

## **North Liberty Town Council Minutes – September 3, 2014**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Liberty Town Council was held at the North Liberty Community Building. Gerry Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Warner gave the Invocation.

Will Groves, Jr., Brett Voreis, Matthew Peterson Council Members, Utilities Manager Skip Davidson, Attorney John Peddycord, and Vicki Kitchen Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. There were seven citizens present and no representation from the press.

Will Groves, Jr. made a motion to approve the consent agenda including August 6, 2014 Minutes, Fund Transfer Resolution #2014-12 and vouchers. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Jerry Hardman gave an update on his properties Industrial Park Lot 7 and 108 W. Harrison. He provided pictures of 108 W. Harrison on the completed work and areas that still need to be completed. Jerry Hardman intends to have his Industrial park Building completed in a month and a half. The town council thanked him for the updated and showing improvements.

Kevin Campbell and Judah Easton presented a proposal for a Biotechnology Biosensor Project. Although the town council thought it was a great idea they are unable to help fund with taxpayer dollars, they suggested contacting IDEM and St. Joseph County Health Department.

Ollie Nichols of South Main Street asked about removal or trimming of Town tree limbs endangering his house. The survey of the property at 305 S. Main Street will be done next week. After the survey and of ownership of the trees established, the Town will remove trees if it is determined the trees belong to the town.

Ricky Curtis, Umbaugh, asked if the OCRA award letter has been received. The council advised him that we are still waiting on the letter. He asked if the town council had any questions at this time regarding wastewater project and utility rate studies.

Gerry Brown opened the public hearing on the 2015 Budget. Vicki Kitchen stated the 2015 was properly advertised and sent to the St. Joseph County Council for their non-binding review. The 2015 budget includes the purchase of a new police vehicle, generator for town hall, salary line increases. The budget is an estimate until assessed property values are received and the DLGF reviews the budget. There was no public comment. Gerry Brown closed the public hearing.

Skip Davidson reported that DLZ is working on the NPDES Permit and the bid documents for the elevated tower repainting in the spring.

Skip has received three quotes on the repaving of the Community Building parking lot. Walsh & Kelly, Rieth Riely and Arnt Asphalt Sealing provided bids on three different options for the parking lot. Skip Davidson recommended the lowest bid by Rieth Riley or 3-1/2 inch mill, 2 inch base and 1-1/2 in asphalt for \$24,678.00. Richard Warner made a motion to award

the Community Building parking lot to Rieth Riley for \$24,678.00. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. All voted to approve. Skip Davidson also has a quote for Rieth Riley to repair three utility street cuts on Lafayette and Jefferson streets \$748.00. Will Groves made a motion to approve the utility cut repairs by Reith Riley for \$6,748.00. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Skip Davidson asked to have the main leaf vac repaired by Brown Equipment for \$4,718.00. The quote includes pick-up and delivery. Skip Davidson stated three quotes were not available. Brett Voreis made a motion to have Brown Equipment repair the leaf vac not to exceed \$5,000.00. Richard Warner seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Town Marshal Sawdon is in Indianapolis for training. He had previously e-mailed the August 2014 Police Report. A copy is filed with the minutes. Will Groves, Jr. passed out information on the purchase of a 2015 Police Interceptor SUV for \$38,558.18, \$150 below the state bid. The retired police car will be used as a back-up car. Will Groves made a motion to purchase the 2015 Police Interceptor from Oliver Ford and accessories installed from CopsGear for \$38,558.18 to be delivered on or after January 2, 2015. Brett Voreis seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Vicki Kitchen provided the grant update. SRTS Phase I will have the pre-construction meeting on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. The construction will begin the following week. The Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups have met. The draft plan will be available to the steering committee the last week of September. Attorney Peddycord has reviewed the DLZ INDOT Tamarack Trail contract. Matt Peterson made a motion to execute the LPA DLZ contract. The motion was second by Will Groves, Jr. All voted to approve.

The police prior to the council meeting advised the clerk that the chickens are gone on N. Lafayette Street. Feitz property is not completed but improving. Liberty Lanes has a freezer in front of the bowling alley doors along with other debris. Attorney Peddycord advised there is a state statute that the doors must be removed from such appliances. The Bajer household needs a letter regarding the tires on their property.

The sign has not been installed for the North Liberty Senior Housing. Discussion of a Phase II was discussed. Richard Warner made a motion to receive a proposal on Phase II of North Liberty Senior Housing. The motion was second by Will Groves, Jr.

With no further business before the North Liberty Town Council, Richard Warner made a motion to adjourn at 7:55. Matt Peterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vicki L. Kitchen, Clerk-Treasurer