

**Town of Georgetown  
Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on October 14, 2019. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

**Agenda Items**

**Leak Request David and Barbara Schmeltz**

David and Barbara Schmeltz are requesting a sewer credit for their property located at 1133 Marci Lane. Two months ago, they had a cow that bumped a water hydrant that was not locked down and it ran all day. They were given an adjustment. Shortly after that is was discovered that their basement was flooded. A pipe had broken and it ran for several days. It has since been fixed and needs to be replaced. They would like to have an additional adjustment.

Chris Loop made a motion to adjust the wastewater bill for 1133 Marci Lane using a six-month average and eliminating the late charge. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

**Aqua Utility Services Contract Renewal**

Steve Tolliver said that the contract with Aqua Utility Services has an automatic renewal. When it was signed, it was agreed, that it would be looked at together every four years. Steve Tolliver has officially notified the Town Council with a letter to renew the exact same contract. Also in the letter, was an option that Aqua Utilities would stay an additional four years. This was offered as an amendment to the original contract. The current contract ends April 1, 2020. Steve Tolliver wanted to give the Town Council ample notice.

There would need to be an amendment to the current agreement that there is an automatic renewal and to reflect the expansion of the plant.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Kristi Fox to draft an addendum to Aqua Utilities Services current contract and to include the additional option of renewal. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

### **Clerk Treasurers Report**

The website is up and going but we are still working on it and continue to make changes. Georgetown.in.gov is the name of the website.

James Mercer was at last months Town Council meeting. He had a leak for about ten months and the Town Council issued a credit to him for two months. He has received another bill for 37,000 gallons of usage and is requesting another credit for this month. James Mercer was unable to attend the meeting and so has written a letter.

Billy Haller made a motion to help Mr. Mercer with the 37,000 gallons that were used and to help him with his problem. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

### **Sargent Charlie Morgan**

Taser batteries have been received. All tasers are now in working order.

Three of the six AED's that we have are inoperable and will need new batteries. There is a quote for over \$500.00. There is only one quote because there is only one company that carries that specific battery. The batteries needed will be purchased.

For the evidence room, Floyd County donated a metal door from their jail. We will need to get a quote for a frame and installation. This will include a exhaust fan as well, so that it can get the narcotic smells out.

Reserve officers have been helping us out, especially during Trick or Treating. They have been instructed to work on a shift with a full time Georgetown Police Officer.

Department vehicles have taken another ding this month. There have been some major vehicles issues. Lanesville Police Department has reached out to us and if we do get new vehicles, instead of having a parking lot of disservice commissions, they would appreciate a donation. They do not have the budget to purchase new vehicles.

There was a Local Hero Appreciation Day that we the Police Department attended at Tunnel Hill Church. There was a silent auction, bake sale and chili supper. The event made \$700.00 for Shop with a Cop and \$300.00 for the Crusade.

The Holiday Luncheon and Santa Clause at the school will have participation by the Police Department and Fire Department.

There are three Crown Vic's and a Blazer that are in the back lot. The two Chargers are the ones causing problems. Officer Speece's vehicle has been in the shop numerous times. Lanesville is begging for two vehicles. With the current vehicles, it would probably be ok to push out one vehicle to Lanesville. Kristi Fox would need to create an interlocal agreement with Lanesville for the donation.

The 04 Crown Vic is done and we are waiting on information from Prosser. The 2010 Crown Vic is the car that would go to Lanesville.

Kathy Haller made a motion that the car will be stripped and an interlocal agreement will be created. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

Santa Clause will be here and directing traffic for school.

Officer Speece was appointed to the Law Enforcement Advisory Board at Prosser. He just attended the mock interviews and influenced some of the questions that are asked of regular applicants.

An officer was recently sent to taser training school. This will benefit the department because this will not longer be outsourced. We now have our own inhouse training officer.

In December they will be starting pre basic for three reserves.

State dispatch is contacted if there is a dead animal on a state road. If there is something on a town road the town is then contacted. There is a road kill list.

The VIN number for the car will be provided to Kristi Fox for the agreement.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the purchase of the AED non rechargeable batteries, three of them for \$525.00 to be paid for out of Gaming. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

## **Public Works**

The guys at the shop would like to have heated vests, that are battery operated, to keep warm. Amazon has some to choose from. It is \$224.00 for all of them on Amazon.

Kathy Haller made a motion to get the vests for \$224.00 to be paid for out of Gaming. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

The shop has been looking at some battery powdered radar signs. They would display the speed that someone is going and would be able to be moved town. These are pole mounted. One quote is for \$3,595.00 and another is for \$2,895.00. One is solar and one is larger. They



would like to start on a smaller scale. If the battery powered one is selected there is concern that it might be stolen and the power will run out.

Chris Loop made a motion to purchase one solar powered radar sign for \$3,595.00 from Radar Sign to be paid for out of Gaming. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Sweep All is generally used to clean Town streets. The quote is for \$2,725.00 and they can start on Wednesday. Most of the Town's storm drains are covered in leaves.

Chris Loop made a motion that we approve the quote from Sweep All to be paid for out of LRS. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

The blowers at the east and west lift stations need to be moved because we have Grease Gremlins now. Jamie Schillmiller plans on moving them. To move them it will cost \$3,570.00 and it will need to come out of Capital Improvements.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from Aimco/Aspire Industries for \$3,570.00 to move the blower assemblies to the east and west lift stations at Autumn Cove and Rainelle Woods and for that to be paid for out of Line 630, the Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

### **Town Attorney**

We received a notice that we are part of a class action lawsuit against opioid drug manufacturers. All local governments have been included in the class action. We do have the ability to opt out and to pursue something on our own. Kristi Fox recommends to ride it out and the Town may get a check to settle it. It came from NPO Litigation.

9000 Walnut St. had litigation filed against it back in September. There is a hearing that has been set for December 2, 2019. In the last couple of weeks, they have started cleaning the property. They have contacted Kristi Fox and spoken with her about what they have done. Jamie Schillmiller and the homeowner have both taken pictures. There is a dumpster at the property. The fence will be replaced in the spring. The owners are taking this seriously and Chris Loop thinks that it would be fine to drop the case if they agree to pay attorneys fees. The fees will probably be around \$525.00 as of today.

Chris Loop made a motion to withdraw the case pending the homeowner agrees to pay our legal fees of \$525.00. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

Interlocal with the County for NovaParke. Last month we discussed the railroad agreement. In the process of completing NovaParke, the County will have to cross the railroad in building the sewer lines. Since the Town will be maintaining the sewer lines the railroad wants us to have an agreement with them. The agreement had some language in it that has the Town paying for some fees, even though we are not paying those fees. The County will be responsible for all of

the fees and will be paying for everything from now until when the lines are turned over to the Town. Once we take the sewer lines over, we will then be responsible. We will have an interlocal agreement with the County. Kristi Fox recommends that we approve this, as well as, the railroad utility crossing agreement. The railroad utility crossing agreement will be held until the interlocal agreement has been signed by all parties.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the County and Railroad Utility Crossing Agreement and to allow Everett Pullen to sign. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

There were two unpaid parking tickets but now there is just one. It is now past the deadline for payment. Kristi Fox to send a letter that it needs to be paid within 30 days.

Chris Loop made a motion to have Kristi Fox send Mr. George Black III a letter letting him know that he has 30 days to pay the ticket or we will file suit. If Mr. Black does not follow through with that then we authorize Kristi Fox to file suit. Seconded by Everett Pullen and approved 4-0.

### **Town Engineer**

The Community Crossing Grant needs to be signed. It is the official grant agreement with the State. It is in the amount of \$150,418.66 and was awarded for the paving of specific streets. The streets included in this are Brookstone Way, Brookstone Ct., Canal Ln., CL Whitlock Way (aka Church Alley), Autumn Dr. and Oakdale Ave.

Since 2016 the Town has collected \$611,084.49 in grants for paving from the State.

Bids for the paving will be opened at the December meeting.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant had the ribbon cutting and it went very well. There are still a few items on the punch list that need to be addressed. The thermostat in the screen building will need to be replaced. There is an air leak and valves are sticking. Also, there is a hand hoist that needs to be moved.

NPDES permit renewal is needed for the State and has been updated because of the expansion. It will now show that we have 700,000 gallons of capacity rather than 350,000 gallons. The permit will be good for five years.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Everett Pullen to sign the permit renewal. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

Construction is underway for NovaParke. MAC Construction is the contractor on the project. They are going to try to get the sewer work done by the end of this year.



Mainstreet Sidewalk and Wall Project has some easements that are still needed. They are still planning to start sometime in February and finish by April. Koetter Construction will be placing a sign up soon. The block that has been chosen is Ravens Blend.

9060 Walnut Street pay request has been received. The Town approved up to \$25,000 change order to make enhancements to the project. The actual amount was \$18,500.00 because quantities were less than anticipated. It has been through a rain event and did very well.

1815 Kepley Road and Payne Street Drainage Improvement Projects have been awarded to Fulkerson Contracting. We are waiting on a schedule to let us know when they will mobilize.

Lakeland Estates is working with Kristi Fox to put together a draft agreement. There will be further discussions on the matter. The next step will be to put together a draft which will be presented to the IURC and there will probably need to be a rate study because of the surcharge. This will be a lengthy process.

A larger schematic of the Georgetown Park has been submitted to the Park Committee. There is one in display in Town Hall. A long term budget will be prepared.

The Stormwater Board held a meeting on November 12, 2019 but there was not a quorum.

On Old Corydon Ridge Road we recently added a new residential customer to our force main. A neighbor across the street would also like to connect. Bob Woosley will be meeting with the neighbor tomorrow with the necessary fee information. There is not a recapture agreement for the property on Old Corydon Ridge Road.

#### **Plan Commission**

Nothing to report.

#### **Storm Water Board**

Nothing to report.

#### **Old Town Hall Committee**

Chris Loop met with Bob Campbell of Destination Georgetown last week. They are trying to regroup to see if they do want to execute the lease agreement.

#### **Ball Park Committee**

Chris Loop will get the cost estimates together, as well as a timeline for the project. The information will probably be brought to the December meeting.

Joel Kintner's contract expires at the end of this year. Chris Loop has spoken with Joel Kintner and he would be interested in renewing the contract. The current contract was for three years but Joel Kintner would like to have a five-year contract. There is also language in the contract concerning signage and Joel would prefer that everything just be taken care of through Town Hall.

Chris Loop made a motion for us to create a new contract with Joel Kintner with a three-year date and the signage advertising language be stripped. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

### **Redevelopment Commission**

Kristi Fox received confirmation that a payment will be received in late December. The amount should reflect a correction from what should have been received in June. A meeting should be scheduled for December but a date was not decided on.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Discussion of 2020 Salary Ordinance**

Chris Loop said that there was a salary ordinance in 2018 that eliminates names from positions and just keeps the title but leaves the salary next to it. The ordinance will make a good template. Billy Haller would like for there to be a 2% raise for this year since last year there was a 5% raise. He would also like for the raise to only go to Town Employees and not Elected Officials.

Chris Loop asked for clarification about increasing some departments pay verses a cost of living raise. Kristi Fox advised an adjustment should be done to base pay and then an across the board cost of living increase.

Chris Loop and Billy Haller would like to see an increase in pay for the Police Department since they have taken on additional duties. Kristi Fox advised that they should do a separate resolution since it would be on an interim basis.

Everett Pullen would like to see a 5% increase and Chris Loop would rather there be logic and accountability for that type of an increase. Chris Loop would like to engage an outside firm to update the personnel policy manual.

Chris Loop noted that the general fund has been tight this year and would like to see more that 2%. Billy Haller agreed that he would go to 3%.

Chris Loop would like to get cost estimates for the December meeting from an HR firm.

Chris Loop made a motion that we put together a cost of living adjustment of 3%. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

A special meeting has been scheduled for December 11, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. to discuss the salary ordinance.

### **Invoice for Ideology for Website**

We received a second invoice for \$935.00. We have already paid the original invoice and the new invoice is for site enhancements, site speed, launch and training.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the invoice from Ideology for \$935.00 to be paid for from gaming. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

### **Claims Docket**

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

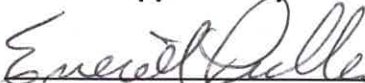
### **Redevelopment Commission**

A meeting has been scheduled for December 11, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

### **Adjournment**


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

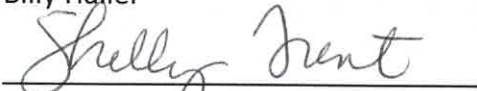
### **Minutes approved by:**

  
Everett Pullen, President

  
Christopher Loop

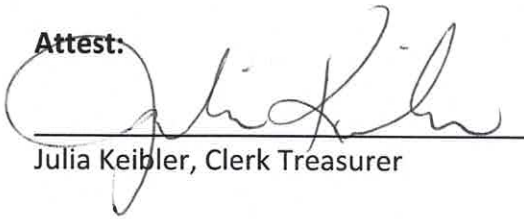
  
Kathy Haller

  
Billy Haller

  
Shelly Trent



**Attest:**

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Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer