

GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 2015

Call to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call

Town council members in attendance: Gary Smith, Chris Loop, Jim Tripure, and Patti Denison. Kathy Haller was absent. Also in attendance: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Denny Kunkel, Richard Stiles, Brenton Fender, and Julia Keibler.

Francis Duff had a frozen line to the washing machine. She submitted a bill from the plumber that repaired the leak. Water did not go to the sewer.

Donald Lutring asked for leak relief and for his late fees to be waived. Chris Loop made a motion to approve. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved by all.

Greg Cantrell is to provide information to Richard Stiles on his leak.

Amy Larson had two leaks at two separate properties. One was sewer affected (toilet) and the other was not sewer affected (leaked into yard).

Chris Loop spoke on behalf of Everett Pullen who is requesting a credit for a sewer affected leak for a running toilet. This is for the property he owns next to his house.

Richard Stiles spoke on behalf of Patrick Wigington who had a leak between the meter and his connection for several months.

Greg Walts was a charter sewer customer. He was not aware that lift pump maintenance was the Town's responsibility. He paid to have lift station pump at his house repaired and is requesting that the money be refunded. Patti Denison made a motion to reimburse Mr. Walts \$2622.60. Seconded by Jim Tripure and approved by all.

Brent Schroeder not present.

Steve and Patty Doyle not present.

Georgetown Southern Baptist Church had leaking toilet in their shelter house. Jerry Ledford made the request for relief on their behalf.

Approval of the water CCR was delayed due to the absence of Water Operator, Chad Smith.

Department and Committee Reports

Clerk-Treasurer Brenton Fender reported that IACT training in Indianapolis was very informative and helpful. He would like to move the town to a more complete GAAP accounting system that would have a balance sheet. This would provide Georgetown with better look into the financials.

Police Chief Denny Kunkel stated that the State will be splitting scanner radio frequencies soon. The Town's radio will need an upgrade and he will be working with the County to get this done while minimizing the cost. Lyndal Woosley of Hoosier Pick-Up is out of business and has moved from his residence in Georgetown. The street design on Canal Lane next to the Family Dollar was not working so it was redesigned with the help of Bob Woosley and has been corrected. Chief Kunkel spent time educating some students at Georgetown Elementary's Career Day. The Safe Roadways and Safe Neighborhoods program is still in action and the officers will continue the increased traffic stops and citations. Derby weekend was very busy with alcohol and narcotic related arrests. The department is meeting its training goals. There is an increased push to have video capture for the officers. Chief Kunkel has do some research into getting a phone system that would allow his department to have voicemail and allow call transfers between the Police Department, Town Hall, and the Public Works Office.

Public Works Director Richard Stiles stated that the parks are in good condition. He asked that any pothole repair requests be sent his way. The stop bars in in Town will be repainted soon. Hydrant flushing and valve exercising has been taking place. There was a water main leak on Dant Drive that has been fixed. The Georgetown Elementary School project was not brought before the Georgetown Planning Commission. Mr. Stiles has talked with Mr. Wisehart from NAFCS about the project. The bids for this project are due on May 26. The Planning Commission still needs to review the plans and how it will impact drainage.

Town Attorney Kristi Fox stated that the Plan Commission has not had enough members present to meet. Meetings require 4 of 7 members. Ordinance G-03-10 needs to be amended because it still references two additional members for the two mile fringe. We need to contact the members not attending and remove Matt Stocke as he has moved out of town. The town needs to petition the State in order to get the Lakeland Lagoon rates modified. The ordinance pertaining to the pay for Steve Broadus needs to be repealed. Kristi has been getting documents together to invoke the bond for Catalpa Ridge. Hoosier Pick-Up litigation will move forward in order to protect the town. Kristi is asking for financial damages and an injunction to stop Mr. Lyndal Woosley from operating a business.

Town Engineer Bob Woosley reported an issue involving erosion on the creek bank at the Ball Park. The two options to consider are putting in Class II rip-rap at a cost of \$1500-2000 or extending the pipe for \$10,000. This is on private property owned by Billy and Kathy Haller and there is no easement. Chris Loop made a motion to use \$2000 from the Rainy Day Fund to install rip-rap on the creek bank at the Ball Park. Seconded by Patti Denison and approved by all.

Building Commissioner Steve Broadus stated that he needs an employee to help with clerical work.

Storm Water Board Richard Stiles stated that the board needs another member. Josh Williams volunteered to be on the Storm Water Board.

Old Town Hall Committee The building was completely emptied with the help of Georgetown Main Street. Richard Stiles recognized Everett Pullen and Billy Haller for their extraordinary work in the clean out. The Town is still waiting on the grant money to recondition the building which could allow the Town more opportunities in selling or leasing out the building.

Status of Downtown Redevelopment Plan Richard Stiles stated that they have a selection committee and have the requirements set to request bids.

Old Business

G-15-08

An ordinance providing Summer sewer relief.

Second reading. Chris Loop made a motion to approve G-15-08. Seconded by Patti Denison and approve 3-1. Jim Tripure voted against.

Third reading. Patti Denison made a motion to approve G-15-08. Seconded by Chris Loop and approve 3-1. Jim Tripure voted against.

New Employee

Patti Denison would like to see a fulltime employee. Kristi Fox recommended that we establish pay and duties in an ordinance. Gary Smith made a motion that we hire a clerk for \$14.00 an hour and 40 hours a week. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 3-1. Jim Tripure voted against.

Ordinance G-15-09 to Repeal G-12-07

Patti Denison makes a motion to approve ordinance G-15-09. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved by all.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the April 20th regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Jim Tripure and approved by all.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the May 4th special meeting minutes. Seconded by Patti Denison and approved by all.

Claim Docket

The claim docket was signed by members of the council.

Public Comments

A citizen addressed the council concerning the erosion in Brookstone. Bob stated that there has been work done to slow the water and they will be putting in a retention basin.

Council Member Comments

Jim Tripure asked if there was a set date to dedicate the scoreboard. We do not.

Chris Loop stated that he will be moving forward on Planning Commission matters.

Patti Denison made it aware that Richard Stiles helped Bennie Hinton's grandson Wesley with getting information on the park. He also allowed him to be the first person to see the new scoreboard.

Gary Smith stated that he was glad that everyone could attend the meeting.

Adjournment

Jim Tripure made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved by all.