

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2019
7:00 PM

The Town Council meeting was called to order by Council President, Koren Gray, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief moment of silence.

The following council members and committee chairs were present: Koren Gray, Mark Garing, Carol Keith, Dave Williams, Bruce Burtner, Town Attorney Amy Nooning, Utility Superintendent Gary Moody, Planning Commission President Shawn McClintock, Community Development Director/Park Angie Moody, and several members of the community.

Mark Garing read the Resolution to accept the Planning Grant for the wastewater plan. A motion was made by Mark to suspend the rules for additional reading. A second was made by Carol Keith. The motion passed 5-0. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Dave Williams and a second by Mark Garing. The motion passed 5-0.

Koren had a couple of corrections to the minutes of the June 3, meeting. At that meeting the Council approved the minutes of the May 20th meeting not the April 1 meeting. Also, Koren did not nominate herself to be the Clerk-Treasurer upon the vacancy effective June 14, 2019. She expressed she was very much interested. Bruce presented the motion to accept the minutes with the corrections and the motion received a second from Dave Williams. The motion passed 5-0.

Hannah Fisher from the Boone County Animal Control Division spoke regarding many items in the County Animal Control ordinance. If the Town adopts the County ordinance, the Thorntown Police Department can enforce those ordinances. Also, the Boone County Sheriff Department can help enforce and help with issues in our town limits. Mark read the Boone County Animal Ordinance. Carol made a motion to suspend the rules on multiple readings. This motion received a second by Mark Garing. Mark made a motion to adopt the Boone County Animal Control ordinance as 2019-5 for the Town of Thorntown. The motion received a second by Carol. The motion passed 5-0. The ordinance was signed by the Council. Mark advised that work is still being done to update an ordinance with items that will pertain directly to the Town of Thorntown.

The Planning Commission submitted a certification regarding the Land Usage Ordinance contained in Title XV of the Town of Thorntown Code of Ordinances. Carol read the Ordinance Amending the Text of the Town of Thorntown, IN, Land Usage Ordinance 2019-6. Mark made a motion to suspend the rules of multiple readings and the motion was seconded by Bruce. The motion passed 5-0. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-6 was presented by Mark, and a second by Bruce. The motion passed 5-0.

Gary Ladd was present to discuss the Community Crossings 2018 project. Due to unforeseen issues we need to move the project to the center of the street rather than off to the side. This will be an additional \$20,000.00 from the Town budget. Mr. Ladd presented a chart comparing different options for the project. One option would require the removal of a tree. The homeowners were present and would like the Council to really consider that option. They do not want to lose their tree. The extra expense should come from the MVH and LRS funds. We will confirm with Ben Roeger, CPA, to make sure we have the funds available. Mark made a motion to use Alt. #2 to move the storm sewer into the street contingent upon confirming we have a minimum of \$60,000.00 in the MVH and LRS funds. No tree removal needed with this option. Dave offered the second. The motion passed 5-0.

Carol made a motion declaring a vacancy in the Clerk-Treasurer seat. This motion was seconded by Bruce. Motion passed 5-0. Dave made a motion to appoint Koren Gray to fulfill the Clerk-Treasurer seat effective the evening of June 17, 2019. Mark made the second. The motion passed 4-0 (Koren refrained from voting). Koren submitted a resignation letter from the Town Council. Dave made the motion to accept, and second was made by Carol. Mark led the meeting as Vice President. Carol made a motion to fill the Council vacancy on July 15. Those interested should attend the meeting on the 15th. A motion was made by Carol to nominate Mark as the President with second by Bruce. The Council voted unanimously for Mark to fulfill the remainder of the year as President. Mark made the motion for Bruce to be the Vice President for the remainder of the year with a second from Carol. The Council voted 4-0 passing the motion.

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) Reported on a section of Bow Street that is collapsing. The utilities are trying to figure out what is going on. They have used cameras and do not find a problem with the main. It is possible that the issue is coming from so much rain.

Community Development/Park Dept. (Angie Moody) Park repairs have been held up due the rain. The Beer and Wine event that was planned for July 13, has been cancelled. The movie night also needed to be rescheduled due to rain. Planning Grant is in process for funding. Angie spoke in regard to promoting the WAM (We All Matter) program. She does have donations planned and needs a local church to be the umbrella for liability insurance. This is still a work in progress. The town will not need to spend any money for this program. A meeting will be held with NFP and with Glen Jewell from The Thorntown Christian Church. Mark advised that the Park Director has the authority to hire employees and set the pay. Angie does a good job and stays within her budget. Apparently there have been some complaints about hiring workers. The Park Director cannot do all the work by herself. Hiring workers seems well within the boundaries.

Planning Commission (Shawn McClintock) Nothing new

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner) Nothing new. Board is waiting on paperwork for the study.

Police Department (Marshal Frank Clark) Frank reported the Tahoe should be available in July. We have lost two reserves and Robbie Hine has been given an offer to go to Lafayette Police Department. He has steps he needs to complete before this offer becomes final.

Fire Department No one present

Unfinished Business

Town Logo – tabled

Employee handbook – tabled. The liability insurance company has sent Koren a template to look over.

New Business

Council vacancy that was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Comments/Concerns

Angie mentioned MS Consultants would be willing to negotiate their fee for coming on board. She will see about getting an updated quote.

Carol thanked Derek for his service to our police department and to our town.

A comment was made regarding the wheelchair ramp in the downtown area.

Next meeting: August 5, 2019, 7:00 pm

Claims were signed

Dave made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Carol, and passed 4-0.

President, Mark Garing

Clerk-Treasurer, Koren Gray