

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2017

The Thorntown Town Council met on February 20, 2017, at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Koren Gray.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Council members Larry Acton, Koren Gray, John Shives, and Mark Garing. Absent was Don Johnson

Also present were Clerk-Treasurer John Gillan, Utility Superintendent Gary Moody, Development Director Angie Moody, Planning Board President Frank Small, Marshal Russ Voils, Kasie Fraizer of Child Advocacy, Web Site Administrator Robbie Acton and Town Attorney Dennis Williams.

Nine (9) citizen of the Town was also present.

Mark moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2017 Executive Session. His motion was seconded by Larry and passed 4-0.

Larry moved with a second by Mark to accept the January 16, 2017 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING—415 N PEARL STREET

A Petition was presented to the Board from Fairfield Legacy, LLC, to vacate any alley at 415 N Pearl Street. Mark moved to accept said petition. Larry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Larry moved to accept Ordinance 2017-3 vacating the alley at 415 N Pearl Street. Mark seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:08 PM

COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:09 PM

KASIE FRAIZER-CHILD ADVOCACY

Kassie, a forensic interviewer, talked about child advocacy and April being Prevent Child Abuse Month. She asked permission to hang a banner in Thorntown. Consensus was for Angie to find a place for the banner and add something to the web site about this.

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Utilities: Nothing to Report

Street Department: Stairwell cleaned at Town Hall.

Stalcop: OK

Park Board: Attached.

Planning: Permit for garage, electric permit, and inspection of mobile home.

Mark had a question about sidewalk widths. Dennis will investigate.

Police: Russ has found a 2014 Charger with 40,000 miles available for \$8,000. It was the police chief of Lebanon's car. One of the chargers could be traded and the other keep for emergency use. Mark moved to allow Russ to purchase this vehicle. Larry seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Russ informed the board that some discussions have been going on about having Jamestown and Advance contracting their police services from Thorntown. Nothing to be proposed at this time.

Development Director: The two buildings on South Pearl have been offered to the Town at no cost. Need an inspection to ensure there are no environmental problems and that all taxes have been paid. How do we get them torn down?

Looking at INDOT crossing grants.

Will be meeting with Gary Ladd to update scope of work document. Needed to apply for grants.

Also will be needing an income survey.

WEB SITE: Continuing to put information on the site.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Cleanup: Consensus was to order six dumpsters. Should split beautification into two weeks so that parking would not be affected as much.

Deed for Fire Department: Dennis needs to have grant paperwork before anything can be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Vehicle Policies: Policies for use of police vehicles during off duty hours and policy regarding civilians riding in police vehicles during duty hours were presented. Tabled for further discussion.

Go To Person: Both Don and Koren will both be gone for a few days. By consensus, during their absence Mark will be the go to person.

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COUNCIL CONCERNS

Salvage Yard fence is falling down.

Elm Street property?

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Junk and trash in town

Who is responsible for sidewalks?.

John moved to adjourn. Larry seconded this motion and it passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

ATTEST:

JOHN GILLAN, CLERK-TREASURER

Don Johnson, President

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