

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
October 10, 2023

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held October 10, 2023, at 6:05 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Train Depot present were:

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

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

Public Hearing:

1. 2024 Budget:

The hearing opened at 6:05 p.m.

Duszynski presented the proposed 2024 budget. She stated that there were budget books available at the Town Hall for review. Jessup asked her to post it online. She explained the budget process. She reviewed the Net Assessed Value for 2024, the revenue incomes, and the total budget for the departments. Baker Tilley then compiles the information and puts together a cash flow analysis. She explained that some funds may look like they have excess revenue, but they are saving for capital projects over the next few years. There will be years showing excess revenue, and some showing excess expenditures depending on the projects at hand. There were no comments from the council. There were no comments from the floor. Motion to close hearing made by Caudill (Iddings) passed.

The hearing adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

2. Unsafe Building Hearing: 905 Ruman Street

The hearing opened at 6:17 p.m.

Kruse stated that the town code enforcement has given notice to the owner of 905 E Ruman Street. There is also a requirement for a 48-hour notice to the public. Due to the legal holiday of Columbus Day, the 48-hour notice was not met. A representative is present and stated they will have the home fixed. Kruse stated they will still have to present that at the public hearing which will be scheduled for October 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Jessup stated the ball was dropped with the notice, but the town is serious about the enforcement of unsafe buildings.

The hearing adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Jessup did roll call and the pledge was recited.

Communication from the President: None.

Communication from Town Manager:

The Surf Internet press release is out. They have completed and are ready to hook up.

She stated the Town Talk is out.

Poka-Bache Interlocal Task Force meets monthly. They are applying for the REDI 2.0 grant. They want to use it to include an old pedestrian underpass that runs under I-69 near the Kruse Plaza.

Auburn Waterloo Trail is having a resident meeting on October 25, 2023, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Community Foundation in Auburn.

The Park Board is working on the Hometown Heroes banner project. Information and applications can be found at Town Hall or requested by email. The banner will be a 2x3 photo on the decorative light poles on Wayne and Van Vleek Streets. It is open to applicants who live in Waterloo or those Veterans who resided in Waterloo. The cost will be \$150.00.

The DeKalb County Zoning Administrator, Chris Gaumer, is having an event on November 15th and 16th. This will be in Auburn, and they will discuss planning topics.

Jane Hine's historical marker has arrived. There will be a presentation at Waterloo Library on November 4th.

Town Halloween events will be on October 28th. Treats Before Dark is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and town wide trick or treating is from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Howard created a synopsis of open board positions.

Communication from The Clerk Treasurer:

The fund report was reviewed.

Duszynski talked about attending OCRA the last week in September. The final test will be sometime in October.

Duszynski gave an update on Main Street Events. The Fall Fest was canceled due to a lack of interest from the community. The Spaghetti Dinner will be postponed due to scheduling. The Holiday Train is running this year, and the Holiday Train Party will be happening November 24th starting at 6 pm. Main Street will meet to go over the details. The 4th annual tree lighting ceremony with Santa in the park will be on December 2nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Duszynski also mentioned Main Street is seeking volunteers and board members.

Communication from Boards and Committees:

Surber stated the kiosk for the Council on Aging has been purchased with the money from the donation the town made.

Caudill asked when the parking lot at Veteran's Park would start. Howard stated it is scheduled for this month.

Howard stated there will be a closure on US 6 on or about October 30.

Jessup noted the Depot deck is done.

Iddings updated the council on the mausoleum roof. The leak is repaired but the downspouts still need installed before final billing.

There will be a Veteran's Day service on November 11th at 10:00 am. Details will be finalized at the next meeting.

Iddings stated US 6 Diner is open and has great food. They're located in the old Maria's restaurant at the BP gas station on US 6.

Approval of Minutes and Claims and Adjustments:

Claims reviewed. Motion to approve made by Hobbs (Caudill) passed.

Minutes from September 6th were reviewed, and corrections were made. Motion to approve as amended was made by Hobbs (Iddings) passed.

Minutes from September 12th were reviewed, and corrections were made. Motion to approve as amended was made by Caudill (Iddings) passed.

Minutes from September 13th were reviewed, and corrections were made. Motion to approve as amended was made by Hobbs (Caudill) passed.

Executive Log from September 20th was reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Caudill (Surber) passed. Jessup and Hobbs abstained.

Minutes from September 20th were reviewed, and corrections were made. Motion to approve as amended was made by Caudill (Iddings) passed.

Old Business:

1. **Well Capping:** tabled.
2. **US 6 Speed Limit:** Howard stated she spoke with Dana **Plattner**, from INDOT, about what needed to happen. Lowering the speed limit and replacing the sign at the US 6 and N Center Street curve needs to be done before further action can be taken. Caudill asked how many people have to get hurt before it will be fixed. He asked if Howard spoke with Ben Smaltz. He wants to ensure that there is a record that this is a start but only a start and more will need to be done. Jessup suggested writing a letter.

Jessup read the speed regulation change that will lower the speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph on Highway 6. Hobbs does not feel this is satisfactory. Jessup reworded the sentence to read "It is agreed by the undersigned on behalf of the Town of Waterloo that the following speed regulations are satisfactory as a first step." Jessup inquired how often the speed radar is there. Howard stated the sign gets moved to all areas that have been deemed to have issues. Jessup noted there needs to be documentation of what the Town has done to be proactive. Caudill will meet with Oberholtzer. Motion to approve the speed regulations change made by Hobbs (Iddings) passed.

New Business:

1. **Flood Plain Training:** Howard is the flood plain administrator for the Town. Starting July 1, 2025, training will be required. She would like to take it in the new year. It is an online training. Jessup stated it would be acceptable.
2. **DeKalb Economic Development Partnership:** Tabled.
3. **MVH Locator Quote:** MVH has a locator that has a camera to locate pipes. Currently, it does not accurately trace the pipe. This will allow for proper tracking. Motion to approve quote from Mill Supplies in the amount of \$1,050.00 made by Caudill (Iddings) passed.
4. **Second Meeting on October 24th:** This will be for the budget hearing, downtown zoning, and unsafe building hearing.
5. **Business District Zoning Issues:** Tabled.

Floor: None.

Other:

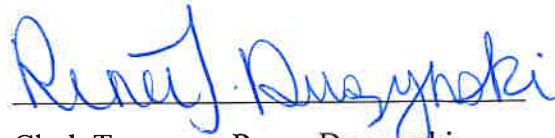
Caudill asked when DEDP would update their site selection on their website. It currently only shows one. Discussion was held.

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 October 10, 2023, and, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Vice President, Josh Caudill



Clerk Treasurer, Renee Duszynski