

**Waterloo Town Council Meeting  
June 9, 2020**

*Unsafe Building*

A Public Hearing for ~~submission of a USDA grant~~ was held on June 9 at 6:00pm at the Historic Depot.

Members present were:

David Bolton

Nathan Diehl

Josh Caudill

David Kruse/Town Attorney

Ken Surber

Pam Howard/Town Manager

Renee Duszynski/ Clerk Treasurer

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

- On February 18, 2020 at 1:45 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Jon met Mr. Chalfant because the roof has collapsed. Williams asked for a date that it would be taken care of. Sent certified letter for inspections Scott Ley, a Certified building instructor of Angola found it unsafe. As of Monday, June 8, Chalfant is tearing down. Williams is asking for extension since he started sixty days from the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month. Rita Chalfant is present. Howard asks for plan for disposal, Chalfant states that it is going to a burn pit and reuse siding. Caudill asks if 60 days to do it all is enough? Rita states that is and very generous. Bolton explains we have 3 options modify, resend, or keep. Diehl motioned to modify (Caudill 2<sup>nd</sup>). The hearing was closed at 6:07 pm.

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**Communication from the President:**

- There were no communications from the president.

**Communications from the Town Manager:**

- We will be sending out the second newsletter June 18<sup>th</sup>- there will be something in from each department.
- Lift stations at Country Village are an issue. We sent a letter to stop flushing wipes now they are finding rubber gloved & Styrofoam. Help spread the word! Kruse asks if there is anything in the ordinance. Howard explains we cannot track exactly which homes they are coming from directly. Midwestern suggests we can put in grinder pumps in a nuisance area. Bolton- put it in the newsletter! The issue comes and goes in that area.
- Farmers market starts Friday at Eagle Park. We have vendors with lots of variety. Produce will not come until July though.
- Cleaned sewer lines 1,600 ft at Mill & N Washington, this is part of a maintenance plan we are continuing. Water and Sewer are committed to doing well.
- Tru Core is coming in at the Industrial Park and we excited Nucor brought them here.

**New Business**

1. Minutes and Claims: Bolton- thank you for the detail in the minutes. Nathan agrees that they are very thorough. Motion to approve minutes by Surber (Diehl 2nd). Diehl states we need to be mindful & spend thriftly and that we may need to wait. There was a high end computer

purchase that may not have been necessary. Howard explains that is what Mid City recommended to the street department when they needed a new computer. Diehl replies that its not your employees- Mid City is upselling us. Motion by Diehl (Caudill 2nd).

2. Fund Report: Duszynski presents the current fund report and explains that the negative funds have now been fixed. Council asks if it is balanced currently, Duszynski states that it is within a penny. Council appreciates the timely manner of reconciling and being given correct numbers.
3. Redevelopment Commission: Howard informs the council that Justin Chapel fell off. She reached out and asked Mrs. Higgins lots of experience in Waterloo on Warm A Heart. This is a council appointment. Bolton introduced Linda Higgins. She tells everyone she is married to Mark and has been Warm a Heart for 7 years. She has lived in Waterloo her whole life. Diehl tells her that her heart for the town shows. Motion made by Diehl (Surber 2<sup>nd</sup>). Clerk Treasurer Duszynski performs the swearing in for the redevelopment commission.
4. Cemetery Farm Field: Howard explains Bud Creager has been farming the land adjacent to the Cemetery since 2010. The contract is up and it needs tiled. He wants to plant beans. Creager states with the wetness the alfalfa does not do well. The tile needs fixed but he wants to switch to beans and back to alfalfa. David Wolfe states that we bought the tile and never heard back. If we are not getting rent we need to get a new contract but they should pay for it. Creager states it needs tiled with or without hin or it will become a wetland. Howard points out that it hasn't yet. It's a mud hole. The cemetery has plenty of room not to use that. Kruse advises a contract be drawn up. Duszynski states the existing contract was from May 12, 2014 for 4 years. Bolton asks for thoughts. Surber says Creager should tile if he is using it. Any farmer would be paying rent the least you can do is pay to put the tile in. Creager explains it was like that before and the land isn't worth a lot to a lot of people due to size. If he doesn't farm it, it will just go to wet land. Howard asks who farms the land adjacent? Creager is not sure. Bolton asks Wolfe how often would it need mowed? Wolfe replies 2-3 times. Diel wants to know the cost of the tile, Creager is not sure it may need a permit. Wolfe states that it shouldn't need one since its existing. Howard wants to know how long of tile, Wolfe says 200ft. Creager does not think so, way more 400 needs to go from US. 6 to the ditch. You cannot just patch it. Wolfe agrees that it needs done but who should pay for it. "I'm here to protect the town, it's been farmed for 3 years after contract." Creager states he has been in Waterloo my whole life. Kruse asks how many acres? Howard- 10? Creager states that its only about 7 farmable acres. Wolfe says that it would take the street department 1-2 days for \$300-400. Creager believes that's only a quarter of the job. Wolfe asks if he wants the town to retiling it all? Creager states its not enough to take care of the run off on highway. Diel asks Creager are you willing to pay the normal rental? Creager asks what is that rate? Diehl tells him \$190-200. Creager says no, but if you let me tile it and farm it for free I would want it all done right. Diehl asks if we do that how long contract do you want? Bolton suggests 5 years? Creager isn't sure if he wants to farm that long. Bolton suggests that if he fixes it at his cost with a 10 year contract. Creager asks if he can give a years notice if he wants out. Bolton says to have Kruse write a contract, no rent he fixes tile 10 year agreement with a one year notice to back out. Creager informs council he will do the tile in the fall. Motion from Bolton(Surber 2<sup>nd</sup>.)
5. EBC partnership: Anton has handouts and explains there are three phases. 2019 had a good year, \$30 million in investments and there more projects doing more retail. 2020 Covid brought it to a halt but things are getting better. Fee for service is increased at board level. Not done by town side, the reason is the cost has increased over 4 years but over the last 4 years, no

increases in accrued. The services provided promote development to attract new business. Bolton says thank you for the help with the core Blake Webb from Waterloo he has a service in all places. Howard informs that Anton communicates regularly and happy to work with him. Surber states it is a job we would have a hard time doing and is glad to have this resource. Motion by Surber (Diehl 2nd)

6. Phone Systems: Howard explains we have had a zoom meeting and got some answers. For the bandwidth we did quality test at all departments. Tom Alter helped figure out they will work. The cost of buying or renting is about the same cost either way. Mediacom is faster than the Frontier. The Marshals don't want to switch. Caudill asks if it is 3 year contract? Howard confirms that it is a three year contract. Diehl explains the benefit of VOIP. All phone numbers will retain. Motion from Diehl (Caudill 2<sup>nd</sup>.) for KSG.
7. Resolution 20-07: Duszynski explains that this was tabled last month due to needing information from Baker Tilley on how to set up a savings plan for the sewer department. There has not been the opportunity to meet with Baker Tilley about the topic. This was tabled.
8. Resolution 20-08: Howard this was from the Community Crossing Grant to do Wayne and Walnut. The project was under and we had to pay back, the money was never transferred back into the fund. It comes out of MVH restricted since it was for paving. Motion from Caudill (Surber 2nd) to approve resolution 20-08.
9. Community Crossing: July call out is coming up and Howard would like to go for the grant. The street department wants to do Best St, Douglas, Railroad, and Pine. \$117,000 is the cost and our portion is \$29,427.86 and comes out of restricted. Anton states can do a letter of support to send in with the application. Motion by Caudill (Diehl 2nd).
10. Albright Sidewalk: Bolton states that we have been trying for 3 years for this sidewalk Wolfe states that we paid \$9k to have it engineered. It will add ADA ramps. Two of the bids were extremely high. Henderson's is reasonable, and we made sure all were the same. Diehl asks to explain north of Country Village where its wet. Wolfe explains it takes the runoff to the back. It has been difficult to get concrete bids. Traffic is 600 cars per day down Albright to Walnut. Duszynski explains the finances we can use CCD & CEDIT since we have sidewalks in our CEDIT plan. Diehl says it will help connect Country Village to Waterloo. Bolton thinks it is good to support a local business. Motion from Caudill (Bolton 2nd).
11. Outlook: Last month council wanted to look into getting a government contract for Outlook. Duszynski reached out to Mid City, with no response. She explains that she also asked them to provide a list of serial numbers that they service for the town and locations of the computers, but have not received that either. They were also supposed to rename the computers based on job description not personal names and that has not been done yet either. Duszynski reached out to Microsoft directly and is working with them to get more information. This is tabled until next month.
12. Midwestern Contract: Howard explains that we need a PER for the USDA grant. Midwestern explains we don't have to tackle the whole contract tonight. It is required by USDA, the OCRA study compliance plan to IDEM asks for 10 years. We have sewers that are SSO's and prohibited. They have had the lids blown off sewage runs out. The sewer plant needs replaced. This is a \$9 million project. Baker Tilly advised to pursue USDA rural development. As of May we submitted a compliance schedule to IDEM. The first milestone by August need to submit a revised PER turn in PER & USDA app. That is the part of the contract that needs approved tonight. Diehl makes motion (Caudill 2nd) to move on with phase 1 of the project.

**Other Business:**

Carper

- ~~Parker~~ Farm Supply does our Mosquio spray. They do 12 sprays over 2 years \$3325 if we go over each is \$277.08 Diehl (Surber 2nd). Money will come from CEDIT.
- A citizen wanted to discuss the trash situation. He put grass clippings in and Washler refused to take them and told him " its illegal" to put grass clippings in. Republic took them. He wants to know if this is this real law Washler Law? Council advises him that he can pick up the contract to see what exactly is stated that they will and will not take.
- Howard tired to use the Dollar General credit card and the only person who has an active card is Jay, and we were unable to use the card. Requesting permission for Duszynski to be an authorized user on the Dollar general credit card. Diehl (Bolton 2nd).

I, Renee Duszynski, 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 June 9, 2020, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



David Bolton, President



Renee Duszynski, Secretary