

TOWN OF THORNTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 2019
7:00 PM

The Town Council meeting was called to order by Council President, Mark Garing, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following council members and committee chairs were present: Mark Garing, Carol Keith, Dave Williams, Bruce Burtner, Sara Fairfield, Town Attorney Amy Nooning, Clerk-Treasurer Koren Gray, Utility Superintendent Gary Moody, Planning Commission President Shawn McClintock, Community Development Director/Park Angie Moody, Gary Ladd from Ladd Engineering, and 14 members of the community. Marshal Frank Clark, Chief Deputy Derek Babcock, and Officer Robbie Viergutz were also present.

Mark entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2019, meeting. Carol Keith made the motion with a second from Sara Fairfield. The motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

Utility (Gary Moody) No report for the first meeting of August

Community Development/Park Dept. (Angie Moody) Angie announced the next movie night would be August 17. The Park Board is continuing with park updates. She thanked everyone who attended the Festival Fundraiser at Stookey's.

Angie requested that a portion of Market St. and Pearl St. be closed for the Festival. Carol made a motion to close those streets during the Festival, with a second by Sara. Motion passed 5-0.

Angie requested to view the easement webinar. Bruce made the motion to allow Angie to attend. Second by Sara. Motion passed 5-0.

Gary Ladd explained the reason for 1 ½" asphalt for the Pearl St. Project was based on the PASER rating. According to the rating 1 ½" should be sufficient. Dave thought the manhole should remain on Franklin St. This would be an additional cost of approximately \$2200.00-\$2500.00. Gary will get us a possible change order and actual cost.

Gary has spoken with Calumet. They will begin the project August 12, 2019, and estimate the project will be complete by September 10. They will begin on Front St.

Gary also advised the Crawfordsville Region has only received 65 applications for the 2019 Community Crossings Grant Application.

IDEM has requested to add more monitoring wells in the Pearl St. area. This will affect the Sugar Creek Art Center and the Dickerson property. IDEM is putting a device inside the Art Center and have advised it will not interfere with activities at the Art Center and may possibly be installed in a closet.

Sara Heck from INDOT has announced there will be a paving project for SR 47 in 2020. This will be from Highway 52 to just west of SR 75. INDOT will also see if they can determine a solution to the standing water in front of the Town Hall after rains.

Planning Commission (Shawn McClintock) Shawn announced he has received a letter from Eric Smith announcing his resignation from the Planning Commission. Mark explained what the Planning Commission does and that we will need to find a replacement.

Storm Water Board (Bruce Burtner, Tyler Davis, Ben Strong) Nothing new to announce

Police Department (Marshal Frank Clark) The 2019 Tahoe has arrived! It needs all the police dressings added and then will be in use. A service report has been supplied to the Town Council.

Fire Department (Chief Mike Martin)

No report. No representative present. Mark did announce the fish fry coming up August 17, 2019.

Clerk-Treasurer (Koren Gray) Koren reported that she and Retha are making progress on the bookkeeping corrections. Corrections are needed from 2016 through June 2019. Retha is helping with the correction process to make sure things are being corrected in the proper manner. Koren has had a meeting with Ryan Burke from the DLGF regarding getting started on the 2020 Budget. Koren requested permission to get training from Keystone for the software program. Mark entertained a motion to allow this training and not to exceed \$1200.00. Carol made the motion and a second followed from Sara Fairfield. Motion passed 5-0. Koren will see if the Clerk-Treasurer from Advance is interested in attending and sharing the cost.

Unfinished Business

Town Logo – Angie reported that she and Koren met with Niki from IMPA. Nikki and Angie went on a tour around town and Nikki took some pictures. Nikki will come up with some ideas incorporating ideas we have received from citizens.

Animal Ordinance #8 – Mark advised we were not reading the ordinance this evening but wanted community discussion. Mark explained the purpose is to help with issues in the future. We don't want someone to add 20 chickens, for example, as this would create an odor issue for neighbors. We don't want people to think they will have to get rid of their current animals. Comments were heard from Kevin McChaud, Melanie Gall, Nick Hill, Lynn Chambers, Vicki Reagan, Joann Jones and Charles Martin. All comments will be considered and will possibly have a redrafting of the ordinance. We will re-visit the Animal Ordinance #8 on August 19.

Employee Handbook – continue to table. Carol Keith, Sara Fairfield and Koren will work on the Employee Handbook.

WAM – A lease appraisal from Jerry Alexander, Berkshire Hathaway Reality was announced. Angie is involved with looking for some volunteers to commit to be on the WAM Board. Donations of books have been received for the WAM library. She also requested to be able to advertise the upstairs at an average of 2 appraisals. A second appraisal is coming. Sara made a motion to allow the advertising with a second from Carol. Motion passed 5-0. Advertisement needs to be done 10 days before a Council meeting.

Bids for street repairs have been received. Clemens came in with \$2800, Hasco \$4500, and Delello & Sons \$9112.00. Sara made a motion to award the bid to Clemens with a second from Bruce. Motion passed 5-0.

Nick Hill asked if he needed a building permit for constructing a building and a curb at 820 West Main St. He also asked about changing the speed limit sign in the same area. Since this property is on the State Highway the requests would need to be presented to the State.

Therber, Brock & Assoc. – financial/municipal advisory services. Mr. Therber could not attend this evening. We will table for August 19.

New Business

Ordinance #7 Amending the Salary Ordinance for 2019 regarding the salary for the newly appointed Deputy Marshal was read by Carol. Bruce made a motion so suspend the rules with a second from Carol. Carol made a motion to accept the ordinance with a second from Sara. Motion passed 5-0.

Koren presented a Solicitor Application, Permit and documents for review. She received sample paperwork from another community. Application paperwork could not be found in the filing cabinets. After review a few suggestions for change were recommended. Koren will retype and present August 19.

Comments/Concerns

The Crossing Guard, Marilyn Sheets, at Thorntown Elementary was asking if the signs on Vine St. could be changed for the street to be closed from 7:00am -8:00am. The street closing times have been posted as the school corporation requested.

Chuck Hoover, W. Church St., had concerns about a drain in front of his property installed by a neighbor. Town Attorney, Amy Noonng, advised this would be a civil matter and out of the hands of the Town Council.

A postal patron left a message at the Town Hall regarding the step at the Post Office. We need to get 3 quotes. It is not necessary to actually bid out (per Town Attorney).

Claims were signed

Carol made a motion to adjourn at 9:37pm. The motion was seconded by Sara, and passed 5-0.

President, Mark Garing

Clerk-Treasurer, Koren Gray