

Waterloo Town Council Meeting
September 10, 2024

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held September 10, 2024, at 6:01 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Train Depot present were:

Josh Caudill	Ken Surber
Greg Iddings	James Garman
Pam Howard / Town Manager	Andrew Kruse / Town Attorney
Jennifer Ball / Deputy Clerk	

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:

Friday September 13th there will be a spaghetti dinner from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Waterloo Historic Train Depot. The spaghetti dinner will include a choice of spaghetti with or without meat or fettuccine alfredo, salad, breadstick and dessert.

Waterloo Historic Train Depot lost an employee. Howard will be looking for a new employee to replace the one that quit. She will be placing an ad on Facebook and the Waterloo website.

Communication from The Clerk Treasurer: None

Communication from Boards and Committees: None

Approval of Minutes and Claims and Adjustments:

Minutes from August 13th were reviewed. Corrections reviewed. Motion to approve as amended was made by Garman (Iddings) passed.

Claims were reviewed. Garman asked if the Police Department and Town Hall use the same Adobe program or separate. Howard stated they have separate programs. Motion to approve claims made by Surber (Iddings) passed.

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

New Business:

- 1. Heimach Center:** Tracy Bell, Heimach Center, stated that the funds that the town donated in 2023 went to a new kiosk. They can track who is using the Heimach Center and what activities the members are taking part in when the members sign in

with the kiosk. If there's a medical emergency while a member is onsite, the staff is able to access their medical info to share with emergency medical staff and contact their emergency contact faster.

Jenese Brown, Dart, reviewed the numbers of how many people have used the Dart services for transportation. Brown also asked if the town could spread the word about the punch cards that can be purchased for people to use the Dart system. The costs for the punch cards are \$66 for 12 out-of-town trips and \$50.00 for 12 in-town trips. There is a greater demand for the out-of-town trips.

Bell asked if the town would be interested in donating funds for the year 2024. Bell reviewed needed improvements. The outside doors need to be replaced, they are the original doors, and they would like to replace with security and energy efficient doors. In 2024, the town gave \$9,500.00. Surber reviewed updates to the programming offered. Motion to approve \$9,500.00 to the Heimach Center made by Caudill (Garman) passed.

2. **DeKalb County Economic Development:** Anton King reviewed the summary of activity for Waterloo. He has helped with marketing opportunities with new businesses in Waterloo. He reviewed the fees for service. Garman and Caudill asked King to explain his duties and services to Waterloo as the head of DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership. King explained that a large part of his focus was on industry. He reviewed parcels of land that are for sale that could lead to possible future development. He also stated that he has Business Retention and Expansion meetings regularly with companies in Waterloo. Garman inquired about the downtown property. King stated that it will take the right investor to complete that project, but it is on their radar. Caudill thanked him for the packet of detailed information.
3. **A&Z Center Street Design Proposal:** Landon Grogg and Wes Downing, A&Z Engineering, reviewed the project and costs. Discussion was held. Howard stated the town needs the contract in hand before the end of December or the Town will have to repay the ARPA money. To meet that deadline the project needs to go to bid in November. Discussion was held on the sources of funds for the project. Motion to approve doing the full project was made by Surber (Garman) passed. A&Z confirmed that there would only be one fee for services for bidding if the projects had to be bid separately.

Kruse stated to amend the LPA contract language to include Waterloo Redevelopment.

4. **Water Department – Well Pipe Modifications:** Dan Hjelm, Water Superintendent, stated that the inspection on well 2 was complete. He believes that the focus in repairs should be on well 1, including a meter replacement. He stated that well 1 was installed in 1958 and well 2 was installed in 1932. Motion to approve the quote from Peerless Midwest Inc in the amount of \$13,505.00 made by Surber (Garman) passed.

Dan stated that he has a great crew at the present time in the Water and Sewer Department. He also asked to keep that in mind when it comes time to discuss raises for next year. Also, Dan inquired again about getting a take home vehicle.

- 5. Personnel Policy – Sick Bank:** Howard reviewed changes. The policy had been updated to include the form and verbiage that upon retirement hours cannot be withdrawn, and hours used do not have to be replaced. It was also noted that once banked days are depleted daily pay will terminate.

Floor: None.

Other: Caudill asked if we could send out a notice about flushing the hydrants to the utility customers.

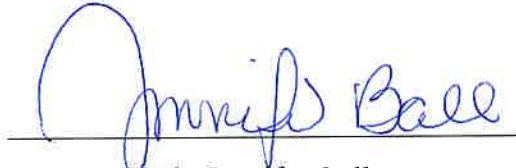
Garman stated that the smell around town today was from Blue Scope burning the night before.

I, Jennifer Ball, the duly qualified Deputy Clerk, 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 10, 2024, and, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



President, Josh Caudill



Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Ball

