

Incorporated Town of Winamac
Municipal Utilities Complex
623 West 11th Street
Winamac, IN 46996
March 14, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
Regular Session

The Council for the Incorporated Town of Winamac met in regular session on March 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Utilities Complex at 623 West 11th Street, with the following board members in attendance: Kenneth McFarland, Tom J. Murray, Dan Vanaman, Judy Heater and Jim Watkins. Also attending were Melanie A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Schramm, Town Attorney; Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Superintendent; Bradley Zellers, Town Manager and Wastewater Superintendent; Mike Buchanan, Chief of Police; Kim and Waylon Burke; Doug Shorter, Electric Superintendent; Marlene Fox; Bonnie Hanawalt; Alex Haschel; Judy Markley; Theresa Calloway; Mike Sehstedt; John Stamper and Sherry O'Conner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President, Kenneth McFarland.

Alex Haschel spoke on behalf of WOW, Wander Our Winamac, an organization working towards become a main street community. She asked for permission to organize a spring garden festival with the proceeds being donated to WOW and to block off the downtown roads from Pearl Street to Main Street, and Market Street to Highway 35 on May 28th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Currently, Alex has twenty (20) vendors who would like to participate. Council Vice-President, Tom J. Murray, made a motion to block off the roads requested and allow the festival on May 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Jim Watkins. Motion passed unanimously. The electric department will work with Alex on providing electric services and Alex said she would check with Chris Smith and the Boy Scout organization for the removal of garbage. The Town will also provide a truck for the garbage.

Theresa Calloway representing the Pulaski County Fair Board addressed the Council regarding ADA compliance at the park and the renewal of the fair lease. Purdue did a study for Pulaski County and provided a report for areas to address. Theresa is asking the Council to renew the contract so that the Fair Board can begin compliance. The Council agreed. The Town Attorney and Town Manager will work with the Fair Board regarding the lease.

The minutes from the February 8, 2016 regular meeting were approved in a motion made by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, seconded by Councilmember Judy Heater and motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve claims #8590 – # 8823 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Jim Watkins. Discussion was held regarding Claim Voucher 8625. Motion passed unanimously.

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Town Marshal Mike Buchanan presented the statistical report for last month. Matt Pickens graduated February 28th and the new police car is in. The blue car will be taken out of service soon. The Town is going to keep the blue car and the white Impala will be taken to auction. Council President Ken McFarland asked if the department had a code book. They do not have the most recent and will be provided copies.

Waylon Burke, Wastewater Foreman, reported that he had the mower serviced; removed the pump to free a line; fixed a tube on top of the vac truc; fixed the grinder in the influent; the CSO monitors have been cleaned; attended a mosquito seminar; jetted the lines on 15th street; determined the sink hole at Family Express was not the Town's to repair; moved the drying beds; serviced the blower; plowed snow; drained the pool; and repaired a service line in Terrace Drive.

Jeremy Beckner, Water and Street Superintendent, reported his department continues to pick up brush and leaves; removed snow with the help of the electric and wastewater departments; helped remove ash trees at the park; cleared brush between the riverbank and fence at the plant; patched potholes; and installed the last meter at Brauns. Jeremy provided quotes from the well and motor for pump # 2. Council agreed to Peerless Midwest.

Doug Shorter, Electric Superintendent, reported that his department has been working on street light issues; Helped NIPSCO replace a pole in an alley; replaced a transformer behind Sander's IGA; helped with snow removal; replace a pole that was hit out of Town; and is changing out old poles.

Town Manager Brad Zeller's report:

1. Long Branch Hotel taxes: The County's attorney is researching if the County can forgive the taxes due on the Long Branch Hotel real estate.
2. Worker's Compensation requirements: The Town is going to require Worker's Compensation from independent contractors.
3. Truck quotes: Discussion was held regarding quotes on pickup trucks. Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray made a motion to purchase a Dodge truck from Brauns for the Electric Department for \$25,457.00 plus approximately \$300.00 for a spray-in bed liner, seconded by Councilmember Judy Heater, and motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to purchase a Ford truck from Dobson's in the amount of \$24,090.00 plus the cost of a spray-in bed liner, seconded by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, and motion passed unanimously.

4. Fireworks: On behalf of Scott Roudebush, Town Manager Brad Zellers asked the Council for permission to collect fireworks donations as the Town did last year. The fireworks will be held at the school again this year. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to accept the payments, seconded by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, and motion passed unanimously.

5. Town Woods: There is an issue with contracts dumping in the town woods from homeowners. A new ordinance will be prepared.

6. Farmer's Market: The CDC and Pulaski Memorial Hospital would like to host Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings and are asking to use the Town's parking lot. Council approved.

7. Tree City: The current ordinance has the name Greenspace Winamac and the Tree Committee would like to change it to Winamac Tree Committee. An ordinance will be prepared.

8. Cemetery Cleanup scheduled for March 28th.

9. CPR first aid training is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

10. Resolution for authorized Representative needs approved by the Council for the SRF Loan. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray, and motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer's, Melanie A. Berger, report:

1. IACT is hosting roundtables in our area. The Council was asked if anyone would like to attend.

2. The Fire contract from Harrison Township was received and needs Council approval: Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to accept Harrison Township's fire contract with the Town of Winamac as presented, seconded by Councilmember Dan Vanaman, and motion passed unanimously.

3. The County has asked to list the Town Council on their website and is asking if the council would like contact phone numbers included. Council approved.

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4. The Debt Management, Other Post-Employment Benefits and the Annual Finance Report have all been submitted with the Department of Local Government Finance before their due dates.

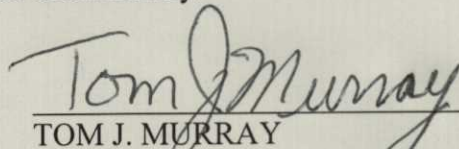
5. The first reading of Ordinance # 4 of 2016: An Ordinance Establishing a Materiality Threshold for Reporting Irregular Material Variances, Losses, Shortages and Thefts. Discussion was held.

6. Ordinance # 3 of 2016: An Ordinance Establishing Connection and Disconnection Charges for the Winamac Municipal Electrical Utility and the Waterworks of the Town of Winamac, Indiana was presented to the Council. Discussion was held. Councilmember Judy Heater made a motion to adopt Ordinance # 3 of 2016 as presented and written, seconded by Councilmember Dan Vanaman, and motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Judy Heater spoke to the Council about the Winamac pool project. As of the end of February, the committee has raised approximately \$115,000.00. Last fall, she had asked the Council for a commitment of \$150,000.00 and the Council had agreed. She then asked if the Council would commit to \$200,000.00. A letter also needs to be written from the Town stating that they agree with the project and will also manage the pool. Discussion was held. Councilmember Dan Vanaman made a motion to give the pool committee \$150,000.00 payable to the Pulaski County Community Foundation, seconded by Jim Watkins, and motion passed with four (4) yeas and one (1) opposed: Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray.

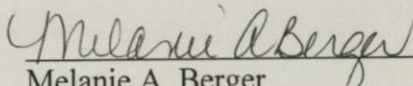
Discussion was held regarding a business on the south end of town and the noise ordinance was addressed.

Council Vice-President Tom J. Murray made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Judy Heater, and motion passed unanimously.



TOM J. MURRAY
Winamac Town Council Vice-President

ATTEST:



Melanie A. Berger
Clerk-Treasurer