

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
March 12, 2024

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held March 12, 2024, at 6:01 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Train Depot present were:

Josh Caudill	Ken Surber
Greg Iddings	James Garman
Russell Goodman	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.

Caudill did roll call and the pledge was recited.

Communication from the President: None.

Communication from Town Manager:

Howard, Hjelm and Duszynski met with Baker Tilley for Water and Wastewater budget. She reviewed capital projects.

Howard gave an update on the checklist for the USDA and SRF Loan process. The rate ordinance will need to be set by April 19 since the town is using pool money in the SRF closing.

There is an issue with a sewer main on Pine and Maple. ART may need to come to assist.

The historical marker will be presented at the cemetery on April 6 during a ceremony.

Communication from The Clerk Treasurer:

Duszynski presented fund report.

Duszynski met with Flagstar to review the current CD. She stated that it will mature in May and will earn close to \$30,000 in interest. The rates are still high and she will have something to present at the next meeting.

Communication from Boards and Committees:

Main Street Easter egg hunt will be March 24, 1-3 pm at Francis Thomson Park. They have opened a final time slot for those with special needs. New Hope and Waterloo First Grace will be participating. There are 44 baskets, 10 bikes and 5 scooters that children have a change to win.

June 15 is the 4th annual Summer Parade & Festival. The committee is asking local non profits to do the food this year. They have two bands lined up so far and are continuing to announce vendors and activities.

Ordinances/Resolutions:

1. Ordinance 24-02 USDA Bond Ordinance: Kruse presented the ordinance. He stated there needs to be a motion to ready by title only. This is necessary to accept the bonds. Motion to ready 24-02 USDA Bond Ordinance by title only made by Goodman (Surber) passed. Caudill presented

24-02 USDA Bond Ordinance. Motion to approve on first reading 24-02 USDA Bond Ordinance made by Goodman (Garman) passed.

2. Ordinance 24-03 SRF Ordinance: Kruse presented the ordinance. He stated there needs to be a motion to ready by title only. This is necessary to accept the bonds. Motion to ready 24-03 SRF Bond Ordinance by title only made by Goodman (Surber) passed. Caudill presented 24-03 SRF Bond Ordinance. Motion to approve on first reading 24-03 SRF Bond Ordinance made by Goodman (Iddings) passed.

Approval of Minutes and Claims and Adjustments:

Minutes from December 28th were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Surber (Iddings) passed.

Minutes from January 9th were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Graman (Goodman) passed.

Minutes from January 22nd were reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion to approve amended minutes was made by Garman (Goodman) passed.

Minutes from January 31st were reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion to approve amended minutes was made by Surber (Iddings) passed.

Claims reviewed. Caudill asked about the deadline to have claims turned in. Duszynski reviewed. Caudill would like to see contracts come back prior to pay out. He also inquired about the claims from the Ecocentric oil spill. Howard reviewed. Motion to approve made by Iddings (Goodman) passed.

Adjustments for March reviewed. Motion to approve March adjustments was made by Iddings (Garman) passed.

Adjustments for February reviewed. Motion to approve February adjustments was made by Surber (Garman) passed.

New Business:

- 1. Mike Watson Opioid:** County Commissioner Mike Watson presented a county wide initiative for opioid funding. The funding for Waterloo is over \$50,000. There are not a lot of programs that can be funded. If it is pooled, it will be over \$1,000,000.00. Auburn, Garrett, Butler and DeKalb County have all signed on Watson reviewed the program. The goal is to have a collaborative committee to serve the constituents. Goodman is concerned the funds may go for assistance that will not benefit the constituents of Waterloo. Watson assured the council that was not the intent. The town would appoint a member to the committee and hopefully start meeting in late summer or early fall. Goodman asked what other programs are in DeKalb. Watson confirmed DARE and drug free DeKalb are active. He feels the county should be in the leadership and be at the fore front of these initiatives. Surber asked if all entities have to agree for it to move forward. Watson started no, that it can move forward with whichever entities choose to. Surber also asked who the distributing would be. Watson stated the County Auditor would be the best fit for that. Kruse explained that is like the process of the Poka-bosch committee. Caudill stated he has asked for months for a spending plan he is concerned that the joint effort will not directly benefit Waterloo. Watson ensured that the appointee would be responsible for getting the needs of Waterloo and the residents met. Combined funds would give the opportunity for larger scale projects and funding availability. Goodman would like time to deliberate and discuss.

2. **High Service Pump:** Hjelm stated he was not present last month for the discussion of the high service pump. He stated the two quotes were not comparable. The quote from Ortman did not have the motor being rebuilt. He also stated that the town has used Peerless since 1983 and he feels it is important to retain the same company for records. Hjelm reviewed the water consumption and the importance of having the pumps repaired. Peerless turn around is 5 days, and Ortman is 30 days. Time is essential in having the pumps back up and running.
Kruse advised that since new information has been reviewed it could be re-approved. Surber and Garman are in favor of re-elevating the decision. Motion to approve the quote from Peerless made by Surber (Garman) passed.
3. **Water/Wastewater Mower:** Hjelm stated the current mower 2006 Scag. He stated that the current one is old and is starting to need more maintenance and repair. John Deere offers a program like the skid loader replacement program. This program would allow for a new mower for a \$3,000.00 fee per year starting in year 2. The cost of the mower for year 1 would be \$14,386.58. He also got a quote for a new Scag without the maintenance and lease program of \$16,545.00. There is an hour limit of 150 hours on the yearly lease. Motion to approve made by Goodman (Surber) passed.
4. **Chlorine Scale:** Hjelm explained the water department has a gas chlorine room where they inject gas chlorine into the water system. This is highly technical and can be dangerous. There was an issue with a leak in January and that time they found that the scales were not visible from outside the room. Hjelm would like to get a digital scale that can be read remotely. This will increase safety. He presented two quotes, one from Mitchell for \$2,481.00 and Henry P. Thompson for \$3,623.75. Motion to approve the quote from Mitchell for \$2,481.00 as long as shipping is under \$200.00 made by Goodman (Garman) passed.
5. **Water/Wastewater Washer and Dryer:** Hjelm explained there are times that the utilities often get into work situations that are unsanitary. Having an industrial washer and dryer would be ideal for those situations so the contaminated clothing and rags are not left for a lengthy amount of time. Hjelm presented a quote for \$2,300.00 for installation by Troy Mechanical. He presented two quotes one from Home Depot for \$1,886.00 and Angola Appliance for \$1,823.00 for the equipment. Motion to approve the quote from Troy Mechanical for installation in the amount of \$2,300.00 and equipment from Angola Appliance in the amount of \$1,823.00 made by Garman (Goodman) passed.
6. **Water/Wastewater Take Home Car:** Hjelm asked for a take home car. He had previously approached the council when he took the position. Since there has been a change, he would like to ask the council to reconsider it as a benefit for the superintendent. He asked the council to think about the future.
7. **Cemetery Mower:** The cemetery and parks get a new mower every year to rotate the 3. They put a lot of hours on the equipment. This is going from a conventional to zero turn. This has cut time down significantly. Motion to approve the quote from Edgerton Tru Land for \$7,254.29 made by Goodman (Iddings) passed.
8. **Additional Coverage:** Wolfe explained that they need coverage for rental equipment. It is \$750.00 to add to our policy. This is essential. Duszynski presented the email from last year. Motion to approve additional coverage made by Goodman (Iddings) passed.
9. **Depot Lights:** Tabled.
10. **Attorney Ice Miller:** Kruse stated this is the attorney agreement to retain Ice Miller as the attorney for council. This agreement is necessary to move forward with the wastewater project. Kruse reviewed the contract and did not find any issues. Motion to approve made by Goodman (Garman) passed.
11. **Attorney Fee Agreement:** Kruse stated this is the agreement to retain Kruse as Lawyer for the wastewater project. There is more risk in signing for multimillion bond. Kruse

reviewed the contract. This is also necessary to move forward with the wastewater project. Motion to approve made by Surber (Goodman) passed.

- 12. Gibson Tax Abatement:** Howard reviewed the compliance with statement of benefits of vacant building for the tax abatement. This is an annual renewal, and this is the 6th year. They are complying and have exceeded original projections. Motion to approve made by Iddings (Garman) passed.

Floor: None

Other: Caudill stated the next step for the fire department is to form an informal committee. Kruse will be involved in that, he recommends a M.O.U.

Duszynski stated the PERF resolution also needs redone to list the full time firefighters as a PERF covered position.

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 March 12, 2024, and, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



President, Josh Caudill



Clerk Treasurer, Renee Duszynski