

**Waterloo Town Council Meeting
October 11, 2016**

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held on October 11, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Waterloo/Grant Township Public Library. Members present were:

David Bolton	William Hubartt
Dorsey Brown	Jess Jessup
Renata Ford Clerk/Treasurer	Alex McConnehey
David Kruse / Town Attorney	Tena Woenker / Town Manager

The following business was discussed and action taken: Unless specified all votes were unanimous.

Communications from the President:

Communications/Council Reports:

- Due to election day being on the same day as the November monthly council meeting, the council approved moving the November meeting to November 1st

Communications from the Town Manager:

- Redevelopment President Sally Pease will sign papers on Friday transferring ownership of 2 of their lots on Railroad Street to Best Deal Auto. Best Deal Auto will sign ownership papers on Monday.
- The Park Board has purchased swings, monkey bars and a slide and will be installing them at Pankop Park.
- The Waterloo/Auburn Bike Trail will have a ribbon cutting on October 24th at 11:30 am celebrating the finish of the trail between Waterloo and Auburn. The ribbon cutting will be at the park across from DeKalb High School.

New Business:

1. August minutes and claims were approved.
2. The council approved donating \$1250 to a committee trying to apply for a grant to build a skate park. These funds will be added to another \$1250 donated by the Park Board. This \$2500 will pay for the cost of a water soil test on the property (105 Wayne St) the proposed skate park will be built. The committee has also received \$2000 from the DeKalb County Community Foundation.
3. Employee group health insurance premiums for 2017 will increase 15%, dental insurance 7.7%. Life and Vision insurance rates did not increase. The council approved authorizing President Bolton to sign the United HealthCare's form renewing the town's insurance.
4. Resolutions **16-09** Declaratory Resolution to designate an economic revitalization area for purposes of tax abatement and **16-10** Resolution for the Deduction from Assessed Valuation for Real Estate (Three Bean Coffee) were tabled. More information is needed before a decision can be made on the tax abatement.
5. Ordinance **16-04** Amend Capital Assets Policy was approved by council. (Councilman Jessup voted no) This ordinance increases the capital asset qualification threshold for financial reporting from \$5000 to \$10,000.

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Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2016
6:30 PM
Waterloo/Grant Township
Public Library**

SIGNATURE SHEET

Cheryl Davis

Herk Daniels

AARON PINO

Ken Surber

Janet Surber

[Signature]

Vanessa Sterling

6. The annual agreement between the Town of Waterloo and the DeKalb County GIS Department was approved by council. The fee for the agreement will be \$2000. The council also approved an agreement for additional services over and above those furnished on an annual basis by the county through its GIS department. The scope of the work will determine the fee charged.

Other business:

- Events Committee Member Cheryl Davis, asked if the council would allow them to put Christmas lights on the tree in front of the Lions Club Building. The council approved.

I, Renata Ford, the duly qualified Clerk/Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact excerpt of minutes of the meeting of the Waterloo Town Council, Waterloo, Indiana, at which a quorum was in attendance and acting throughout, and held October 11, 2016, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.
Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

David Bolton, President

Renata Ford, Secretary

re river gave this town its life. Now it
 am the community apart.
 about 1,200 residents had to be
 ated by boat and plucked from their
 : by helicopters as the river crested.
 of the state's 19 fatalities occurred in
 son County, of which Lumberton is the

City workers use boats to travel to the city's water treatment plant through floodwaters from Hurricane Matthew in Lumberton, North Carolina, Wednesday.

In her youth, McCorkle worked as a life-guard on the Lumber. The river meanders through her fictional landscape, where the mosquitoes "are so big they roll up your pants legs to bite you."

"There's the constant trade-off of the river giving and taking away," McCorkle said. "It's a really beautiful, beautiful river — until it crests banks and goes out of control."

if all the towns affected by Hurricane
 hew, this city of 22,000 was among the
 est hit and the least able to absorb it.
 It is just a heartbreak," said novelist Jill
 ork, a Lumberton native. She and her
 and, Tom Rankin, drove southeast from
 : home in Hillsborough, his pickup filled
 ie gunwales with diapers and drinking
 at. "It's a very poor area anyway."

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- You have a disability.
- You are at least 65 years of age.
- You will have official election duties outside of your voting precinct.
- You are scheduled to work at your regular place of employment during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.
- You will be confined due to illness

defined in Indiana Code 35-42-4-14(a).

- You are prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to the polls.

Absentee voting by mail is a three-step process. A voter must submit an application to vote absentee; the voter needs to receive and mark an absentee ballot; then the voter must return the completed absentee ballot by mail.

- You have the right to vote in Indiana if:
 - You are a U.S. citizen; and
 - You are a resident of Indiana; and
 - You will be at least 18 by Nov. 8; and
 - You are not currently in prison after

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Council funds skate park soil test

said they also have received a \$2,000 grant from the Community Foundation of DeKalb County for promotional materials such as pamphlets, T-shirts and stickers that can be used in a fundraising campaign.

"You guys are to be commended for the work you've put in the past two weeks," said Councilman Jess Jessup, who last month said he did not want the council to pay the full \$2,500 for the soil study.

Council members learned the town will see a 15 percent increase in health insurance premiums for town employees, along with a 7.7 percent increase in dental insurance

premiums. Life insurance and vision insurance rates did not increase.

Town Manager Tena Woenker reported that play equipment such as swings, slides and monkey bars will be installed soon at Pankop Park on the town's north edge. A new pavilion already is in place at the new park.

Woenker said Best Deal Auto Sales will take possession Monday of property it purchased from the town on Railroad Street, immediately south of the downtown area.

The Town Council is moving its next meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 1, a week earlier than usual, due to the election on Nov. 8.

Insurance rates rise

KPC NEWS SERVICE
WATERLOO — The Waterloo Town Council on Tuesday agreed to give the town's Skate Park Committee \$1,250 toward the cost of soil testing.

The town's Parks and Recreation Board previously had granted the committee \$1,250, which represents half the cost of testing soil on a proposed skate park site at Wayne and Railroad streets, just south of downtown.

Skate Park Committee members