Waterloo Town Council Meeting May 11, 2021

A meeting of the Waterloo Town council was held May 11 at 6:00p.m. at the Waterloo Town Hall present were:

David Bolton Jess Jessup Katherine Hobbs Ken Surber

Josh Caudill Pam Howard/Town Manager
Andrew Kruse/ Town Attorney Renee Duszynski/ Clerk Treasurer

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

Communication from the President: Bolton announces tonight is his last Council meeting here in the Town of Waterloo. Bolton states he has served the Town of Waterloo for the past 10 years and watched Waterloo grow so much. Chris Lalonde did so much to change water and wastewater. Jay Oberholtzer turned our police department around and has created stability and loyalty. Dave Wolfe has had more added to his role as street superintendent and continues to thrive. Each Town Manager has had a good replacement continuing to push for a better community. He thanks everyone for the years. Howard presents Bolton with parting gift.

Communication from The Town Manager: Howard states there is a lot going on. The parade and the Festival are the biggest. Howard lists the events that will be taking place. Main Street will be meeting weekly to gear up. There has been a lot of good responses and people signing up. After the parade Van Vleek will be shut down where the events will take place, as well as in Thomson Park. There will be a banner listing all the donors.

The Depot is currently being painted. Hopefully, it will be done by June 5th. May 31st the Amtrack trains open fully. The have sold quit a bit of merchandise lately.

Marc and Irene Ulbrich, from Caleo Café, have been given the contract; they are out of town but will negotiate upon return. Insurance Trustees suggests the Ulbrich's carry their own insurance as well.

The design for the Town Hall has not come back yet.

The design for the park came back and will go to Park Board tomorrow. Kammerer Welding will do a memorial and present it tomorrow. Then there will be a pop-up party for a patronicity grant to put in a memorial and parking.

The trail is moving along. NIPSCO will not require the town to pay for the move of the gas line. Bolton states he is glad to see the process of Veterans Park. It started as a plan in 1999 and no one knew how to get it to take off. After years of waiting, it is finally progressing. The addition of the trail will really help drove people there. Howard states her and Duszynski have been meeting to also try to connect with Angola. Jessup asks about striping Wayne Street to add a bike lane. Howard states she will research it.

New Business:

- Minutes/ Claims: Minutes are reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Hobbs (2nd by Caudill) passed.
 Claims- Claims are reviewed. Motion to approve Claims made by Jessup (2nd by Caudill) passed.
- 2. Fund Report: Duszynski states it is not reconciled due to the invoice cloud issues. Jessup asks if it is being used. Duszynski replies yes. Duszynski explains DNR Fund is negative because it is a reimbursable grant and the paperwork has been submitted and waiting on the payment to arrive.
- 3. Cemetery Ordinance: Surber asks if an infant burial needs an entire lot. Jessup states they can be put in the same spot as the parent. Motion to approve Cemetery Ordinance made by Caudill (2nd by Surber) passed.
- 4. ARP Ordinance: Duszynski explains the government funding. Duszynski states it is like the Cares Act. Waterloo will receive approximately \$470,000 over the next two years. The government is limiting what it can be spent on and there needs to be a plan in place. The first step is creating an ordinance to accept the money and create a fund for it. The money will start to be released this week. Motion to approve made by ARP Ordinance made by Jessup (2nd by Caudill) passed. Duszynski asks for a waiver of second reading. Motion to approve waiver of second reading made by Caudill (2nd by Surber) passed.
- 5. Resolution 21-03: Duszynski explains that it is not for an additional appropriation, but just a transfer for the amount of claims for the car. This will reduce the insurance benefit appropriation and increase the garage and motor appropriation. Motion to approve Resolution 21-03 made by Caudill (2nd by Surber) passed.
- 6. Resolution 21-04: Community Crossings acceptance resolution. Howard explains that the town president needs to approve and sign the grant. Howard also states the pre bid meeting is Monday. Motion to approve Resolution 21-04 made by Jessup (2nd by Hobbs) passed.
- 7. Police Policy: Oberholtzer explains an officer want to move to Allen County and ours states our officers can only live in DeKalb County. Surrounding agencies allow surrounding counties. This will help retain and put the town in the same playing field for hiring. Also changing to notify of an arrest after 24 hours as opposed to 5 days after a conviction of a crime. Jessup notes C-4 would need similar working to the changes in number 3, provides notice to accordance to subject 3 in this chapter. Oberholtzer would like to make it a smoke free environment and prohibit in vehicles as well as buildings. Jessup asks if that is the same for the town. Howard confirms. Motion to approve police policy made by Caudill (2nd by Surber) passed.
- 8. Baker Tilly: Duszynski explained she used Baker Tilley last year for budget preparation assistance. She learned quite a bit about the basics, and will be able to do much more on her own this year. She would still like to have their assistance in learning more about estimating revenue. The contract is not to exceed \$6,000 and last year only spent around \$5,000, so it should be even less this year. Jessup states that is a good idea. Bolton states they have always done well. Motion to approve Baker Tilly made by Jessup (2nd by Bolton). Passed.
- 9. NIPSCO Choice: Duszynski explains that the choice program allows the person to pick their supplier from NIPSCO instead of having NIPSCO pick who they get their gas from. It makes it higher since you are paying NIPSCO and a second company for supply and delivery fees. Jessup would like to cancel it. Motion for Canceling NIPSCO choice program made by Surber (2nd by Jessup) passed.

Other Business:

Duszynski explains that there is Clerk Treasurer school and budget meetings presented by AIM and Baker Tilley on the 18th and the 26th and the office will be closed. She states that she also purchased a recording of the budget presentations for any one who can not attend.

Duszynski request to lower Depot's Mediacom to just internet the contract for cable, phone and internet has expired. Motion to only have internet at the Depot made by Bolton (2nd by Jessup) passed.

Howard explains the process of the new council president. As Vice President Jessup can move up and vote for the new Vice President next month. Howard asks Jessup if he is okay with being president. Jessup agrees. The Caucus is May 25th, but they have until June 11th to fill the position. Our next meeting will be June 8th.

Surber asks about the Industrial sign. Howard explains the person she was talking to has been let go. Now there has been poor communication. Howard spoke with the president and is hopeful the issue will be resolved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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 May 11, 2021, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

President, Jess Jessup

Clerk- Treasurer, Renee Duszynski