

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
August 9, 2022

A meeting of the Waterloo Town council was held August 9, 2022, at 6:00p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Train Depot present were:

Greg Iddings	Josh Caudill
Katherine Hobbs	Ken Surber
Pam Howard / Town Manager	Andrew Kruse / Town Attorney
Renee Duszynski/Clerk Treasurer	Jennifer Ball / Deputy Clerk

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

Public Hearing:

1. Business Permit:

Hearing opened at 6:00 p.m.

Howard explained this is a change in the Zoning Ordinance. It is designed to prevent inappropriate use of a building and to promote viable businesses. This is for Central Business District. Howard reviewed the process and stated the permit would be \$25.00. This also adds a penalty for violation of the use of the building. Caudill stated Jessup wrote a letter explaining this is not to punish, but to promote businesses. Discussion was held. Howard also mentioned there could be a possibility to waive fees for businesses that were established before the amendment. Mrs. Reed, Reed's Roasters, expressed concern for property rights and the status of the economy. She stated that this would handicap a struggling business. Caudill stated this just gives the town more oversight as to what the ordinance already states. Reed is also concerned it dictates hours and business plans, and property rights are constitutional. Surber asked if a person buys a building but doesn't want to start a business, how this document will prevent that. The document only has provisions for how to proceed with a business. Howard stated that the zoning is for business purposes only. Iddings asked if other towns enforce this. Kruse stated other places do offer business permits. Motion to table Business Permits made by Hobbs (Surber) passed.

Hearing adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Regular Meeting 6:18 p.m.

Caudill did roll call and the pledge was recited

Communication from the President: NONE

Communication from the Town Manager: Howard stated she submitted Community Crossings Matching Grant. The project will include slurry on north side of town and curb and gutter work on Southland. Longitudinal cracks on Douglas will be repaired.

Old 27 Car Tour is August 23rd, 2022. Main Street is going to involve the local businesses. There will be food and gift baskets to raffle with items from Reeds Roasters, Waterloo Antique Mall, and Burgers Fries & Milkshakes.

The Holiday Train is coming this year. The date will be announced in Mid-October. Main Street will be doing a fundraiser for the event.

Al Shuman reached out showing interest in Park Board. Howard will send his information to council.

Communication from The Clerk Treasurer: Fund report reviewed. Duszynski will send out an email to schedule Budget meeting.

Communication from Committees: Redevelopment has met with Veridus and is working on the new RFP's for developers. They will have until October 24th, 2022 to reply.

Approval of Minutes and Claims: July 12 minutes reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion made to approve corrected minutes by Hobbs (Iddings) passed.

Claims reviewed. Hobbs asked which trees were removed. Howard confirmed which ones. Duszynski reviewed the wellness screenings. Motion to approve claims made by Hobbs (Surber) passed.

Adjustments reviewed. Duszynski explained the reversal that was done twice and how it was corrected. Motion to approve the adjustments made by Iddings (Hobbs) passed.

Old Business:

- 1. URT Tax:** Duszynski explained the URT tax and its repeal. Caudill asked Kruse about the legal options. Kruse reviewed the options; the town can either lower the rate 1.45% or pass a resolution stating the town will not repeal the tax until a rate study is done. Duszynski stated that Baker Tilley has told the town that a rate increase may need to be done in the next few years, but inflation has increased since then. Motion to remain the same rate and make a resolution to do so made by Surber (Iddings) passed. The resolution will have to go to a public meeting once complete.
- 2. Water Tower Maintenance:** Howard stated the ARPA money can be used for the water tower maintenance. Howard reviewed the quotes from Veolia and Dixon. The scope of work from Veolia compares to the cost summary of Dixon. Howard likes both companies. Lalonde would prefer Veolia. Howard explained the benefits of the mixer. Surber added it will ensure better quality of the water. Duszynski clarified that the Veolia with maintenance is \$181,484.00 plus an additional \$40,000.00 over 20 years. Hobbs would like time to review the new quotes.
- 3. Cameras/Fire Locks and Cameras:** Fire Chief Kirby Hobbs got Lakeland's quotes renewed and also a quote from Williams Electronics. Hobbs reviewed the benefits of Larry Lock and safe. It has more benefits and is less expensive. Hobbs reviewed the two Williams quotes and the differences are the types of cameras. The quote from Larry locks and Safe is \$14,597.79. The quote from Williams is \$14,724.00 for only cameras and \$5,469.00 for both cameras and locks. Kruse asked if it recorded sound. It does. Iddings asked if it just covered the front, Kirby Hobbs explained it will cover all 4 sides. Discussion was held. Duszynski explained that the cameras was part of the CEDIT current plan. Motion to accept the two quotes from Lakeland for cameras and locks made by Katherine Hobbs (Surber) passed.
- 4. Water Department Cameras:** Duszynski explained Williams came out to get quotes for the Water Department and Veterans Memorial. Discussion of the camera system was held. Motion to approve the quote from Williams for \$4,212.00 for the Multi-Directional Panoramic Camera made by Hobbs (Iddings) passed.
- 5. Town Cameras:** Oberholtzer stated there are no cameras in the front of the town hall. The 4-head camera is more beneficial to see more on the streets as well. Motion to approve the quote from Williams including the 4-head camera of \$3,081.00 made by Surber (Iddings) passed.

- 6. Police Radios:** Oberholtzer updated council on new quote from Motorola. Oberholtzer also discussed his use of the Kenwood radio over the last few weeks. He stated Jessup wanted to wait to combine the Fire Department radios as well into the purchase. Discussion was held. Kirby Hobbs noted the radios will not be the same type as the fire departments will need to be heat and water resistant and will be more expensive. Kirby Hobbs has a meeting with the vendors.

New Business:

- 1. Poka-Bache Agreement:** Howard Explained the Poka-Bache Trail and that the Waterloo portion is a connecting piece of a much larger picture. The coalition will combine others involved for the future of the trail and be beneficial for grants. Jen Sharkey, Purdue University, presented the Poka-Bache Connector Coalition. Dan Avery with NIIRC and another person on the coalition were also present. This will connect four counties, seven cities/towns, and span 81 miles from Bluffton to Angola. The Auburn/Waterloo bikeway was the first trail in Northeast Indiana being laid in 1976. Discussion of the coalition was held. There is no fee for 2023 and this is for the non-binding resolution only to consider joining the task force. Council does not have to sign the inter local agreement currently. The Coalition would like to have each agency sign the interlocal by October. Howard is in favor of the trails and the Waterloo sector is a critical piece in the connection of the trail. Motion to approve Resolution 22-04 approving a form of Interlocal Agreement for Poka-Bache Connector Trail made by Surber (Iddings) passed. It was clarified that this resolution was not the final contract and that the attorney would be able to review the contract before moving forward.
- 2. DeKalb Economic Development:** Anton King, President of DeKalb Economic Development presented the draft agreement for 2023, so that it is in budget season. He reviewed the scope of services. They are proposing the 2023 fee to be \$9,000.00. The current fee is \$7,069.00. King reviewed the year-to-date projects. Caudill pointed out it does not have to be passed as this meeting but inquired why it should not be. Howard believes it beneficial and should pass tonight. Motion made to approve the 2023 fee for Service Agreement made by Surber (Hobbs) passed.

Other: NONE

Floor: Cheryl Davis loves Reed's Roasters! She urges everyone to support them.

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 August 9, 2022, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Vice President, Josh Caudill



Clerk- Treasurer, Renee Duszynski

