

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
June 11, 2024

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held June 11, 2024, at 6:07 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.

Public Hearing:

Nuisance Pigs 555 S Best: Jon Williams was alerted on April 2 that there were pigs at the residence at 555 S Best Street. Pigs are not allowed in residential areas according to the town's ordinances. Williams alerted the homeowner that she would have to rehome the pigs. The resident asked for a public hearing. Garman stated he spoke with neighbors, and they complained of smell and sanitation. Howard stated she was informed that the homeowner no longer has the pigs, but because the resident requested a hearing, she believes there should be a ruling. Caudill also believes there should not be pigs allowed in town. Iddings asked if it was an emotional support animal. It is not. There were 3. Howard explained there is also a \$50.00 fine, the resident admitted she could not pay. Iddings would like to know if the area has been cleaned. Williams will have to follow up. There is no one present from the residence, and there is no public comment. Motion to have pigs removed and ensure the area is cleaned and remediated made by Goodman (Garman) passed.

Hearing adjourned at 6:15 pm

Caudill did roll call and the pledge was recited.

Communication from the President:

Caudill wanted to thank the park board for the hometown hero banners. Howard stated there will be a new round either this fall or next.

Communication from Town Manager:

The Park Board is having lunch in the park on Friday, June 14th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch will include your choice of cheeseburger, hamburger or pork burger with pasta salad, baked beans, chips and a cookie for \$10.

June 17th will be another council meeting to pass the sewer rate ordinance at 6:00 pm at the Historic Depot. Grant and loan dollars were reviewed. Baker Tilly and Ice Miller are working out the details.

The closing of the 700 blk of S Wayne will be Wednesday, June 19th at 12:15 pm.

Mavis Sutton from the library board will do booklets for hometown heroes. There will be a reception on July 12th for the veterans and their families.

Poke Bache is working on a grant.

Communication from The Clerk Treasurer:

Fund Report reviewed. Duszynski stated the town received supplemental LIT. This is not typically built into the budget since it's not always known. The June property tax settlement has not come yet.

Duszynski and Meghann Johnson, billing clerk, will be out for training on June 25th and 26th in South Bend.

Communication from Boards and Committees:

The Summer Parade and Festival is June 15. The parade is at 10 am and events to follow in the park. There are still spots for vendors. Activities include John Dudley Magic Show, Soaring Hawk, ATA Martial Arts, a dunk tank, Mark's Ark Petting Zoo, the bands Showdown and Sunglasses at Night, kids and adult cornhole tournaments, and bounce house and water slide

Surber sits on the board of the Heimach Center. He stated Tracy Bell would like to come back and present at the end of September.

Approval of Minutes and Claims and Adjustments:

Minutes from May 8th were reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion to approve as amended was made by Goodman (Surber) passed.

Minutes from May 14th were reviewed. Caudill does not have corrections but asked if the farmer has been contacted regarding the field near Cherry St. Howard confirmed and the property will be rezoned. Motion to approve was made by Goodman (Garman) passed.

Minutes from June 4th were reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion to approve as amended was made by Goodman (Garman) passed.

Log sheet from May 21st executive session reviewed.

Claims were reviewed. Caudill asked if the town would be reimbursed for the claim to remove junk from a nuisance property. Duszynski stated there was a process they used to recoup the

money spent. He also asked Howard if the issue with contamination at the wastewater plant had been rectified. Howard explained the wet weather has made it harder to clean the drying beds out, but no more contamination has been taken into the collection system. Surber asked about the late fee. Duszynski will have to reimburse. Motion to approve was made by Surber (Iddings) passed.

Adjustments reviewed. Motion to approve made by Garman (Goodman) passed.

New Business:

- 1. Rezone 700 Block:** Redevelopment Commission requested the property to be rezoned from suburban residential to neighborhood business. The Plan Commission met May 20th and voted in favor of the rezone. Howard stated that neighborhood business is fitting for the area, she cited Baryo Dental Lab, Waterloo Family Dentistry, and Horizon Bank all surround it. Caudill stated there was land the town would retain for future water wells. He asked if that property was excluded from the rezoning. Howard confirmed the property for future wells was excluded from the rezoning. Motion to approve the rezone 700 Block made by Garman (Goodman) passed.
- 2. Cintas Quote:** Duszynski reviewed. The contract has been updated with the correct numbers. This is a 60 month contract and they will provide the rugs for town hall, the water department and the sewer department. Motion to approve made by Garman (Goodman) passed.
- 3. Nucor Tax Abatement:** Howard passed out a spreadsheet from DEC DP. It shows the breakdown of the abatement. This abatement is in its 4th year. Nucor will pay \$149,004 and save \$239,196 in real property and pay \$49,179 and save \$149,482 in personal property. The SBI's were also reviewed. Caudill noted they have 17 more jobs than planned and have exceeded estimates. Motion to approve real and personal abatements made by Goodman (Iddings) passed. Garman abstained since he is employed by the company.
- 4. Fire MOU:** Caudill wanted to review the MOU to keep it moving. Caudill read the memorandum. He asked the council for thoughts and changes. He noted this is a draft to take to the townships. Surber would like to see bylaws to address issues like appointments, meeting schedule and the possibility of tied votes. He is also concerned that there should be equal representation among the townships and town. If the town reduces it to one council member, then it would resolve that, as well as a tied vote. Goodman would like it to note the funds will all be sent to the town and then distributed. Duszynski noted these funds are for personnel only and not equipment. The primary goal of the committee is to form the budget to present. Garman would like to include a clause to allow an entity to be removed. Kruse does not feel that is necessary from a legal standpoint. Kruse will work on the additions and then it will go to Grant and Smithfield for review.

Floor: None.

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 June 11, 2024, and, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Josh Caudill
President, Josh Caudill

Renee Duszynski
Clerk Treasurer, Renee Duszynski