

**Town of Georgetown
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Council members present: Chris Loop, Gary Smith, Kathy Haller, and Billy Haller. Ben Stocksdale was not present. Also attending: Kristi Fox, Bob Woosley, Julia Keibler, Jessica Alexander, and Chief Travis Speece.

Approval of Minutes

Gary Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes on September 20, 2021. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Clerk Treasurers Report

Doug Bledsoe's term on the Stormwater Board expires in November. He is interested in doing another term. This appointment is made by the Town Council President. Chris Loop reappointed Doug Bledsoe to the Stormwater Board.

Chief Travis Speece

Officer Fulkerson has eight more weeks at the Academy. His graduation date is tentatively December 10, 2021 and will be in Plainfield, Indiana.

Officer Harper has finished his field training and is on patrol right now and working a mid-shift.

Concerning Halloween Trick-or-Treating this year, the Town will be following Floyd County's guidance. Activities will be held on October 31, 2021 from 5:30-8:30 P.M. The elementary school will be having a drive-thru trunk or treat on October 29, 2021. There will also be a trunk or treat on October 27, 2021 from 5:30-8:30 P.M. at the ballpark.

J & S Services installed the charger for the Tesla at the Police Department. They have given us a quote to install some outlets on the garage, replace some damaged security lights and reinstall the antennas that were removed. The quote is \$2,300.00.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the quote from J & S Services for \$2,300.00 for the lighting and outlets on the garage at the Police Department and for it to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

Town Attorney

We had to initiate litigation to resolve the title issues at Old Town Hall so we can move forward with that property lease. We are at a point in this litigation where we are trying to reach a resolution. Kristi Fox has drafted and circulated among all of the attorneys in the case an agreed judgement. The neighboring property will deed a portion of the title in controversy back to Town Hall. Sometime in history it was placed on the deed to the neighboring property.

The judgement will be in multiple parts. We will enter into an agreed judgement setting out the transfer of the title. Harrold Hart prepared an exhibit, a quit claim deed from the neighbor to the Town. The judgement lays everything out and then we have to execute all the separate documents that get recorded.

The quit claim deed from the neighbor to the Town cleans up the property line and easement. It will allow the neighbor to continue to use the water line that is actually across the back edge of the property. We are going to grant them an easement so they do not have to take their water line out. There will be a partial release of their mortgage so that our title will be clean and nothing will be attached to it.

We are also dividing the building from the parking lot. They are currently both on one parcel. Not only do we have the judgement in the case but we also have all the other separate documents.

Kristi Fox is requesting a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign and approve the agreed judgement, the deeds and the easement. Kristi Fox will hold all documents in trust until they have been executed by all parties, at which time it will be filed and recorded.

Kathy Haller made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign the judgement, deeds, easement, as well as, any other documents we made need to finalize litigation. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

Town Engineer

The Town crew has started doing some drainage work on Fitch Drive. Some of the property owners on the east side seem reluctant to get the work done. There is no longer a defined roadside ditch line. For the time being, we are going to finish the west side.

The dead landscaping should be replaced this week at the basketball courts.

Libs Paving has finished paving everywhere except Church Alley behind Town Hall. Merrell Bierman is running behind and has not started the Town Hall Parking Lot Project yet. This section will be pulled from the grant. We will then close out the grant and be eligible for the next open submission.

Lakeland Lagoon had no plans of their system and so we did the best we could with the limited amount of data supplied. When we first started, everything went smoothly. The west side

along the lake on Pirtle Drive was excellent. When the east side was prepped by cleaning roots, they discovered that we had six-inch lines. Originally, we thought they were eight-inch pipes and had bought eight-inch liner. This results in needing to order six-inch liners.

Temple and Temple gave us a change order price of \$43,524.90 to correct all unknown items. We will now have some extra eight-inch liner. Bob Woosley and Jamie Schillmiller have talked and they think they have a location to use the extra liner. The shelf life is from six to nine months. It could possibly last up to a year depending on where it is stored.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve change order number one from Temple & Temple for \$43,524.90 on the Lakeland Estate Project and for that to be paid from Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

We had a property owner call about the increased traffic and speeds through the Copperfield Subdivision. She asked if we would consider two possible new stop signs. One would be located at Copper Passage and Copperfield Drive and the other one would be at Hidden Springs Drive and Copperfield Drive. Copperfield has turned into a cut through from Frank Ott Road to State Road 64. Bob Woosley recommends making each location a three-way stop. We would probably want to place a flashing reader board that says new traffic pattern and leave that up for a number of days.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve installation of up to four stop signs in Copperfield Subdivision. Seconded by Gary Smith and approved 4-0.

The property owner of 8014 Circle Drive called asking about installing a fence. Our ordinance notes if you are surrounded by two streets, you have to comply with the setback limits. Your side yard is basically your front yard. They want to put up a 6' privacy fence along their side yards. The issue is our zoning code requires variances due to two sides that are considered fronts. There cannot be a 6' wooden fence but they could install a 4' chain link fence. Kristi Fox said it is just a variance that would need to be requested. They can ask the BZA for permission to do wood instead of chain link and to change the height of the fence.

Agenda Items

New Clerk Employee

Julia Keibler introduced Shirley Nale to the Town Council. Julia is asking for approval to bring her onto our team and for the pay rate to be between \$15.50 – \$16.00 an hour. She is currently making \$15.00 per hour. This will be a 40-hour per week position.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Nale as a 40-hour full-time employee at \$16.00 an hour per the Clerk's recommendation. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Code of Ordinances Update

Julia Keibler has talked to American Legal Publishing about updating our Code of Ordinances. It has been a few years since the codes have been updated. We brought it up about a year ago and we decided to hold off. The total should be less than \$3,000.00 and that would include updating the website and include supplemental printed copies for each book.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the updates to the Codification of Ordinances with American Legal Publishing not to exceed \$3,000.00 and for those funds to come from the General Fund. Seconded by Biller Haller and approved 4-0.

Sealed Bid Opening – 2014 Dodge Charger

We received one sealed bid from Ringwood Motors in Ringwood, Illinois. Their bid was for \$3,868.00.

Gary Smith made a motion to accept the sealed bid from Ringwood Motors. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 4-0.

Destination Georgetown – John Beams

Phase one on the Wolfe Hotel with Ron Stiller has been complete. We are now working on Phase two and that requires more inspections with the front porch and the substructure of the building. Ron Stiller will be working with the contractor to determine the next phase. The Redevelopment Commission will be seeing another application in January for phase two. They are trying to figure out how to stabilize the porch.

Destination Georgetown has started working with Brian, the property owner of the house next to Town Hall. Destination Georgetown is interested in using that as their future historical room and possibly an office space for their organization. They are considering a lease program and Destination Georgetown would be taking charge of the redevelopment of it. The exterior and interior may qualify for some grant programs. This would be a great location for a tourist information center or a historical center.

Destination Georgetown has meetings on the second Wednesday of each month and are held at The Brick Wall at 6:10 P.M.

Meeting Schedule for 2022

The Council was presented with the schedule for all of the meetings for 2022.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. Seconded by Kathy Haller and approved 4-0.

Park Trash Can Purchase

Chris Loop received a quote from Doty & Sons Concrete Products, Inc. for some concrete 44-gallon trash cans. They each weigh 258 pounds. Each trash can costs \$615.00. The quote was originally for six cans and included \$280.00 for shipping. The total price is \$3,970.00.

Kathy Haller made a motion to approve up to \$5,300.00 for eight cans with two being for Ashley Mariah Park and for the funds to be paid from Gaming. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 4-0.

Billy Haller mentioned the lights for the ballpark keep having problems. We received a bid a few years ago and the price was over \$100,000.00. Chris Loop asked Bob Woosley to solicit bids for this project.

Claims Docket

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

Adjournment

Gary Smith 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



Kathy Haller

Billy Haller



Gary Smith

Attest:



Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer