bank building at the next meeting. They are also looking to organize some sort of local farmers market.

Josh Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 for Destination Georgetown to be paid out of Gaming. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Town Employee Advisory Board

Over the last couple of months several people have reported to Kim Courtney that there have been some unnecessary people pulled over. No tickets have been issued but there was one warning. Her husband was pulled over and he did not know why. The officer said that he went off the road five times. A second officer came up to the other side and asked what was in the Gatorade bottle. It had tea in it.

The neighbor across the street has been pulled over five times in the last month.

Kim Courtney asked if there can be some kind of advisory board or someone that town people can go to because people are afraid to say something because of retaliation.

She has had severe problems with the police department previously. There have been rights violated several times.

She did not receive a phone call back from Chief Kunkel.

Town Manager

Kim Courtney realizes that there is a lot of work in the Clerk's Office. There are also a lot of projects in the Town. These projects tend to be money pits. When the Town put the cameras in at the park it then needed extra electric.

She would like for the Town to consider hiring another person that the board can consult with especially since the Town Engineer is overwhelmed. There are many things that he cannot get to.

A town manager would take the pressure off, could search for bids and the website.

The reason the Town Manager position was eliminated was because of the salary expense. The open position at the Clerk's office was never backfilled. This would need to be a fulltime position. The previous Public Works position had many duties to fulfill. Public Works employees now have too much to do and can't get everything done.

Kathy Haller was told that Rick Stiles would like to come back at a very low income. Julia Keibler noted that because he was fired and received unemployment for a year that he is not eligible to be rehired.

Julia Keibler would like to hire another person for the office but not someone that would interfere with the Public Works department.

Billy Haller made a motion to have Kristi Fox look into the procedure for creating a police merit board and also a procedure for forming a citizen's advisory board to explore what our options are. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

Josh Cavanaugh would like for Julia Keibler to put together her thoughts on the position for Deputy Clerk/Office Assist/Web maintenance person and what she thinks will actually help the office. This would be a fulltime position.

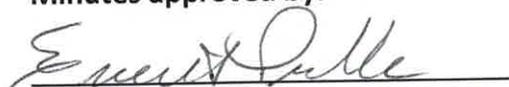
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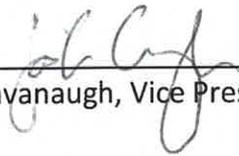
Josh Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 5-0.

Adjournment

Kathy Haller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Josh Cavanaugh and approved 5-0.

Minutes approved by:

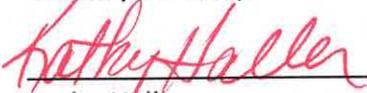

Everett Pullen, President



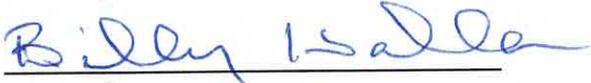
Joshua Cavanaugh, Vice President

(Absent)

Christopher Loop



Kathy Haller



Billy Haller

Attest:


Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer

