

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 16, 2015

Call to order at 6:30.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:

In attendance, Gary Smith, Chris Loop, Kathy Haller, and Patti Denison. Also in attendance, Kristi Fox, Brenton Fender, Richard Stiles, and Bob Woosley.

Approval of minutes:

Patti Denison made a motion to approve the minutes for February 23, 2015. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved by all.

Peoples' Petition and Comments:

Elias Roman went to his insurance company and they would not cover his lost water. The leak at his residence has been fixed. He showed receipts for his repairs. Chris Loop stated that he had an ordinance in the works and he would like to read this before dealing with Mr. Roman, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Allen's situations.

Department and Committee Reports:

Clerk-Treasurer Brenton Fender presented financial reports for January and February. Brent suggested that the council look into election terms for the Clerk-Treasurer so that newly elected Clerk-Treasurers could be afforded the opportunity to attend IACT training. Brent stated that he got a quote from American Legal Publishing for codification. Brent stated in his opinion we should wait to have our ordinances codified so that the council can have a chance to review and change ordinances.

Police Chief Denny Kunkel announced that the Police Departments calendar fundraiser has made over one thousand dollars. Jeffersonville Fire Department donated 6 Tough Book laptops to the Georgetown Police Department. Deer and motorcycles are out so pay attention while driving.

Town Manager Richard Stiles submitted paperwork for a grant with Indiana American Water for a storm water project. Rick hoped to get ten-thousand dollars for the project. Awards are to be announced April 6. Rick ordered a new scoreboard for the town ballpark. The ball field has been named after Bennie Hinton who was a prominent member of the Georgetown community. Chad Smith has completed a parts inventory for water department. Along with Rick he has completed a list for minimum parts inventory. They would like to get approval next month to purchase the parts which be a time and cost savings. The town had committed to purchasing 300 tons of salt from Compass Mineral. Rick was currently in talks with them in order to determine the cost of having them store the salt for us.

Town Attorney Kristi Fox mentioned that the town's case with Mr. Powell is in discovery. Kristi stated she was about to file the complaint in the case with Mr. Woosley. She encouraged the neighbors to continue to call the police if Mr. Woosley or his employees parked in the street or disturbed them.

Town Engineer Bob Woosley reported that the Rainelle Woods lift station pump is back in service and performing well. Maplewood Business Park Sanitary Sewer Project is in the design phase and construction will likely start in June. Bob is looking into a project on Knable Road where we provide sewer service. The town has been continually working on the sewer system to stop rain water infiltration and it looks as if the work is paying off. The town needs to be prepared for an MS4 audit that will be coming soon. Bob discussed the agreement with the Wymberly CTA.

Old Business:

Old Town Hall Committee had nothing new to report. Rick suggested the committee have a meeting.

Catalpa Ridge bond forfeiture, Mr. Panye has received a letter has until April 2nd to respond and then the town will move forward.

Owner and tenant utility bill responsibilities. Dean Hammersmith spoke over her concern for how her tenant's utility bill was handled under the previous administration. She didn't think it was fair that the tenant was allowed to open a new account and she was stuck with the previous accounts remaining balance. It was determined nothing could be done for this situation.

New Business:

A letter of intent for Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant has written to notify the state of our intentions. Patti Denison made a motion for Gary Smith to sign the letter of intent. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved by all.

Chris Loop read G-15-03 an ordinance to repeal ordinance G-91-10. Patti Denison made a motion to approve G-15-03. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved by all.

Chris Loop read G-15-04 an ordinance pertaining to water leaks. Chris clarified that there is a ten percent charge on top of the wholesale rate to account for the town's costs. Kristi advised that the bill's language regarding negligence was good because listing specific items would seemingly exclude events not listed. Patti Denison made a motion to approve G-15-04 with a change to email address listed in the ordinance. The email is to be changed to utilities@georgetown.in.gov. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved by all.

Elias Roman was determined to have a non-sewer affected leak. The council agreed to waive my Roman's late fees and have him pay wholesale rate plus ten percent for his water and pay for an average of past usage for his sewer. Chris Loop made a motion. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved by all.

Todd Allen had a leak in the cap on his pressure reducing valve. He discovered the leak after noticing he had a high water bill. Mr. Allen showed pictures and stated that he had made the repairs himself. Mr. Allen had lost over thirty-thousand gallons since he received his bill. The council agreed to give Mr. Allen his water at wholesale cost plus ten percent and charge him for his average sewer usage. Chris Loop made a motion. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved by all.

Mr. Bowman went before the board to discuss his water leak. Mr. Bowman had an outside leak caused by a frozen pipe. The leak was realized by town employees reading meters. The council agreed to charge Mr. Bowman for wholesale rate plus ten percent and charge him for his average monthly sewer usage. Patti Denison made a motion. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved by all.

G-15-05 was explained by Chris Loop as an ordinance that would make customer rights and responsibilities separate from the leak ordinance. Motion made by Patti Denison to approve G-15-05. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved by all.

G-15-06 was introduced by Brenton Fender to repeal G-08-23, known as "Summer Relief." Motion made by Patti Denison to approve G-15-06. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved by all.

G-15-07 to repeal G-03-32. Patti Denison was concerned that this would make Town Hall and Town Council Meetings unsafe. Brent stated that the ordinance was not being enforced and that it could not stop criminal behavior. Police Chief Kunkel agreed with Brent and added that unless you hired someone fulltime and installed metal detectors that it was impossible to enforce the current ordinance. Motion made by Gary Smith to approve G-15-07. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved by Patti Denison. Kathy Haller voted nay.

Kathy Haller motion was made to sign the docket.

The council agreed to hold a special meeting in order to discuss Steve Broadus

Chris Loop made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Patti Denison and approved by all.