Waterloo Town Council Meeting September 14, 2021

A meeting of the Waterloo Town council was held September 14 at 6:00p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Depot present were:

Jess Jessup

Greg Iddings

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: None.

Committee Council Reports: None.

Communication from The Town Manager: BZA needs two (2) members. There was only one (1) meeting last year. Howard described the position.

The town did not receive the SWIF grant. We applied for the grant for our \$9 million wastewater project. This project is necessary due to the agreed order IDEM has the town on. There is a possibility to pursue a SRF forgivable loan.

Howard would like to schedule a town walk, since we were unable to last month. It would start on the North Side. It would be beneficial to find the needs of the people. She will send out an email with possible dates.

The quarterly newsletter will be coming out. Last quarter was the sewer inspection letter.

Main Street fundraiser is October 15, 2021, from 5-7pm at Francis Thompson Park. High's Rotary will make pork chops and chicken, Main Street will make a variety of sides. This will be raising funds for the Holiday train.

Waterloo is looking at providers for fiber. There have been two proposal's and will schedule meetings with council to have them presented.

Redevelopment has agreed to take the Hart's block down. There will be a pre-bid meeting the 16th at 10am onsite.

Howard asks to schedule a work meeting to review projects and receive feedback quarterly. She will send out an email to set up possible dates.

New Business:

1. Minutes/ Claims: Minutes were reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion to approve minutes with corrections made by Caudill (Surber) passed. Claims were reviewed. Jessup asked if

the depot was internet only. Duszynski confirmed. Motion to approve claims made by Caudill (Iddings) passed.

- 2. Fund Report: The fund reports were reviewed, Duszynski explains ARP. The American Rescue Plan Act was money the federal government provided as part of a COVID relief plan to help cities and town's with infrastructure. She had to apply for the Grant and the town has received its first installment of \$255,000. She explained they had set up a promotion fund and need to determine amount to transfer into it. Jessup wanted to review again, but \$2400.00 is determined as the amount to start. Duszynski reviews the depot loss in revenue. Hobbs asks if the depot rental is on the website. Howard explained it is and how to get it.
- 3. Depot Attendants: Howards explained two (2) workers are older and unable to shovel the snow and are resigning. Howard found two (2) applicants. Keisha Wiseman will take the manager spot. She lives here in town. Howard spoke with references who had great things to say. Motion to approve this applicant made by Surber (Iddings) passed. Jessup welcomed Keisha to the town. Shawn Myers, the second applicant came highly recommended from references. She is also a member of the community motion to accept this applicant made by Caudill (Hobbs) passed.
- 4. John Dockrey: What's up 24/7: Dockrey presented his website. It is a platform that is a calendaring system shared by everyone who participates. It also has a directory. Dockrey presented the way it works and the benefits of it. He proposed for the promotion for the whole zip code for \$2,000.00 and for the website \$3,000.00 for 3 years.
 - Jessup asked to clarify what he is offering. Dockrey stated to completely rebuild the website 74% of all searches are done on a phone today, this will make it more user friendly. It will also include the platform for promoting the local events that link to other communities. Howard asks about security. He stated it is secure, there is no way for it to be hacked or taken. Jessup would like to have a month to decide since it just came in. Dockrey stated that was fine. Surber would like to see if the visitor's bureau will assist. Howard will check.
- 5. Halloween dates Howard proposed October 30th since it's a Saturday. Nucor will do treats before dark, and teachers will do trunk or treat 3-5pm and trick or treat 5-7pm. Motion approve made by Surber (Iddings) passed.
- 6. 3 Year growth appeal Duszynski explains that Net Assessed Value grows every year and the state uses the average to determine your NAV and taxes. Over the last three years the Towns assessed value has grown faster than the state average. This appeal would allow us to capture the difference in taxes due to the higher growth. It is a difference of \$26,000. Jessup asks for a motion to approve petition. Motion made by Caudill (Surber) passed.
- 7. ADA transitional plan Howard explained that the town developed an ADA plan and it needs to be reviewed every 2 years. She received a letter from INDOT stating the town is non-compliant. She found the original and called Will Gay from INDOT to find out what is needed. He explained all appendices are needed. Also, the town is supposed to be setting back \$5000/year for sidewalks. Jessup would like to wait to approve since there is one missing part. Howard explained it will need to be a special meeting because it has a deadline of ten (10) days, and that was today. Jessup asked if it can be done at a special meeting.
- 8. US Brake Sign Iddings explained that INDOT stated that if the town had an ordinance a sign could be posted. Duszynski stated they also will provide the correct codes. Discussion was held about placement of signs, it was agreed east and west of town on US 6 and north and west of town on 427. No action needed just informational that the town is putting it up.

- 9. Grant Fund Resolutions: Duszynski explained that grants need their own fund for recored keeping. This is a basic grant fund that money will be paid out of and reimbursed to for small recurring grants like IPEP and the Marshal's vest grants. Motion to approve resolution 21-06 made by Hobbs (Caudill) passed. Motion to waive second reading made by Caudill (Hobbs) passed.
- 10. Ordinance 21-04 Council Liason's: Jessup explained this is the first reading, he wants to make sure everyone has time to think about it. Jessup reads. Caudill asked about the purchase of the police car and if the liaison could authorize that if it came up at auction. Jessup stated that would no longer be considered an emergency. Duszynski asked if it should include the input of the clerk in case there is a need to find additional funding. It is changed. Motion to approve first reading made by Iddings (Hobbs) passed.
- 11. Amending election of president Jessup explained we needed to amend to update. Jessup read ordinance. Motion to approve first reading made by Surber (Iddings)
- 12. Amending meeting ordinance Jessup explained our current ordinance locked the meeting into a particular place or time. This would free that. Jessup reads. Motion to approve first reading made by. Hobbs (Surber) passed.
- 13. Amending order of business Jessup explained it needed updated and read. Motion to approve with corrections made by Surber (Hobbs) passed.

Other Business: Jessup asked for an update on Flying J. Howard explained they asked for time to get the board to approve the contract with the demolition people.

Jessup asked if Friends of the Depot was going to reorganize for an update. Iddings stated they scheduled a meeting and will reorganize.

Caudill asked for a nonconforming business update. Howard explained Kemper's building got sold. Not sure on Rustina Bizwell's. Kruse stated he is going to be revising the ordinance. He advised code Enforcement to be enforcing with the current ordinance.

Hobbs asked about the building plans for the office. Howard has not received any communication and will reach back out to Redfli.

Caudill stated the Fire Department is having their annual pancake and sausage dinner 9/25/21 at 5:00 pm.

Public -

Alana Rosado bought a house on Colgrove last summer. They bought ducks not knowing it was against ordinance. They are not free range. There is also a privacy fence going up. They were for a child as a gift. Jessup asked if our ordinance only allowed chickens. It reads "poultry" but also states ducks are not poultry, but they are. Jessup stated they would relook at the ordinance.

Taiylor Hollis from AES introduced herself. They have submitted a proposal for fiber and look forward to presenting it to council.

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 September 14, 2021, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

President, Jess Jessup

Clerk- Treasurer, Renee Duszynski