

**Waterloo Town Council Meeting
November 1, 2016**

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held on November 1, 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:

Communications from the Town Manager:

- Main Street Committee is raising funds to pay for Christmas lights and decorations for around the Train Station. They are having a Spaghetti dinner and sending letters asking for donations. Main Street asked if the town would pay for the lights and decorations and they would reimburse the town with all the funds they collected minus what supplies they needed for the spaghetti dinner. The Council approved the Christmas light and decoration purchase.
- The "Water Treatment and Distribution Study" to provide water utility service to the west of I-69 has been completed. The Town Council and the Redevelopment Commission will have a joint public meeting in a couple of weeks for a presentation by Jones and Henry Engineers. The firm commissioned to do the study.
- Small Business Saturday is the 26th Waterloo has 10 businesses, 9 have signed up.
- The Ketch Kan Bar and Grill opened today. The Shamrock Bar and Grill will close for remodeling and then go up for sell.

New Business:

1. Jeff Rowe, representative of Umbaugh & Associates, the town's financial utility consultants reviewed the 2015 annual Water/Wastewater report.
 - a. The Water Utility continues to show a slow steady shortfall which has resulted in the towns inability to sustain the reserves that the water bond ordinance requires. Over the next 3 years, expenditure costs will continue to increase with the water revenue unable to catch up. However, implementing a rate increase adjustment, cutting the costs of operations or revising the list of capital improvements could make all the difference. Also, two of the town's water bonds will be paid off, one in 2020, one in 2023, freeing up over \$100,000 a year.
 - b. The Wastewater Utility has sufficient revenue to keep ahead of operating costs and meet the wastewater bond requirements. The 3-year forecast however shows losses in 2017 and 2018 due to the need for updates to the plant.

A revised agreed order in 2017 could change capital improvement requirements leaving the utility with more revenue.

Overall, the utilities are in the same situation as many of the towns around the state. Keeping operating costs down as much as possible and watching capital improvement spending and realizing that rate increases are necessary will go a long way in building up utility revenues.

2. The 2017 On-Call Engineering Services with A & Z Engineering was approved
3. Street Superintendent Wolfe informed the Council that all 2016 street projects have been completed except one and it will be finished next week.
Leaf pick-up starts this week.
Fire Chief Hobbs informed Councilman Brown that he would be looking into the fire truck that the town had approved Chief Hobbs to bid on.
4. October claims were approved. October minutes were approved but with the following revision: **Communications/Town Manager 2nd paragraph (should be: slide, monkey bars and swings have been purchased but have not been placed)**
5. Councilman Jessup would like to look into different options of payment for utility bills, such as credit cards and debit cards. Clerk/Treasurer Ford said Council has approved upgrading utility software and ask if Council could wait to see if the upgrade could be revised to include the above payment options. Councilman Jessup said that was fine he could wait. One resident ask if the Clerk could check on paperless billing. Clerk Ford said she would find out.
6. **Ordinance 16-05** (2017 Salary Ordinance) was approved on intro and 1st reading.

Other business:

- The Council ask Street Superintendent Wolfe if he could revisit the woman who would like a handicap sign, for her child, in front of her house.

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 November 1, 2016, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm



David Bolton, President



Renata Ford, Secretary